Thank you for joining us on our journey towards an abuse-free community for our children. We all play a role in creating an environment where kids can grow, excel and reach their full potential. Today, we will learn together how we can protect our children and recommit ourselves to our collective mission of building a stronger, safer community for the children in Metro-Atlanta. Thank you for your service to our community and for helping children grow.

Elizabeth Bigham | Co-Event Chair and Special Agent | Georgia Bureau of Investigation

SEMINAR AGENDA

8:30 AM  
Program Opening  
Vic Reynolds | Director, Georgia Bureau of Investigation  
Tracy Techau | Scout Executive/CEO, Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America

8:45 AM  
Keynote Address  
Robert Jackson | National Education Consultant

9:45 AM  
Dismissed to First Breakout Session

10:00 AM  
Breakout Session One (three options – 60 minutes each)  
Interviews Occurring in Child Abuse Investigations | Mary Beth Nelson  
Online Grooming and Hands On Offenses | Haylee Peacock  
Secondary Traumatic Stress | Mary Catherine Hawks

11:10 AM  
Breakout Session Two (three options – 60 minutes each)  
Overall Abuse/Polyvictimization | Renee Moore and Lashundra Stevenson  
Sex Trafficking: Mythbusting and Clues to What is Real | Taylor Dervish  
Relationships with Youth: What is Concerning Versus What is Not | Sarah Welch

12:15 PM  
Break

1:25 PM  
Breakout Session Three (three options – 60 minutes each)  
How the Larry Nasser Case Affected Youth Sports? | Katie Hanna  
Connect Now: Preventing Trauma and Building Resilience | Tiffany Sawyer  
Mentoring Kids Who Have Experienced Trauma | Priscilla Faulkner

2:35 PM  
Final Session: Corona Virus: The Impact on Services for Children and Families

4:00 PM  
Closing Comments

YOUTH PROTECTION CHAMPION AWARDS
Seminar Leadership

Honorary Event Chair

Vic Reynolds

Vic Reynolds was appointed the Director of the Georgia Bureau of Investigation on February 18, 2019 by Governor Brian Kemp. In this position, he leads an agency of over 900 employees.

Vic is the former District Attorney of Cobb County, where he was elected twice. He has also served as a police officer, as the former Chief Magistrate Judge of Cobb County, and he was a partner in the law firm of Berry and Reynolds. He has been published in both local and national print, and he is the author of Georgia Objections at Trial, which is currently in its second edition.

Vic and his wife, Holly, have been married over 30 years and they have two grown daughters. He is involved in numerous civic and charitable organizations, and he and his wife are members of the Marietta First United Methodist Church.

Co-Event Chair

Elizabeth Bigham

Elizabeth Bigham is a Special Agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) since March 2007. Special Agent Bigham was assigned to a field office where she worked various criminal cases to include homicide, armed robbery, child abuse/molestation, theft, aggravated assault and rape.

In July 2013, Special Agent Bigham transferred to the Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit (CEACC) where she currently conducts proactive and reactive investigations involving crimes against children on the Internet. These types of investigations include possession/distribution/manufacturing of child pornography, solicitation of minors via the Internet and the commercial sex trafficking of minors.

Co-Event Chair

Tracie Doe

Tracie currently serves as Cobb County School District Assistant Superintendent of Teaching and Learning Support and Specialized Services. She supports the departments of special education, school counseling, positive school culture, youth mental health and psychological services.

Tracie has been an educator for more than 30 years and is passionate about inclusive culture in schools, equity for students, and supporting the mental health of youth. She works in the district and community to end the stigma of mental health, child abuse, and substance additions.
**WELCOMING REMARKS**

**Tracy Techau**  
Scout Executive/CEO

Tracy Techau serves as the Scout Executive/CEO for the Atlanta Area Council, Boy Scouts of America Councils in the nation. The organization leads and supports the Scouting needs of the youth and adult volunteers in Metro-Atlanta. He and his wife Jean reside in East Cobb and have two adult daughters Madison and Rachel who were both involved in the Boy Scouts of America’s Exploring and Venturing programs.

**KEYNOTE ADDRESS**

**Robert Jackson**  
National Education Consultant

Robert Jackson began his teaching career almost 25 years ago in Indianapolis Public Schools with a no excuses teaching approach with all of his students. As an educator he didn’t allow his students to feel sorry for themselves or let their circumstances define their futures. He set high expectations for his students and expected them to do well. As a coach, he led with the same principles. Several of his students went from being low performing to successful pastors, lawyers, school administrators, teachers, sales reps, business owners, pro athletes, entertainers and more.

