

**CHILDREN'S SERVICES NETWORK MEETING**  
**Franciscan Renewal Retreat Center**  
**5802 E. Lincoln Dr., Paradise Valley, AZ (thecasa.org)**  
**Tekawitha Room (North end of the campus – See attached map)**

**Thursday**  
**May 3, 2018 from 5:30-8 pm**

*All Are Welcome. Please come and bring a friend.  
For non-members there is a \$10 fee for dinner.*

**Presenters: Shefali Gandhi, PsyD & Anne Ngamsombat, MA**

**"Current Issues Related To The investigation And  
Treatment Of Childhood Maltreatment"**

**I CE Intermediate level**

**LEARNING OBJECTIVES:**

- 1. Learners will come away with a thorough understanding of the Maricopa County Protocol on Child Maltreatment Investigations**
- 2. Learners will understand and demonstrate knowledge about a Child Advocacy Center and the Services Provided within the community**
- 3. Learners will understand and demonstrate ability to follow the Mandatory Reporter Protocols in Arizona.**

**Program Description**

*Dr. Gandhi and Ms. Ngamsombat will present the CAC Model and discuss trauma informed care. We will discuss rates of abuse and present the scope of the problem. We will review forensically sensitive therapy during the investigation process and the do's and don'ts of forensically sensitive therapy. We will review the Maricopa County protocol of child abuse investigations and discuss the roles of each partner in an investigation. Furthermore, we will discuss and provide a description of the services available to victims and families in settings like Childhelp. We will review the Arizona mandated reporter protocol and discuss the implications of not reporting.*

**Dr. Shefali Gandhi**, is a Licensed Psychologist in the State of Arizona specializing in providing care for patients coping with anxiety, depression, grief, trauma, sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect, PTSD, poor social skills, poor anger management skills, parenting difficult adolescents and children, attachment issues, as well as disruptive behavior disorders such as ADHD, Oppositional Defiant Disorder and Conduct Disorder. She is the Clinical Director of Childhelp Children's Advocacy Center of Arizona. Childhelp Children's Center is the largest child advocacy center in Phoenix, Arizona. Childhelp responds to the overwhelming needs of abused children in partnership with the Phoenix Police Department, the Office of Child Welfare Investigations, Phoenix Children's Hospital, Maricopa County Attorney's Office, and the Arizona Attorney General's Office. Dr. Gandhi also sits on the Executive Board of MASK (Mothers Awareness on School-aged Kids), a non-profit organization that provides psychoeducation to Arizona families dealing with the social-emotional issues related to today's youth. She is the recipient of the MASK Education Award, an award that honors organizations and professionals making a difference in the community by providing education in prevention. She is passionate about working with

children and adolescents to prevent and heal mental illness, provide education to the public to help heal and foster change and growth to create a safer world. Additionally she is trained to provide TF-CBT, play therapy, psychological assessment, school-based psychological consultation, EMDR, theraplay, and clinical supervision.

**Anne Ngamsombat** is a Licensed Professional Counselor who has extensive experience working with law enforcement, department of child safety, juveniles, families, courts and corrections. She received a master's degree in forensic psychology from the University of Denver in 2007. As the Lead Victim Advocate at Childhelp Children's Center of Arizona, she developed and supervised the advocacy center's extensive victim advocacy program. Through policy development and leadership, she has improved victim services to serve over 150 families each month at the center. Her contribution to the center has a tremendous positive impact on the investigation outcomes for these families. Prior to her leadership position at the Children's Advocacy Center, she was a treating clinician in the Maricopa County Juvenile Probation program providing treatment to detained youth. She helped to develop and implement holistic treatment programs in accordance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) standards thereby increasing the safety and well-being of incarcerated juveniles. She is passionate about providing support for healing in a safe environment and has trained professionals in the areas of adolescent brain development, mental health, suicide prevention and intervention, and vicarious trauma.

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