


The  
Missouri Office of Prosecution Services  
&  
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Association



*present*

Emerging Concepts

in the

**Investigation**

&



**Prosecution**

of

**Child Abuse Cases**



We are very grateful to the hospitality of our elected  
prosecuting attorneys who are sponsoring these classes locally:



Matt Wilson, **Adair County**, Robert Rice, **Nodaway County**,  
Mark Richardson, **Cole County**, John Beger, **Phelps County**, &  
Jeff Merrell, **Taney County**.

October 4, 2011 Jefferson City

October 5, 2011 Rolla

October 6, 2011 Branson

October 24, 2011 Kirksville

October 25, 2011 Maryville



*Free of Charge*

*For Prosecutors, Law Enforcement Officers, Children's Division Workers and All  
of Our Other Allied Professionals*

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## *About the Speakers*

### **Rob Giles**

Robert Giles is a Senior Attorney for the National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse at the National District Attorney's Association. Mr. Giles trains on a wide variety of topics relating to investigation and prosecution of child abuse. As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Oakland County Michigan, Mr. Giles prosecuted child sexual assault cases for nine years. Mr. Giles also was Section Leader of the Child Sexual Assault Unit at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to joining the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, he was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. Mr. Giles received his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and his B.A. from DePauw University.

### **Catherine Vannier**

Catherine Vannier has been the Family Violence Resource Prosecutor for the Missouri Office of Prosecution Services (MOPS) for over 4 years. Vannier's program was created when she started in 2006 and has expanded over the to provide resource materials, support and training to prosecutors, law enforcement and allied professionals on the issues surrounding family and sexual violence prosecution. Prior to coming to MOPS, Vannier had accumulated eleven (11) years of experience prosecuting criminal cases. She exclusively handled family violence cases for six (6) years. She was instrumental in creating a specialized domestic violence unit in her jurisdiction. During her tenure as an active prosecutor, she learned the importance of coordinating the community's response to violence, sitting as a board member on the local family violence council, as well other police and community task forces and committees. She has given multiple trainings on the investigation and prosecution of family violence cases and continually adapts and improves her work to reflect current law and practices. As part of her presentations, she uses examples from her closed cases as well as other examples she has learned about from her trainings, travel, and experience in the field.

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## Agenda

*This course will be certified for 7.5 hours POST credit ,  
(3 Legal, 3 Interpersonal, 1.5 Technical),  
7.8 hours CLE (including 1 hour of Ethics) or 7.5 hours Children's Division CEUs*

8:00 to 8:15 AM **Opening Remarks**  
*Elected Prosecuting Attorneys*  
*Matt Wilson, Robert Rice, Mark Richardson, John Beger & Jeff Merrell*

8:15 to 9:30 AM **Multi Disciplinary Team:**  
Practical Tactics, Ethical Considerations & Emerging Concepts  
*Rob Giles*

9:30 to 11:00 AM **Behind the Net:**  
Technology Facilitated Child Sexual Exploitation  
*Rob Giles*

11:00 to 12:30 PM Lunch *On Your Own*

12:30 to 2 PM **The Signs & Symptoms of Coercive Control:**  
The Co-Occurrence of Child Abuse, Animal Abuse & Family Violence  
*Catherine Vannier*

2:00 to 4:00 PM **Corroborating the Child's Statement**  
*Rob Giles*

4:00 to 5:00 PM **Trial By Fire:**  
Ethically Winning the Case from the Witness Stand  
*Rob Giles*

October 4, 2011 *registration due September 23, 2011*  
Capitol Plaza, 415 W. McCarty St, Jefferson City, MO 65101

October 5, 2011 *registration due September 23, 2011*  
Phelps County Courthouse, 200 North Main, Rolla, MO 65401

October 6, 2011 *registration due September 23, 2011*  
Branson/ Taney County, MO,  
Location to Be Announced

October 24, 2011 *registration due October 7, 2011*  
Days Inn, 3805 South Baltimore, Kirksville, MO 63501

October 25, 2011 *registration due October 7, 2011*  
Nodaway County Administration Building, 403 N. Market St., Maryville, MO 64468

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For questions, please call Catherine Vannier at 573 644 2409  
Or email at [Catherine.vannier@mops.mo.gov](mailto:Catherine.vannier@mops.mo.gov)

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Victim Advocates, Probation Officers  
& other Allied Professionals working to  
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