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**2015 CULTURAL CONTEXT OF CORPORAL PUNISHMENT CONFERENCE
NOVEMBER 19 & 20, 2015**

The Dane County District Attorney's Office is proud to announce a professional training opportunity entitled the **Cultural Context of Corporal Punishment: Keeping Kids Safe** scheduled for November 19 and 20, 2015 at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center in Madison, Wisconsin.

Although many professionals are familiar with research on the effects of child abuse, they are often not as familiar with the current research related to the short and long-term impact of corporal punishment on developing children. At this conference, expert faculty will discuss the negative impact that corporal punishment has on a child's physical, emotional and social development, review the influence of history, culture and religion on the use of corporal punishment, and offer strategies for addressing corporal punishment in diverse communities. Conference attendees will have opportunities to examine personal and institutional biases, explore how biases influence their work with families, and gain knowledge and develop skills for effectively engaging and empowering communities, families, and individuals to embrace more effective, non-violent parenting strategies.

Additionally, the evening of November 19th, the conference committee and expert panel will host a **Faith-Based Community Forum: the Religious Context of Corporal Punishment**. This community conversation is free of charge, open to the public, and will take place at the Monona Terrace from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Following a brief overview from the expert panel, the majority of the evening will focus on engaging community members in discussing the impact of culture and religion on parenting, use of physical punishment, and challenges with adopting alternative parenting strategies. The expert panel will utilize the conversation to better inform attendees at the professional conference the following day.

This conference is sponsored by the Dane County District Attorney's Office, American Family Children's Hospital, the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine and Public Health – Department of Pediatrics, the Children's Trust Fund, the Dane County Child Protection Collaboration, Nadine Block, and the Green Bay Packers.

To register, find out more about the speakers and agenda, or to get information about lodging, click here: <http://cultureanddiscipline.pediatrics.wisc.edu>.

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