



New CAPSAC4Kids Web Site

CAPSAC is proud to announce the launch of our web site, www.CAPSAC4kids.org. This site contains news and association information, as well as links to APSAC and other related information. There is a *Calendar* page that will show training dates, upcoming meetings, workshops, seminars and colloquia. Plus, there is a link to current and past editions of *The Consultant*.

Check the web site often for updated information and resources. Questions and comments can be sent to Info@CAPSAC4kids.org.



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New Orleans: APSAC Colloquium Recap

The 18th Annual APSAC Colloquium was held June 23-26, 2010 in New Orleans. Colleen Friend, CASPSAC board member, and Calvin James, CAPSAC board president, attended. At the general membership meeting, APSAC president Ron Hughes discussed his plan to have APSAC board members fully engaged in the board's work. He indicated that these expectations as well as the new board member nomination forms would be posted at the website. Ron also convened work on a new strategic plan, which includes the establishment of a President's Advisory Council. In order to enhance accountability, a board assessment is in the works. The new plan also calls for fea-

turing evidence-based practices as the focus of future colloquia. Vincent Palusci, APSAC treasurer, reported that the organization is fiscally healthy, with total assets estimated at \$606,000. He reported that APSAC is now developing an affiliate status, which is not the same as membership. The APSAC website, www.APSAC.org, has additional details.

APSAC is currently updating guidelines in the following areas: prevention; child welfare; and interviewing. They also plan to revisit a discussion on whether or not to credential forensic interviewers. A survey on this last issue is being sent to all members.

A grant from the Center for Missing and Exploited Children

supported a high level of law enforcement participation at the conference.

This year's keynote was delivered by Joy Osofsky from Louisiana State University. She spoke on children and traumatic stress. The 750 attendees were able to choose breakout sessions ranging from research presentations to advanced practice updates. The William Friedrich Memorial Lecture was delivered by John E. B. Myers, from the McGeorge School of Law at the University of the Pacific. He took the perspective of a future journalist, looking back on the current child welfare system.

APSAC Honors Myers With Friedrich Award

Pacific McGeorge Distinguished Professor and Scholar John E.B. Myers received one of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children's highest honors this summer.

Myers accepted the organization's 2009 William Friedrich Memorial Award on June 25, 2010, in New Orleans, Louisiana. He also delivered an honorary lecture at the group's annual convention, speaking on "The American Child Protection System: A Historical Examination from the Year 2060," a futuristic look back at what may transpire in that field in the next half-century.

Myers, one of the country's foremost authorities on child abuse, was honored for "a career that exemplifies the achievements and character" of Friedrich, a world-renown Mayo Clinic psychologist whose research in the area of child sexual abuse pioneered several forms of treatment.

The author or editor of eight books and more than a hundred articles on child abuse, Myers travels throughout the United States and abroad, speaking to judges, attorneys, police, doctors, and mental health professionals.

The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children is the leading national organization supporting professionals who serve children and families affected by child maltreatment and violence. Myers' third edition of *The APSAC Handbook on Child*



University of the Pacific--McGeorge School of Law professor John E. B. Myers displays his William Friedrich Memorial Award.

Maltreatment was recently published by Sage Publications.

In addition to his tireless efforts at expanding research and knowledge in a difficult societal field, Myers carries a super-sized teaching load at Pacific McGeorge. He is teaching Criminal Law and Community Property this summer at the law school. He will teach Evidence, Juvenile Law, Family Law and Criminal Law during the 2010-11 academic year.

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CAPSAC Board News

Crissey Award Winner to Present at IVAT Conference

Sherrill Elson, recipient of this year's Crissey Research Award, will be presenting her paper, *Reducing Personal Bias in Risk Assessment in Child Protective Services*, at the 15th International Conference on Violence, Abuse & Trauma taking place September 12-15, 2010, at the Town & Country Resort and Convention Center, San Diego, California. A summary of her work is available in the Winter 2010 edition of *The Consultant*, which can be viewed at our web site, www.CAPSAC4kids.org.



Next CAPSAC Board Meeting
Friday, August 20, 2010
10:00--2:30

CSULA Forensic Lab
5151 State University Dr
Los Angeles, CA 90032

Invited special guest: William Hodgman,
LA County DA's Office

The Consultant is edited by Carl Lewis, CAPSAC Vice President. Article submissions are appreciated and can be sent to Carl @CarlLewis.me.

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CAPSAC

CAPSAC is a multidisciplinary professional society dedicated to assuring a sensitive and effective response to child abuse in California.

CAPSAC is the California Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). The society serves vital roles as a training and consultation resource for issues pertaining to all forms of child maltreatment.

CAPSAC membership is open to all professionals working in disciplines that are directly concerned with the prevention and treatment of child abuse and neglect.

