



## 2009 Child Abuse Conference

December 7-8<sup>th</sup> • Norris Conference Center at Crossroads  
4522 Fredericksburg Road • San Antonio, TX

The *2009 Child Abuse Conference* is sponsored and hosted by ChildSafe, a non-profit child advocacy center serving sexually abused children and their families. For more information about ChildSafe, visit [www.childsafe-sa.org](http://www.childsafe-sa.org).

### **Additional support for this conference provided by:**

Norris Conference Center-Balcones Heights  
Methodist Behavioral Medicine  
CHRISTUS Santa Rosa Children's Hospital

### **Conference Mission**

To provide advanced training and equip professionals with the skills necessary to successfully work with and on behalf of abused/neglected children and at-risk youth.

### **Conference Dates**

December 7-8, 2009 (scroll down for a general schedule of events- complete program will be posted at [http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events\\_conference.html](http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events_conference.html), July/Aug 2009)

### **Conference Location/Parking & Hotel Information**

Norris Conference Center-Balcones Heights  
4522 Fredericksburg Rd, San Antonio, TX 78201

Norris Conference Center is located at Crossroads Mall and sits across from the Marriott Springhill Suites between Target and the Bijou Movie Theatre. Ample, FREE parking is available. For directions, go to <http://www.norriscenters.com/en/cms/?565>. Special hotel rates valid thru 11/16/09 at Marriott SpringHill Suites. Call 1-800-287-9400 for reservations.

### **Target Audience**

This conference is presented to the professional community every December to encourage best practices and understanding of the most current research available. Physicians, nurses, CPS, law enforcement, educators, mental health and social service professionals, faith-based leaders, attorneys, and child advocates are encouraged to attend. This training is also beneficial to undergraduate and post graduate students working toward a degree in the above fields. Continuing education is typically awarded to mental health and medical professionals, as well as to judges and law enforcement.



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### Conference At-A-Glance

The 2009 Child Abuse Conference will include 2 keynote sessions and 30 breakout sessions over the course of 2 days. Workshops will include (but are not limited to):

- Legal Issues and the Courtroom for the Mental Health Professional
- ETHICS and the “Broken” Offender System
- Police Testimony: Common Legal Traps & How to Avoid Them
- Common Misinterpretations of Pediatric Film: Accident or Abuse?
- Obesity... The New Failure to Thrive?
- Abused From the Beginning: Pre-Natal Drug & Alcohol Exposure
- Court Prep for the Legal and Medical Professional
- Interview and Interrogations: Do’s and Don’ts from the Appellate Court’s Perspective
- Rape Culture Sexualization of Children
- Couches, Stairs & Bed Falls: What Science Says About Common Head Injury Allegations
- HIV Prophylaxis After Acute Sexual Assault
- The Anatomy of Trauma and Grief
- The Link Between Alcohol Abuse and Child Abuse
- SANE Peer Review and MORE!!

Complete program available July/Aug 2009: [http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events\\_conference.html](http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events_conference.html).

*\*ChildSafe reserves the right to cancel or substitute workshops and/or speakers due to unforeseeable circumstances. Please be sure to familiarize yourself with the cancellation and refund policy.*

### Schedule of Events:

- 7:15 am Registration & CE Sign-In • Continental Breakfast
- 8:15 am Welcome/Plenary Session
- 8:30 am Keynote Day 1  
Keynote Day 2
- 9:30 am Break • Exhibits
- 10:00 am 5 Concurrent Sessions
- 11:30 am Lunch (On Your Own)
- 1:00 pm 5 Concurrent Sessions
- 2:30 pm Break • Exhibits
- 2:45 pm 5 Concurrent Sessions
- 4:15 pm Conference Adjourns



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**Registration & Fee Information (Please Note: Receipts issued via e-mail)**

Registration via phone is now available. Call 210-675-9000 (credit card required). For a copy of the registration form, go to [http://www.childsafe-sa.org/documents/RegistrationForm2009\\_000.pdf](http://www.childsafe-sa.org/documents/RegistrationForm2009_000.pdf).

