Conference Schedule

**Tuesday, July 25, 2017**

8:00 - 9:00  Registration and breakfast
9:00 – 9:20  Welcome
9:20 – 10:30 Opening Keynote – Dr. Chandra Ghosh Ippen
10:45 – noon  **Workshops A1 – A10**
12:00 – 12:30 Lunch
12:30 – 1:30  Panel: Parent Perspectives on Reunification
1:45 – 3:00  **Workshops B11 – B20**
3:15 – 4:30  **Workshops C21 – C30**

**Wednesday, July 26, 2017**

8:00 – 8:30  Breakfast
8:30 – 9:30  Keynote – Dr. Linda Chamberlain
9:45 – 11:00  **Workshops D31 – D40**
11:15 – 12:30  **Workshops E41 – E50**
12:30 – 1:15 Lunch
1:15 – 1:45  Awards Ceremony
1:45 – 3:00  Closing Keynote - D.J. Vanas
A1: A conversation with Chandra Ghosh

Chandra Ghosh Ippen, PhD, University of California, San Francisco

Chandra Ghosh, keynote speaker at the 23rd annual Child Abuse PREVENTION Conference, is Associate Research Director of the Child Trauma Research Program at the University of California, San Francisco.

A2: Strengthening Families: Protective Factors 101

Jannelle Radoccia, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest, and Dina Cutler, Chandler Christian Community Center

The Strengthening Families Protective Factors framework is an approach to working with families in a way that cultivates their strengths as a solution to their challenges. This workshop will give an introduction to the five protective factors, which work to strengthen families, ensure children develop optimally, and prevent child maltreatment. (There are also workshops on each of the five Protective Factors: A3, B11, C21, D34 and E43.)

A3: Strengthening Families: Parental Resilience

Neil Tift, MA, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association, and Julie Carlberg, Maggie’s Place

Parental resilience is a core protective factor that allows parents to use their strengths in response to their challenges. This session will help participants understand what parental resilience is and how they can help cultivate it in the families they work with. (This workshop focuses on one of the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors. There are workshops on each of the Protective Factors; the others are B11, C21, D34 and E43.)

A4: Preventing Child Sex Trafficking

Breanna Vales, Red Light Rebellion, Jennifer Rodems, Rocky Mountain Information Network, and Leah Rogers

Participants will gain a robust understanding of what child sex trafficking looks like in the United States; learn how to identify potential victims; examine the root causes/vulnerabilities of youth to sex trafficking; and receive practical prevention methods for minors of all ages.

A5: Addressing Family Violence in Native Communities

Albert Pooley, MSA, MPA, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association

This workshop will provide a unique look into family violence and its effects and causes in Native cultures. To gain a deeper understanding of the problem, this workshop includes the perspectives of professionals, victims and abusers.
A6: Sword & Shield: Protecting Youth from Trauma & Risk
Sandi Cimino, The Well-Made Bed, LLC
The teen and early adult years are a time of great transition and change. Add past or current trauma to the mix and the transition to adulthood becomes even more challenging. Participants will learn about Youth Thrive, a set of factors that help mitigate the negative outcomes of ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and trauma in teens and young adults.

A7: Parenting Traumatized Children
Elizabeth Dunn, LPC, Yavapai County Education Service Agency
Going to Mars? Child’s Play! Helping kids heal from childhood trauma? Not for the faint of heart! This dynamic workshop will explore the power of the "Wizard of Oz," a "Feelings Playhouse," and warm fuzzy slippers in therapeutically parenting children.

A8: The Substance Exposed Newborn and Risk of Abuse
Sara Rumann, MA, MPH-MCH/PHLI, Arizona Department of Health Services, and Tracy Sloat, RN, MN, Maricopa County Department of Public Health
In this workshop, participants will develop a better understanding of how maternal interpersonal trauma increases the risk of substance misuse and child abuse. Participants will also learn about substance-exposed newborns, Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome, and resources to help both mother and baby.

A9: A Look at How Jacob’s Law Helps Foster Families
Anika Robinson, Arizona Health Care Cost Containment System
Come hear how a foster mom facing barriers to care for her children helped pass Jacob’s Law, which ensures that children in foster care have speedier access to behavioral services. Participants will also learn how to get involved as a private citizen to advocate for vulnerable children and families, effectively communicate with state legislators, and ensure their voices are heard.

A10: Brain Strategies for Attachment-Informed Practice
Indira Katan, LCSW, MPA
This workshop will encourage participants to look at behavior with new eyes and to become advocates for supporting children with attachment and trauma challenges. It will encourage participants to share this knowledge with other service providers as well as parents.
Michelle Simmons, BS, IMH-E(R) I, North Country HealthCare, and Lindsey Wicks, Pinal County Public Health
Parenting is a relentless business, and parents need to take the time to nurture social connections. Through interactive and often humorous discussion, we will identify ways to help those we work with improve their social circle. (This workshop focuses on one of the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors. There are workshops on each of the Protective Factors; the others are A3, C21, D34 and E43.)