A membership in APSAC automatically includes a CAPSAC membership. An associate member of CAPSAC belongs only to the California Chapter.

CAPSAC Committees

- Amicus Curiae Committee
- Clergy Committee
- Education & Training Committee
- Los Angeles Area Committee
- Membership Committee
- Newsletter Committee
- Nominations Committee
- Northern California Committee
- Paul Crissy Research Awards and Scholarship Committee

PURPOSE

The aims and purposes of CAPSAC are as follows:

- To encourage and promote multidisciplinary professional education on topics of relevance to the problem of child abuse and neglect;
- To promote improved standards for the prevention, identification, intervention and treatment of child abuse and neglect;
- To promote accurate, effective, appropriate identification, intervention and treatment of abused and neglected children, their families, adults abused as children, and offending individuals;
- To promote forums and other mechanisms for the exchange of information among professionals working within the fields of child abuse and neglect prevention, identification, intervention, treatment and research;

- To promote research on the problem of child abuse and neglect, particularly in the areas of prevention, identification, intervention and treatment;
- To serve as a representational forum within which the needs and concerns of professionals from various disciplines address the problem of child abuse and neglect so they can be articulated at the state and national level; and
- To promote the effectiveness and well-being of professionals working with abused and neglected children, their families, adults abused as children, and perpetrators.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- The Consultant Newsletter
- Discounts on seminars and conferences
- Listing in the membership directory
- Networking with peers
- Professional recognition
- Opportunities to participate on the CAPSAC committees and policy development task forces
- A chance to participate with leaders in our field in shaping the future of child welfare policies, priorities, and services

2010-2011 Board of Directors

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- John Stirling, MD

CAPSAC ASSOCIATE MEMBERSHIP:

A Gateway to APSAC Membership!

APSAC Associate Membership classification is for professionals who are not also members of APSAC. Although we encourage membership in APSAC, CAPSAC

provides this unique benefit for those professionals in California who do not choose to join APSAC. Associate CAPSAC membership benefits include:

- A statewide network of interdisciplinary colleagues;
- An opportunity to participate in CAPSAC committees including, Amicus/Legislation, Clergy, Membership, Scholarships and Training;
- A quarterly newsletter and bulletins specific to child abuse issues in California;
- Discounts on CAPSAC trainings and professional development seminars.

CAPSAC

California Professional Society
on the Abuse of Children

An independent affiliate of the
American Professional Society
on the Abuse of Children

“Working together, professionals entrusted with the care and protection of children can make a difference”

Join us in shaping the future!

CAPSAC Associate Membership Application

Name: _____

Profession: _____

Agency/Affiliation: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone: Work _____

Other _____

Fax _____

eMail: _____

CAPSAC Associate Membership dues are \$30 annually. Join now for the 2010 calendar year. Please note that this does not include membership to APSAC.

Make \$30 check payable to: CAPSAC

Send to: CSULA Center on Child Welfare
3500 East Colorado Blvd. Ste. 200
Pasadena, CA 91107

For more information contact CAPSAC at: DCRamos@mednet.ucla.edu or Info@CAPSAC4kids.org

For APSAC membership, see www.APSAC.org



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CANDIDATE'S APPLICATION FORM for CAPSAC Board of Directors

NAME AND DEGREE: _____

DISCIPLINE: _____

PHONE: (H) _____

WORK ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: (W) _____

POSITION/TITLE: _____

FAX: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

EXPERIENCE: YEARS IN FIELD _____

YEARS IN CAPSAC _____

BRIEFLY DESCRIBE ANY CONTRIBUTIONS TO CAPSAC:

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION EXPERIENCE (for the past five years only). Start with the present or most recent experience. List any activities, offices held, or committee work done in the field of child abuse at the local, state, or national levels.

Local: _____

State: _____

National: _____

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, CREDENTIALS, AND LICENSES:

CANDIDATE'S AREA(S) OF SPECIALTY: (circle no more than 5)

Criminal investigation Child victims Neglect Psychosocial evaluation & treatment

Non-offending parents Perpetrators Case management Medical evaluation & treatment

Program administration Sexual abuse Criminal law Physical abuse

Psychological maltreatment Adult survivors Research policy Child care licensing

Families CPS investigation Child abuse Children's residential licensing

Prevention Child abuse fatalities Civil law Other (please specify): _____

CANDIDATE'S STATEMENT OF INTEREST: Write a brief (250 words or less) statement indicating what personal attributes and expertise you would bring to this position. Please be sure to state the directions in which you would like to help CAPSAC grow. Please enclose your resume or curriculum vitae with your completed form and your statement of interest.

eMail completed application to: CAPSAC-Application Committee: info@CAPSAC4kids.org