	Early Bird Rate <small>Valid thru 10/30/09</small>	Regular Rate
Attending Both Days: Dec. 7-8	\$180	\$225
Attending 1 Day: MON, Dec. 7	-----	\$125
Attending 1 Day: TUE, Dec. 8	-----	\$125

*Fees Include: Conference workbook, tote bag, continental breakfast, snacks/refreshments, continuing education credits and Certificate of Instruction, plus access to resource tables and vendors. Every registrant will automatically be entered to win a FREE registration to ChildSafe's 2010 Child Abuse Conference (December).*

**Important Deadlines**

- Early bird registration valid thru 10/30/09 (must be POSTMARKED by this date).
- Cancellation/refund requests must be made in writing by 10/15/09.
- Register by mail deadline 11/20/09. Registrations should be faxed or called in after 11/20/09.
- Special hotel rates valid thru 11/16/09 at Marriott SpringHill Suites. 1-800-287-9400

**Register by MAIL:** Register by mail deadline 11/20/09. **Mail registration and payment to:** ChildSafe, Attn: Training Coordinator, 7130 W. U.S. Hwy 90, San Antonio, TX 78227. Please do not send cash. Please no P.O.'s or RFP's - only paid registrations will be honored. E-Receipt provided.

**Register by FAX:** Fax form and credit card info to SECURE line: (210) 675-7762. To verify that we have received your fax, email [patriciak@childsafe-sa.org](mailto:patriciak@childsafe-sa.org). Registrations without payment information cannot be processed. E-Receipt provided.

**Register by PHONE:** Call (210) 675-9000 to expedite your registration. A credit card required, but NO additional fees will be charged. E-Receipt provided.

**“WALK-IN” Registrations Welcome:** Registrations and payments made with cash or check can be dropped off at ChildSafe, Mon-Fri from 8am-4pm. ChildSafe is located at 7130 W. U.S. Hwy 90, San Antonio, TX 78227. Receipt (hard copy) issued on-site for payments made with cash or check.



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### Continuing Education Information

Continuing education is typically awarded to mental health and medical professionals, as well as to judges and law enforcement. Every year, ChildSafe aims to approve the ENTIRE conference for credits. Visit [www.childsafe-sa.org](http://www.childsafe-sa.org) for updates.

ChildSafe is an approved provider of continuing nursing education by the Texas Nurses Association, an accredited approver by the American Nurses Credentialing Center's Commission on Accreditation.

This activity has been planned and implemented in accordance with the Essential Areas and Policies of the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education through the joint sponsorship of The University of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio School of Medicine (UTHSCSA) and ChildSafe. UTHSCSA is accredited by the Accreditation Council for Continuing Medical Education to provide continuing medical education for physicians.

## Ethics hours for mental health professionals can be earned!

### Cancellation Policies

Refund Requests - Can't make it? Refund requests received by 10/15/09 are eligible for a refund, minus a \$40 service charge. No refunds will be made after 10/15. Notice of cancellation MUST be made in writing and mailed to: ChildSafe, c/o Training Coordinator, 7130 W. U.S. Hwy 90, San Antonio, TX 78227. Requests can also be sent via fax or email to 210-675-9020 (attn: Training Coordinator) or [patriciak@childsafe-sa.org](mailto:patriciak@childsafe-sa.org).

Transfer Policy - Substitutes welcome! The original registrant should submit a notice in writing by mail, fax, or email at least 3 days before the event. Please indicate the name and contact information for the new registrant.

### Exhibitor Information

There are a limited number of exhibitor tables provided for a fee. For-profit and non-profit rates available. Call the Training/Education Coordinator at 210-675-9000 for assistance. Tables are reserved on a first come, first serve basis. Exhibitor fees include one table (6') and seating for 1-2 persons. Norris will provide table skirting. Fees do not include admission into the conference. To avoid over duplication of products/services offered at this event, ChildSafe reserves the right to deny potential vendors. If a payment is made and vendor cannot be accepted into the event, a refund in full will be issued.



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### Need Special Accommodations?

If you required special accommodations, please contact the Training/Education Coordinator at least 30 days prior to the conference so that suitable arrangements can be made.

### Interested in supporting this event?

We are seeking sponsors for all areas of the conference. Details and a listing of available sponsorship opportunities can be found at [http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events\\_conference.html](http://www.childsafe-sa.org/events_conference.html).

### Questions? Would you like to be added to our training mailing list or listserv?

Contact the Training/Education Coordinator, at 210-675-9000 or [patriciak@childsafe-sa.org](mailto:patriciak@childsafe-sa.org).

