

# Child Maltreatment SIG

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Please complete this brief online survey using the link below to provide valuable input and suggestions for our Special Interest Group. We are hoping for participation of all CM SIG members. Thank you.

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## Spotlight on the 40<sup>th</sup> National NAPNAP Conference March 7-10, 2019 in New Orleans!

**\*CM SIG meeting** is scheduled for 3/06/19 from 6:00-7:00 p.m. Please plan to join your colleagues.

The agenda for the meeting includes:

- Introductions/welcome
- Updates on CM SIG projects (including White paper, journal articles)
- Survey summary/discussion
- Current and upcoming/pending presentations
- New topics/projects (ACEs & trauma in current immigrant situation; development of a clinical reference guide- NAPNAP funding to support this)
- SIG showcase materials

**\*SIG Showcase** - Friday, March 8 at 6-7:30 p.m. Please come to support our SIG!

[Click here to register for the NAPNAP conference](#)

### Child Maltreatment related session topics being offered:

3/07: Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and the Opioid Crisis; Adolescents' Journey from Alcohol or Drug Misuse to Substance Use Disorder

3/08: What Happened to You? Identifying and Caring for Victims of Trauma and Toxic Stress; Providing Quality Patient-Centered Care for Refugee Children; Over-prescribed and Under-treated: Behavioral Health Assessment and Management of Youth in Foster Care; Movie Screening: Call for Caring - Maternal Addiction and Original Trauma

3/09: Building a Trauma Informed Care Organization (ACE mini-track); Screening for Social Determinants of Health in Pediatric Primary Care (ACE mini-track); Bullying: What the NP Needs to Know; Children in Disasters: Building Resiliency (ACE mini-track); Look What I Found! Genital Exam Pearls in Child Sexual Abuse; Implications of Severe Malnutrition for the Acute Care PNP: A Case Review; The role of the APRN in the Screening, Support and Evidence-based Treatment of Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACE mini-track)

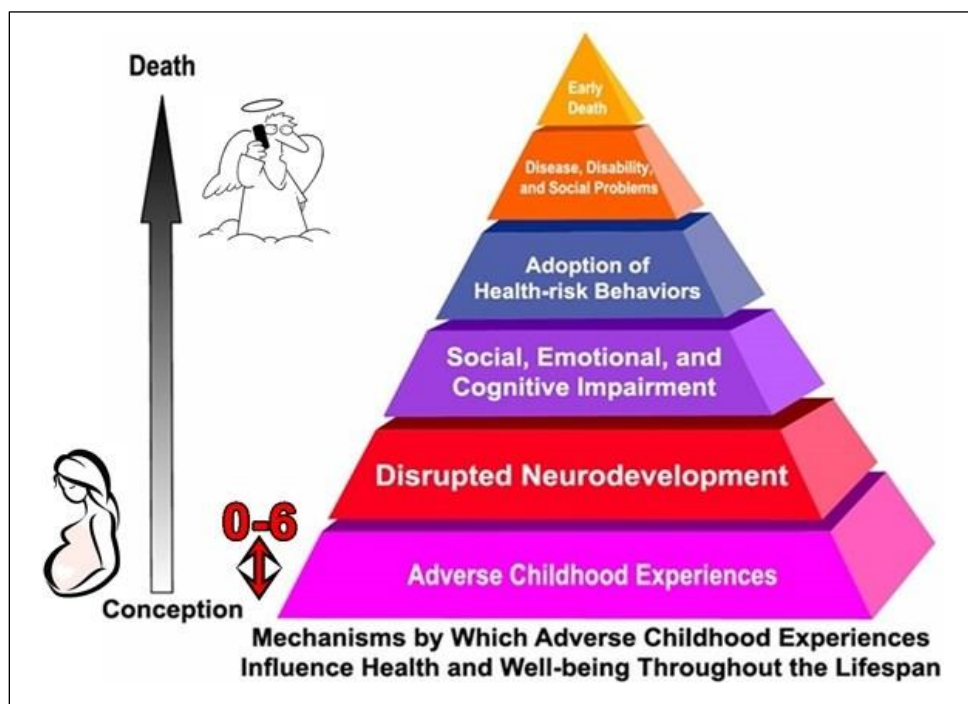
3/10: The Importance of Recognizing Sentinel Injury to Prevent Future Cases of Child Physical Abuse

