

PINWHEELS FOR PREVENTION

ATHENS YMCA & THE COTTAGE: CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION SESSIONS

APRIL 1ST – 10 AM AND 6 PM

Session 1: Basic Knowledge of Child Sexual Abuse

The Cottage's Sally Kimel-Sheppard will facilitate a training for anyone interested in gaining knowledge about child sexual abuse. This training will cover statistics of child sexual abuse, the types of child sexual abuse, long-term effects of child sexual abuse, the grooming process of children and families, how to reduce vulnerability and how to report child abuse.

Sally Kimel-Sheppard, LCSW Executive Director, The Cottage

Sally has worked in the field of child abuse and sexual assault for over 20 years. She has worked directly with children that have been abused as a forensic interviewer and with sexual assault survivors as an advocate. Sally has been the Executive Director of The Cottage for 14 years. The mission of The Cottage is to raise awareness and facilitate the healing of individuals, families and communities affected by sexual violence and child abuse. Sally loves to share her knowledge about child sexual abuse in hopes that we can work together to keep children safe.

APRIL 13TH – 10 AM AND 6 PM

Session 2: Learn More About Keeping Children in Our Families and Communities Safe

Lori Karr with The Cottage will facilitate a training for anyone interested in helping prevent child sexual abuse. This training gives parents, caregivers and professionals the tools to be better informed about child sexual abuse. She will discuss ways to effectively talk to children and adults about child sexual abuse, healthy sexual development, sexual behavior warning signs, why children do not disclose child sexual abuse as well as signs and symptoms of child sexual abuse.

Lori Karr (she/her), Victim Assistance Program Counselor/ Outreach and Prevention Coordinator, The Cottage

Lori Karr has worked with children and families for over twenty years in a variety of settings. She joined The Cottage team as the Family Advocate in September of 2009 and is also trained in Finding Words Georgia to conduct forensic interviews. Lori currently works with the Victim's Assistance Program for The Cottage. The Victim's Assistance Program provides assessments and therapeutic interventions to child and adolescent survivors of child abuse. Lori also provides support, advocacy and education to caregivers and their children throughout the court process. She recently completed her 200-hour yoga teacher training so she can provide Trauma-Informed yoga to The Cottage staff and clients. Lori is an authorized trained facilitator in Darkness to Light's Stewards of Children training program as well as Protecting Our Children and Prevent Child Abuse's Circles of Safety. Lori has a strong passion for sharing her knowledge and work experience about child sexual abuse to professionals, parents and caregivers in our community.

APRIL 20TH - 10 AM AND 6 PM

Session 3: Child Sex Trafficking, What You Need To Know

The Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia (CACGA) CSEC Response Team is the recognized Enhanced Collaborative Model for Georgia's response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC). Join us as we learn more about CSEC, Georgia's improved multi-disciplinary response to child and youth trafficking, and what you need to know to recognize and refer potential victims to services.

Kacey Long, MSW North Georgia Regional Coordinator, Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia

Kacey Long (she/her) is the Regional Coordinator for North Georgia on the CSEC Response Team within Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia. She has been working with survivors of CSEC since 2012 within sexual assault centers, research institutions, and the child welfare system. Kacey serves as a co-chair of the North Georgia Sex Trafficking Awareness and Response (STAR) Task Force and chairs the Survivor Advocacy committee. Her background consists of community education and outreach, conducting research to create state and local policy, and working with in the intersections of LGBTQ identifying folks who have experienced sexual violence and human trafficking.

APRIL 27TH - 10 AM AND 6 PM

Session 4: Cyber Safety for Parents

In this one-hour training, Special Agent Peacock will focus on helping parents to better safeguard their children online. In an age where apps and the internet are part of nearly every facet of life, Agent Peacock will speak to how parents can best secure their home internet, their children's devices, and learn about trending and new applications. Agent Peacock will wrap up the training by speaking on the topics of sexting, child sexual abuse material and online predators, and cyberbullying.

Special Agent Haylee Peacock, Georgia Bureau of Investigation

Haylee Peacock has been a Special Agent with the Georgia Bureau of Investigation for 9 years. SA Peacock began her assignment at the GBI where she worked various criminal cases to include death investigations, child abuse and molestations, and sexual assaults. In June 2015, SA Peacock was reassigned to the Child Exploitation and Computer Crimes Unit, Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, where she conducts both proactive and reactive cases involving crimes against children. By taking charge as case agent of hundreds of cyber tip referrals from the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, SA Peacock regularly investigates cases involving the possession, transmission, and production of child pornography, hands-on offenders, and the commercial sexual exploitation of children.