



State of Florida  
Department of Children and Families

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**DATE:** March 25, 2016  
**TO:** Regional Managing Directors  
**THROUGH:** Janice Thomas, Assistant Secretary for Child Welfare  
**FROM:** Traci Leavine, Director of Child Welfare Practice  
**SUBJECT:** 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference on April 28 – 29, 2016

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**PURPOSE:** The purpose of this memorandum is to provide information regarding the 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference on April 28 - 29, 2016.

**BACKGROUND:** The Department, through the Children's Justice Act Grant, is offering scholarships to child protective investigators, child protective investigator supervisors and Children's Legal Services (CLS) attorneys. The scholarship includes the registration fee only.

This is the only conference of its type presented in Florida focusing on the medical aspects of child physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect. It will provide an understanding of the mechanisms by which injuries are inflicted and the scientific basis for medical determinations as to whether abuse has or has not occurred.

Section 187.201(1)(b)(19), Florida Statutes, states that the goal of the State Comprehensive Plan is to provide programs sufficient to protect the health, safety, and welfare of all children and that the state develop a child abuse service system that will detect abuse and neglect in the early stages, intervene promptly and effectively in both family and nonfamily settings, and apply a multidisciplinary child abuse prevention/treatment team approach. In addition, Section 402.40(1), Florida Statutes, speaks to staff development and training for persons providing child welfare services.

**ACTION REQUIRED:** Please disseminate the attached brochure and encourage child protection investigators, child protective investigator supervisors and CLS attorneys to attend this conference. Registration information can be found on the attached brochure.

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION:** To register, go to [www.stellaredsolutions.org](http://www.stellaredsolutions.org). Select the online portal for professional education. Select Child Abuse and Neglect Training. You will be required to create a user name and password if you did not attend last year's conference.

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1317 Winewood Boulevard, Tallahassee, Florida 32399-0700

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Those qualifying for free registration should use their work-related email address to register.

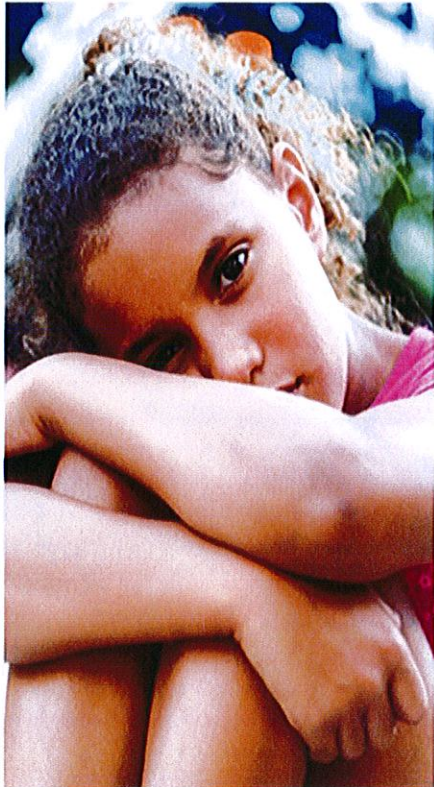
**CONTACT INFORMATION:** Please contact Erin Hough, Office of Child Welfare at (850) 717-4658 or email [Erin.Hough@myflfamilies.com](mailto:Erin.Hough@myflfamilies.com) if you have any questions or comments.

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