B12: Spotlight on Arizona’s Kids
Thom Reilly, Morrison Institute for Public Policy, and Erica Quintana, Morrison Institute for Public Policy
The Morrison Institute for Public Policy is working with the Department of Child Safety to identify the prevalence of subtypes of neglect in Arizona. The institute is also mapping prevention services in Arizona and conducting a gap analysis of need versus services. This presentation will include information on the most recent Morrison Institute findings.

B13: Accepting and Embracing our Transgendered Youth
Dr. Brooke Ayars, Arizona Western College
Accepting and embracing our transgendered youth begins in the home with parents. Unfortunately, many parents are not aware or familiar with the early signs of transgendering. This presentation will include information on understanding transgendering and having healthy conversations about gender diversity.

B14: New Clinical Perspectives in Evaluating Child Abuse
Leslie D. Quinn, MD, Banner Health Systems, and Shayla Paap, LMSW, Banner Health Systems
This workshop will look at the development of an evidence-based clinical practice using recent American Academy of Pediatrics guidelines for recognizing and managing possible child maltreatment in medical, social service and educational settings.

B15: Faith and Community Private-Public Collaboration
Terrilyn Miller, Governor’s Office of Youth, Faith and Family
Through the creation of new, stronger community networks, faith-based and community organizations have created practical ways to help keep children safe and out of the foster care system. Learn more about these private-public partnerships and how to get involved.
B16: Cooking Up Calmness—Recipes for Creating Composure
Connie Espinoza, MEd, Child & Family Resources, Inc.
In this hands-on session, participants will learn a variety of recipes for homemade materials that can aid in soothing children when tempers rise. Strategies for promoting executive functions and supporting self-regulation will also be discussed.

B17: Neurosequential Model in Caregiving
Bahney Dedolph, MA, Arizona Council of Human Service Providers
The Neurosequential Model in Caregiving webinar series is designed to give foster/kinship families the skills they need to help traumatized children. Participants will learn about the model and how they can take part in this innovative training series.

B18: Speak Up, Be Safe
Benah J. Parker, PhD, Childhelp, and Wendy Wolfersteig, PhD, ASU Southwest Interdisciplinary Research Center
Prevention education is critical to stopping child abuse. Participants will learn about Childhelp’s Speak Up, Be Safe program, which prepares children and the safe adults in their lives to recognize the signs and symptoms of child abuse and provides resistance strategies to prevent abuse.

B19: Building Connection and Community
Chris Senn, Christian Family Care, and Andrew S. Brown, MSW, CPM, Department of Child Safety
Participants will learn about the benefits of community and the dangers of loneliness, as well as several ways you can build connections and relationships.

B20: Cradle to Crayons: An Integrated Approach to Treating Families
Nicole Roskens, MC, LPC, Maricopa County Cradle to Crayons, Karen Fain, MC, LMFT, Maricopa County Cradle to Crayons, and Jessica Willmeng, MAPC LAC, Maricopa County Cradle to Crayons
Participants will learn about Cradle to Crayons, an integrated clinical approach to building resiliency and establishing and maintaining a nurturing and stable environment for children in Maricopa County. Case presentations will be used to demonstrate this holistic approach.
C21: Strengthening Families: Why Do They DO That? Knowing Reduces Parent Stress
Parenting is relentless business, and in this business, knowledge is power. Participants will delve into Knowledge of Parenting and Child Development, one of the Five Protective Factors, which puts critical tools in a parent's toolbox to help reduce stress and keep families strong. (This workshop focuses on one of the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors. There are workshops on each of the Protective Factors; the others are A3, B11, D34 and E43.)

C22: STAR: A Clinical Group for Sex Trafficked Persons
Kristen Bracy, MA, MSW, Arizona State University, Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, and Dominique Roe-Sepowitz, MSW, PhD, Arizona State University, Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research
Sex Trafficking Awareness and Recovery (STAR) is a trauma-informed psychoeducation group on trauma and abuse, specifically for sex-trafficked youth and adults. Workshop attendees will learn more about this innovative therapeutic intervention.

C23: Strengthening Cultural Connection in Foster Care
Elisia Manuel, Three Precious Miracles, Tecumseh Manuel, Three Precious Miracles, and Trish Pancott-Brewer
Participants will gain a greater understanding of what it means to be involved with native foster care and receive resources to keep culturally connected with their foster child's indigenous culture.

