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An applied technological approach to child and adult advocacy training

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This talk will focus on the numerous factors that lead to child and adult maltreatment. It will also discuss the existing responses to incidents of maltreatment and how technology can make professional responses more applicable to abuse prevention. It will also have a community based approach to focus on how professionals can work more effectively within systems and institutions that respond to these incidents. Technology will be the focus of the discussion by utilizing a true-to-life Mock House. The Mock House is part of an applied experiential training that teaches students and professionals skills related to conducting effective maltreatment evaluations (child, adult and elder abuse). The Mock House is a fully functioning house that can be staged to resemble real life scenes of abuse scenarios. Trainers utilize video technology to provide feedback about participant's performance through video footage and instructor playback. Participants will learn skills that will expand their knowledge in identifying, investigating and prosecuting maltreatment. The training is designed for those working in the criminal justice, education, social work, sociology, psychology, nursing, paralegal and other areas where knowledge of child maltreatment investigation and advocacy are necessary.

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