**Recent child maltreatment related literature:** (published online 2018)

**Childhood adversity, externalizing behavior, and substance use in adolescence: Mediating effects of anterior cingulate cortex activation during inhibitory errors.**

Fava, N., Trucco, E., Martz, M., Cope, L., Jester, J., Zucker, R., & Heitzeg, M. (n.d.). Childhood adversity, externalizing behavior, and substance use in adolescence: Mediating effects of anterior cingulate cortex activation during inhibitory errors. *Development and Psychopathology*, 1-12.  
doi:10.1017/S0954579418001025

**Abstract:** Childhood adversity can negatively impact development across various domains, including physical and mental health. Adverse childhood experiences have been linked to aggression and substance use; however, developmental pathways to explain these associations are not well characterized. Understanding early precursors to later problem behavior and substance use can inform preventive interventions. The aim of the current study was to examine neurobiological pathways through which childhood adversity may lead to early adolescent problem behavior and substance use in late adolescence by testing two prospective models. Our first model found that early adolescent externalizing behavior mediates the association between childhood adversity and alcohol, cigarette, and marijuana use in late adolescence. Our second model found that activation in the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) during an inhibitory control task mediates the association between childhood adversity and early adolescent externalizing behavior, with lower ACC activation associated with higher levels of adversity and more externalizing behavior. Together these findings indicate that the path to substance use in late adolescence from childhood adversity may operate through lower functioning in the ACC related to inhibitory control and externalizing behavior. Early life stressors should be considered an integral component in the etiology and prevention of early and problematic substance use.



## Upcoming conferences related to child maltreatment

### 1. 35th International Symposium on Child Abuse

**Sponsoring Organization:** National Children's Advocacy Center

Dates: March 18-21, 2019

Topics: Child Abuse and Neglect

Location: Huntsville , AL

<http://www.nationalcac.org/symposium-about/>

*The 35th International Symposium on Child Abuse offers more than 160 workshops. The tracks are designed with specific fields in mind, including Administration, Child Protective Services, Forensic Interviewing, Human Trafficking/Sexual Exploitation, Law Enforcement, Medical, Mental Health/Treatment, Prevention, Prosecution/Legal, Secondary Traumatic Stress, Victim Advocacy and Youth-Serving Organization.*

### 2. 21st NCCAN: National Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

Conference Theme: Strong and Thriving Families

Dates: April 24-26, 2019

Location: Washington DC

<https://events.myconferencesuite.com/NCCAN2019/reg/landing>

*The Children's Bureau is committed to offering a program that features a cadre of compelling and thought-provoking speakers to engage you in deeply meaningful conversations and learning opportunities to inform your work. Sessions will include workshops, policy forums, skill seminars, and other opportunities to hear from peers and experts in the field.*

### 3. APSAC: American Professional Society Abuse Children

**26th National Colloquium:** Promoting Trauma Informed Practice in all Disciplines

Dates: June 18-22, 2019

Location: Salt Lake City, Utah

<https://www.apsac.org/about-2019-colloquium>

*APSAC's 26th Colloquium will bring high-quality learning opportunities to child maltreatment researchers and practitioners across experience levels and professions. Sessions will be designated as beginning, intermediate, or advanced level content.*

### 4. Prevent Child Abuse America National Conference: Moving Upstream

Sponsoring Organization: Prevent Child Abuse America

Dates of Conference: 09/16/2019 - 09/18/2019

Location: Milwaukee , WI

<http://preventchildabuse.org/latest-activity/save-the-date-2019-prevent-child-abuse-america-national-conference/>

*This informative conference will discuss the cutting-edge research, innovative program practices, and impactful public awareness and policy strategies that help move child abuse and neglect prevention upstream.*

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