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2025 Crimes Against Children ▪ February 12-14, 2025  
Peachtree City, Ga  
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## Wednesday, February 12, 2025

- 8:30am – 9:00am      **Registration**
- 9:00am – 9:15am      **Welcome and Announcements**  
Lalaine Briones, Deputy Director, Prosecuting Attorneys'  
Council of Georgia
- 9:15am – 11:00am    **Medical Findings and Diagnostic Criteria in Child  
Physical Abuse Cases**  
Dr. Tim Chang, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- 11:00am – 11:15am    **Break**
- 11:15am - 12:15pm    **Child Abuse Investigation Techniques**
- 12:15pm – 1:30pm    **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:30pm – 2:30pm      **Medical Evaluation and Findings in Child Sexual  
Abuse**  
Dr. Verena Brown, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- 2:30pm – 2:35pm      **Break**
- 2:35pm – 4:05pm      **Jury Selection in Child Abuse Cases**  
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### Thursday, February 13, 2024

- 9:00am – 10:30am     **Abusive Head Trauma**  
Dr. Stephen Messner, Children's Healthcare of Atlanta
- 10:30am – 10:45am     **Break**
- 10:45am - 12:00pm     **Cross-Examination of Defense Experts at Trial**  
Kate Lenhard, Administrative Chief Assistant District  
Attorney, Griffin Judicial Circuit
- 12:00pm – 1:15pm     **Lunch (On Your Own)**
- 1:15pm – 2:30pm     **702 Challenges in Child Abuse Cases**  
Edward Chase, Chief Assistant District Attorney, DeKalb  
Judicial Circuit
- 2:30pm – 2:45pm     **Break**
- 2:45pm – 3:45pm     **Important Findings in Pediatric Forensic Pathology**  
Dr. Lara Darrisaw, Director of Pediatric Forensic  
Pathology, GBI
- 3:45pm – 4:00pm     **Break**
- 4:00pm – 5:00pm     **The Forensic Interview at Trial**  
Amy Economopoulos, Executive Director, Anna Crawford  
Children's Center



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## Friday, February 14, 2024

- 9:00am – 10:30am      **Opening Statements & Closing Arguments in Child Abuse Cases**  
Kevin McMurry, Chief Assistant District Attorney, Douglas Judicial Circuit
- 10:30am – 10:45am      **Break**
- 10:45am - 12:45pm      **Aftermath of Trial – Professionalism and Ethics**  
Sharla Jackson, Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Resource Prosecutor, Prosecuting Attorneys' Council of Georgia