

The Third Annual
Southwest Crimes Against Children Conference

SOUTHWEST CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN CONFERENCE



October 22-23, 2025

Santa Ana Star Casino and Hotel, Bernalillo NM

AGENDA

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 2025

7:00 am – 8:30 am
BALLROOM LOBBY

Conference Check-in
Breakfast Available in the Ballroom at 8:30 am

8:00 am 12:00 noon
BALLROOM

OPENING SESSION CLE ALL
Color Guard
Anthem
WELCOME – District Attorney **Barbara Romo**
Introduction of Keynote Speaker Tatiana Sanchez
KEYNOTE SPEAKER – Tatiana Sanchez and Q&A
“Surviving Sexual Assault and the Judicial System”

10:00 am – 10:15 am

BREAK

10:15 am – 12:00 noon

Multi-Disciplinary Team Panel & Q&A CLE ALL
Moderator – **Jessica Martinez**, Chief Deputy District Attorney
Lisa Jaquez, Director of Child Advocacy, Forensic Interviewer,
La Pinon Sexual Assault Recovery Services
Sergeant Felicia Maggard, Bernalillo County Sheriff’s Department
Nicole Marquez, Victim Advocate, 2nd Judicial District Attorney
Scott Patterson-Alatorre, Director, Family Services
Division CYFD of New Mexico
Barbara Romo, 13th Judicial District Attorney of New Mexico

12:00 noon – 1:30 pm

LUNCH BREAK (lunch on your own)

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION ONE

SACRAMENTO EAST

1A. CASE STUDY: Samantha Rubino: CLE ALL
The Girl Whose Father Threw Her Away Like Garbage
Hunter Spindle, Chief Deputy DA, 5th Judicial District Attorney

SACRAMENTO WEST

1B. Artificial Intelligence & CSAM Prosecuting the Digital Frontier PROS
Sara Kurtzberg, Bureau Chief, Kings County District Attorney,
New York, New York

MANZANO

1C. Core Practices for Interviewing Suspects LE
Lt. Chris Carabajal, Rio Rancho Police Department

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1D. Evidence-Based Domestic Violence Prosecution PROS
Marco Serna, Attorney and Special Counsel for AODA

3:00 pm – 3:15 pm

BREAK

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WEDNESDAY, OCT. 22, 2025

3:15 pm – 4:45 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION TWO

SACRAMENTO EAST

2A. Corroboration of Evidence

PROS/LE

Barbara Romo, 13th Judicial District Attorney of NM

SACRAMENTO WEST

2B. Legal Updates

PROS

Anne Kelly, Attorney

MANZANO

2C. Child Sexual Assault Exams

PROS/LE

Dr. Leslie Strickler, Professor of Pediatrics, University of New Mexico, and Medical Director, Child Abuse Response Team (CART)

CIMARRON

2D. Counterintuitive Ethical and Legal Duties to Disclose

PROS

J. Michael Thomas, Deputy District Attorney, 13th Judicial District

EP

THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 2025

8:30 am – 10:00 am

BREAKOUT SESSION THREE

SACRAMENTO EAST

3A. Effective Cross-Examination

PROS

Henry Valdez, Chief Deputy District Attorney, 8th Judicial District

SACRAMENTO WEST

3B Working with Child Victims of Crime

ALL

Patricia Lyke & Nicole Marquez, Victim Advocates, 2nd Judicial District Attorney

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3C. Recognizing the Signs and Symptoms of Maltreatment

ALL

Dr. Rebecca Girardet, Medical Director, Para Los Niño's Clinic and Director of the Child Abuse Pediatrics Fellowship Training Program

MANZANO

3D. CASE STUDY: Smith Cases-Overcoming the Belief That Drug Users Only Harm Themselves

ALL

Megan Kirtley, Deputy District Attorney, 5th Judicial District

10:00 am – 10:15 am

BREAK

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THURSDAY, OCT. 23, 2025

10:15 am – 11:45 am

BREAKOUT SESSION FOUR

SACRAMENTO EAST

4A. Through Their Eyes: Understanding and Responding to the Impact of Intimate Partner and Domestic Violence on Children
Mary Ellen Garcia, Chief Executive Officer of the New Mexico Coalition Against Domestic Violence

ALL

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4B. Effective Officer Testimony
Marcus Montoya, 8th Judicial District Attorney

LE

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4C. Navigating Delicate Conversations: Effective Communication with Young Children in the Justice System
Kate Bunch, Trauma Treatment Center

ALL

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4D. Hope in the Margins: A Journey from Pain to Purpose
Veronica Krupnick, National Child and Welfare Youth & Tribal Advocate

ALL

EIJ

12:00 noon – 2:00 pm

QUEZADAS COMEDY CLUB

WORKING LUNCH

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Special Lunch Session at Quezadas Comedy Club
Parnall Law: Practical Justice

2:30 pm – 4:00 pm

BREAKOUT SESSION FIVE

SACRAMENTO EAST

5A. Holding the Line: Protecting Ourselves Against the Hidden Impacts of Trauma Exposure
Pamela Moore, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor and Director of the State Bar of New Mexico's Professional Programs Group

ALL

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5B. AI and Dealing with Ethical Considerations
Sara Kurtzberg, Bureau Chief, Kings County District Attorney, New York, New York

PROS/LE

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5C. Building your Case by Building your Relationships
Barbara Romo, 13th Judicial District Attorney

PROS

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5D. Legal Updates
Anne Kelly, Attorney

PROS

A NOTE ABOUT DESIGNATIONS:

All of the classes are open to everyone in attendance.

Some classes are specifically geared toward Prosecutors, Law Enforcement and Victim Advocates.

PROS = PROSECUTORS

LE = LAW ENFORCEMENT

VA = VICTIM ADVOCATES

EIJ = EQUITY IN JUSTICE

EP = ETHICS / PROFESSIONALISM

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SASCH – Guest (no password required)

DINING OPTIONS:

Santa Ana Golf Course – Wind Dancer Bar & Grill / Sun-Thurs 7:30am to 5pm | Fri-Sat 7:30am to 6pm

Twin Warriors Golf Course – Atush Bar & Grill / Mon-Sun 6am to 6pm

Hyatt Tamaya – Santa Ana Café / Mon-Sun 7am to 2pm

Perks / 6am to 8pm

The Original Mesa Grill / 11am to midnight

Home Plate Bar and Grill / 8am to 9pm

Juniper Steakhouse / 4pm to 9pm (closed Tues/Weds)

Prairie Star / 5pm to 8pm (closed Mon/Tues)

Lounge 54 / 4pm to midnight

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