

## COURSE DESCRIPTIONS

### Child Care Bait & Switch A Mock Trial

Christine Burke and Andrew Weiss from the Nassau County District Attorney's Office will present a mock trial involving issues related to child care fraud. The speakers will take testimony and cross examine witnesses, and the Court will issue its opinion as to the defendant's guilt or innocence. This session will demonstrate the various issues and pitfalls that arise when investigating a daycare fraud case.

### Conducting Undercover Food Stamp Investigations

Christine Burke, Greg Macauley and Maria Vasquez from the Nassau County District Attorney's Office will discuss their recent investigation and prosecution of five stores for trafficking in food stamps. The presenters will explain the various components of a successful food stamp undercover operation and give tips and advice for setting up a food stamp sting in your community.

### Courtroom Demeanor

At some point in our careers, we may be called to testify in a formal proceeding, whether it is an administrative hearing, Grand Jury, or a trial. This session will explain the purpose of the various types of proceedings, highlighting the similarities and differences of each, and what to expect if called as a witness. The session will go over basic concepts such as how to dress, how to answer questions, body language, and the roles of each person involved.

### Fraud Against the Elderly

Niagara County Assistant District Attorney Heather DeCastro will discuss how elder abuse and welfare fraud go hand in hand. This session will explain how fraud units can receive referrals of unreported income by caregivers from the county's Adult Protective Unit and use APU's ability to request banking records without a subpoena in putting together a fraud case. ADA DeCastro will share her knowledge about interviewing elderly witnesses and how to compile evidence on these cases. Additionally, discussion will touch on how financial exploitation of the elderly can affect the Medicaid system, which ultimately impacts taxpayers.

### Interview & Interrogation Techniques

This session will explain the anatomy of a formal investigative interview, interview dynamics and the indicators of deceptive language and behaviors. The session will go over how to formulate questions for developing a case, what to write, what not to write, and other tricks and secrets for maximizing the amount of information learned without pushing the client too far and turning the interview from a discussion to a hostile attack.

### **Investigating & Prosecuting Medicaid Fraud**

**Michael Clarke, formerly of the Attorney General's Medicaid Fraud Control Unit, will explain what is required to put together a successful Medicaid investigation and prosecution. The session will focus on the similarities and differences between recipient fraud and provider fraud, and the unique issues related to each type of case.**

### **Monroe County s Collaborative Fraud Initiatives**

**Monroe County staff will discuss ways that program staff, IT, investigators, and other County departments have successfully worked together on fraud-related projects. Several topics will be presented, including a discussion and demonstration of their automated FEDS referral, reporting, sign-off and tracking system that was a collaborative effort between the IT Department, eligibility staff and the Special Investigations Unit. This system was recognized by the OTDA Audit and Quality Improvement Unit as a Best Practice.**

### **NYS OCFS Child Care Updates**

**New York State Office of Children and Family Services staff will discuss agency efforts to detect and deter fraud among child care providers. The presenters will share their ideas for possible new regulations designed to reduce fraud and give an update about what is new in the child care program. The session is designed to assist both program staff and fraud investigators.**

### **NYS OTDA Program Integrity Updates**

**A combination presentation/panel discussion led by OTDA's Director of Program Integrity, Richard Nawrot, and his staff on what's new in the Program Integrity arena. This presentation/ panel discussion will take the place of the round tables, so take advantage of learning what all of these acronyms mean and having the top people in Program Integrity answer YOUR questions regarding IPV's, FEDS, EVR, AFIS, VED, FAREs, PARIS, TALX, eXpress, eBatch, AccuriZ and Computer Matches. If you would like to submit a question for the panel ahead of time, please email your question no later than May 22<sup>nd</sup> to Leslie Robbins at [leslie.robbins@otda.state.ny.us](mailto:leslie.robbins@otda.state.ny.us), fax it to (518) 402-0121 or call Leslie at (518) 486-6313.**

### **What s New in FS/SNAP Fraud**

**Rich Nawrot and Maria Schollenberger will discuss how to maintain program integrity within the FS/SNAP program in areas such as Simplified Reporting, FS electronic applications (e-apps) and FS Front End Detection System (FEDS).**