C24: Why Guys Don't Ask for Help
Neil Tift, MA, Native American Fatherhood & Families Association
Family agency staff members often recognize that fathers and men are reluctant to seek services. To address this tendency, this session will offer insights into understanding this dynamic and provide specific recommendations to engage males and fathers more effectively.

C25: How & Why to include Youth in Prevention Efforts
Courtney Ward, MSW, Stand & Serve, and Stand & Serve Youth Panel: Adya Austin, Jordan Darby, Nora Fayad, and Kyle Simpson
Adults cannot fully define adolescents’ experiences. This workshop features a panel of youths who will give their opinions on prevention as well as information on how the student-led Stand & Serve peer mentoring program maximizes impact. Attendees will leave happy and energized!
C26: A Screening of “Resilience: the Biology of Stress and the Science of Hope”

“Resilience” is a new documentary that delves into the science of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACEs) and the new movement to treat and prevent toxic stress. This workshop will include a screening of the 1-hour film followed by a brief discussion led by Marcia Stanton of Phoenix Children’s Hospital.

C27: Bystanders: Protecting Children

Chris Panneton, MEd, Southwest Family Advocacy Center
Sometimes when we see an uncomfortable interaction between an adult and child we tend to "mind our own business." Learn how to be an active bystander in order to protect children from boundary violations.

C28: Building Trauma Safe Organizations

Hilary Mahoney, MPH, Arizona Partnership for Children
Supporting children and families in trauma recovery requires agencies to develop trauma-informed policies and practices. This workshop will enhance the skills and provide the tools necessary to develop trauma-informed organizations.

C29: Triple P AZ: Proof of Positive Parenting

Cricket Mitchell, PhD, Prevent Child Abuse Arizona and Randy Ahn, PhD, MLIS, Triple P America
The second year of Triple P - Positive Parenting implementation in Arizona has been completed! We will review outcomes for local families, discuss gains in the context of broader Triple P implementation, and engage momentum for continued success.

C30: Arizona’s Response to Substance Exposed Newborns

Sue Smith, MEd, CPM, Arizona Department of Child Safety
Substance-exposed newborns are a growing population in the United States and Arizona due to increasing substance and alcohol abuse during pregnancy, including the rising opiate dependency epidemic. Learn what the Department of Child Safety and partners are doing to work with these newborns and their families.
D31: Hard Times and Healing: Addressing the Intersections between Domestic Violence and ACEs
Dr. Linda Chamberlain, University of Alaska
Domestic violence is highly predictive of other childhood adversities occurring in the same household. Addressing the intersections of domestic violence and ACEs (Adverse Childhood Experiences) and promoting collaborative practices and policies are essential to effective intervention and prevention. This presentation will highlight an initiative called “Hard Times and Healing” that increase awareness of conjoint opportunities to intervene.

D32: YogaBox: Healing through mindful movement
Jennifer B. White, MSW, CYI, RCYT, YogaBox, LLC
Participants will gain practical tools on how to reduce stress and anxiety, build emotional language, and become stronger both inside and out through mindful movement. Learn powerful healing tools for children, families, and communities affected by child abuse.

D33: Standards for Implementing the Protective Factors
Jannelle Radoccia, Lutheran Social Services of the Southwest
Participants will learn about the National Family Support Network’s Standards of Quality for Family Strengthening & Support, which integrate and operationalize the Principles of Family Support Practice with the Strengthening Families Five Protective Factors.

D34: Strengthening Families: HELP! - More than a Beatles Song
Sara Martinez, Childhelp Community Center and Patricia Garcia, Child and Family Resources/ Healthy Families
We all need a little help sometimes, but asking for it isn’t always easy! Participants in this interactive session will cultivate ideas on how to provide welcoming support to all families. (This workshop focuses on one of the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors. There are workshops on each of the Protective Factors; the others are A3, B11, C21 and E43.)

D35: LGBTQ Youth and Sex Trafficking
Kimberly Hogan, MA, MSW, Arizona State University Office of Sex Trafficking Intervention Research, and Melissa Brockie, MSW, Tumbleweed Center for Youth Development
This presentation will explore the particular vulnerability of LGBTQ youth and the ways in which traffickers seek to exploit these vulnerabilities in order to compel youths into commercial sex.
D36: Parent Support Now

Judge Richard Weiss, Mohave County Superior Court, and Panel

Parent Support Now, a program of the Mohave County Superior Court, was created to produce timelier reunification of parents with their children. This session will describe the collaborative actions of system partners in creating the parent engagement program, including how barriers to launching the program were addressed.

D37: Motivational Interviewing in Supervision

Tonia Stott, PhD, MSW, Arizona State University, School of Social Work, Child Welfare Education Program

Participants will learn how motivational interviewing can be used in supervision to encourage practitioners to complete tasks efficiently, think critically about their decisions, and reflect on the impact of their practice.