Mr. Jackson has written and published 6 books and has written articles for ASCD EL Leadership Magazine. His new book, “Becoming the Educator They Need: Strategies, Mindsets and Beliefs for Supporting Male Black and Latino Students” was just released in August of 2019 by ASCD. His No More Excuses Curriculum has been featured in publications nationally and is utilized in K-12 Schools and Colleges/Universities. His books include, Black Men Stand Up, A Boys Guide to Manhood, A Young Woman’s Guide to Womanhood, Put a Stop to Bullying and Solutions to Educating Black and Latino Males.

Robert is married to Essence Best Selling Author, Tajuana “TJ” Butler-Jackson and they have 3 children.

His motto is, “For Every Problem, there is a Solution”
BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

**INTERVIEWS OCCURRING IN CHILD ABUSE INVESTIGATIONS: HOW TO ASSESS CONCERNS WITHOUT TRAUMATIZING THE CHILD**

Mary Beth Nelson | LCSW, Director of Forensic Services, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

Child abuse investigations can be complicated for the child, the family and all of the professionals involved. This workshop will review the various types of interviews occurring in many child abuse investigations. Participants will gain an understanding of the multidisciplinary investigation process and tips for talking to children when abuse is suspected or reported.

**ONLINE GROOMING AND HANDS ON OFFENSES**

Haylee Peacock | Special Agent, GBI

Grooming is the process by which an offender draws a victim into a sexual relationship and maintains that relationship in secrecy. The shrouding of the relationship is an essential feature of grooming. This session will teach you how to spot, recognize the stages and prevent online grooming and hands on offenses.

**SECONDARY TRAUMATIC STRESS**

Mary Catherine Hawks | LMSW, Trainer, Georgia State University Professional Excellence Child Welfare Training Collaborative

This course is designed to educate school faculty, staff, and administrators and other community partners on Secondary Traumatic Stress (STS) and its impact. Participants will learn how to assess STS symptoms in themselves and others, explore factors that help to protect professionals from the negative effects of STS, and discover strategies to use these protective factors to manage STS. Participants will also assess their own personal and professional self-care and develop STS management/self-care plans.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the Joseph B. Whitehead Foundation for their support of today’s seminar.
OVERALL ABUSE/POLYVICTIMIZATION
Renee Moore | OCA
Lashundra Stevenson | DFCS State Office Child Fatality Unit
It is an overview of what constitutes child maltreatment in Georgia, the MDT (Multi-Disciplinary Team) process, Dependency and Court Intervention and collaboration between DFCS and Law Enforcement.

SEX TRAFFICKING: MYTHBUSTING AND CLUES TO WHAT IS REAL
Taylor Dervish | Special Agent, FBI
It is estimated that between 18,000 and 20,000 victims are trafficked into the United States every year. In this session, participants will focus on learning the facts about sex trafficking and how to protect our youth from those who seek to do harm.

RELATIONSHIPS WITH YOUTH: WHAT IS CONCERNING VERSUS WHAT IS NOT
Sarah Welch | Child and Family Advocate, Anna Crawford Children’s Center
Children ultimately want to feel they belong, are connected to a group, and are loved. How do we as adult volunteers within an organization initiate safe and healthy relationships with youth where those needs are being met? Learn the facts surrounding appropriate behaviors and the skills needed for promoting safe boundaries when it comes to building a supportive relationship with children and youth.
BREAKOUT SESSION THREE

HOW THE LARRY NASSER CASE AFFECTED YOUTH SPORTS?
Katie Hanna | Chief Programs Officer, U.S. Center for SafeSport

Over the last three years, new laws and policies have been put into place to prevent and respond to abuse in sports. Learn about these important reforms, the work of the U.S. Center for SafeSport, and discuss future collaborative efforts to protect young athletes from abuse.

CONNECT NOW: PREVENTING TRAUMA AND BUILDING RESILIENCE
Tiffany Sawyer | Director of Prevention, Georgia Center for Child Advocacy

Every day connections are more important than we ever believed. Science tells us that relationships have the power to shape our brains. Relationships help us learn better, work better, parent better. When we experience tough times, they help us heal. This training will provide an overview of the Connections Matter Georgia initiative and introduce participants to methods to improve resiliency, prevent childhood trauma, and understand how our interactions with others can support those who have experienced trauma.

MENTORING KIDS WHO HAVE EXPERIENCED TRAUMA
Priscilla Faulkner | Licensed Psychologist, Co Founder, Southeastern Psychological Associates

As people who work with youth, we want to be equipped with as many tools as possible to help mentor them to navigate the obstacles, barriers and challenges that will undoubtedly come their way. This can seem like a daunting task to even know where to start. In this session, participants will learn how to mentor kids who have experienced trauma and practical resources that build resilience in youth.

FINAL SESSION

PANEL DISCUSSION
CORONAVIRUS: THE IMPACT ON SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES

We are seeing the strain that the pandemic is causing across the country. This does not exempt services and organizations that are youth and family serving. In this discussion, our panel will talk about how their organizations/jobs have been impacted by the Coronavirus and what they have been doing to continue to help children and families that they serve.
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