D38: Medication-Assisted Treatment and Families

Michael C. White, MCJ, Community Medical Services

Arizona continues to see rising rates of babies born with Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome along with an increase in pregnant women struggling with opioid use disorder. This workshop will focus on medication-assisted treatment, current program initiatives, and best practices around the epidemic.

D39: Children of Incarcerated Parents: an Invisible Population


The United States has rising numbers of children with incarcerated parents. This presentation will discuss the facts and the experiences of children, caregivers and incarcerated parents, as well as actions needed to support this population.

D40: Be a Voice for Young Children

Cynthia Pardo, First Things First, and Beverly Gomez Arriaga, First Things First

You understand how important the early years are – now, learn how to share that message, practice the power-mapping method, and most importantly, inspire others to take action on behalf of Arizona's youngest children.
E41: Creating a Resilient Helper Identity
Andi Fetzner, MS, LAC, CETP, Origins Training & Consulting
This session will allow attendees to explore their strengths as a helper/healer. We each bring something special to the table and we can often forget that! Using Resilience Science, you will leave with new skills in your toolbox.

E42: Pregnant and Parenting Teens: It Takes a Village
Charlotte Reed, RN BSN, CCCE, IBCLC, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services, and Paula Lehn, Teen Outreach Pregnancy Services
“You’ve ruined your life!” What are the messages pregnant and parenting teens are hearing from society? Teens who are parents face many challenges. Come explore ways to support and empower them as part of the village to help them succeed.

E43: Strengthening Families: ALL the Feels: Social Emotional Competence in Kids
Kelly Foster, MS, IMH-E[II], Child and Family Resources, and Elizabeth Webber, MS, Southwest Human Development
As they grow, it is critical to help children become capable of handling life’s challenges. This workshop provides an in-depth look at the skills children develop that lead to positive relationships and effective stress response. (This workshop focuses on one of the five Strengthening Families Protective Factors. There are workshops on each of the Protective Factors; the others are A3, B11, C21 and D34.)

E44: Nature Play: A Tool to Enrich Children’s Lives
Liesl Pimentel, Phoenix Zoo, and Emily Wojcik, Phoenix Zoo
Research shows free play immersed in an outdoor setting is fundamental to connecting children with the natural world. This introductory workshop is designed to help participants understand the benefits of nature play, gain facilitation skills for interacting with children and families in both developed and wild environments, and learn about free community resources.

E45: Permanency for ICWA Cases Involved in the Dependency Process
Melissa J. Ward, MEd, CPM, Arizona Department of Child Safety, and Kenneth G. Poocha, MA, Arizona Department of Child Safety
Participants will gain understanding on how to make better permanency decisions in Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) cases. Topics will include a cultural perspective of permanency and understanding the process and barriers related to permanency.
E46: Collaborating to Access Federal Reimbursement for Training
Andrea Hightower, MSC, Arizona State University Center for Child Well-Being and Patience Pearson, MSW, Arizona Department of Child Safety
Learn how state agencies, through collaborative Title IV-E partnership, may draw down federal funding reimbursement to offset state/local expenditures on training focused on how best to work with children and families.

E47: Be an Effective Voice for Kids at the Legislature
Beth Rosenberg, LCSW, Children’s Action Alliance
Do you want to influence public policy and be an effective advocate to improve children’s health, education and security? Participants will learn about the legislative process and how to effectively engage and communicate with state legislators.

E48: Harnessing the Community for Prevention
Aimee Sitzler, MSW, Community Alliance Consulting, Jeffrey Zetino, MSW, Maricopa County Department of Public Health, and Peggy Peixoto, MAEd, Maricopa County Superior Court
Participants will learn about the Glendale Strong Family Network, a multidisciplinary collaborative harnessing the existing infrastructure and human capital of Glendale. The network is designed to connect families to the services they need, develop natural leaders, and to strengthen the community.

E49: Preserving Families: the Dependency Alternative Program
Hon. Judge Kathleen Quigley, Pima County Juvenile Court, Amy Brandhuber, Arizona Department of Child Safety, Stacey Brady, Pima County Juvenile Court, and Jenny Zelt, Arizona Department of Child Safety
The Pima County Dependency Alternative program is an innovative approach that empowers families by allowing them to make decisions on what is best for their children while ensuring safety and stability, all without a dependency being filed. This workshop will include information on the program and discuss the importance of family-centered systems.

E50: Family Violence: Impacts, Screening, and Outcomes
Laura Karnitschnig, DNP, CPNP, Northern Arizona University
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) has both individual and family impacts. Participants will learn about the impact of IPV, the importance of routine IPV screenings, and how to effectively screen for violence exposure in families.