

**MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN
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**MONIQUE BURR FOUNDATION FOR CHILDREN SPONSORS
CHILD ABUSE AND NEGLECT TRAINING PROGRAM**

JACKSONVILLE, Fla. (March 30, 2011) – [The Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](#), recently helped sponsor the third annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference, held at the Shands and University of Florida Learning Resource Center. The conference, which focused on the medical aspects of child abuse and neglect, was attended by the Florida Department of Children and Families Child Protective Investigators, law enforcement personnel, Children’s Legal Services staff members, legal personnel working in the Office of the State’s Attorney, and medical personnel working in the field of child welfare.

The financial support of the Monique Burr Foundation enabled conference organizers to waive participants’ registration fees, allowing many conference participants to attend who otherwise would not have been able to, particularly employees of state agencies with limited travel budgets.

“This conference has been vitally important over the last several years for providing needed training in the field of child abuse and neglect for a variety of professionals,” said Lynn Layton, executive director for the Monique Burr

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Foundation for Children, Inc. “We believe that this training is critical for child abuse prevention, and we were pleased to have the opportunity to sponsor an event that is so closely aligned with the mission of the Monique Burr Foundation.”

Speakers at the event included Jacksonville pediatricians Dr. Randall Alexander, Dr. Bruce McIntosh and Dr. Susan Moore, pediatrician Dr. Mary Stockett of Melbourne, Fla., and pediatrician and child abuse pediatric specialist Dr. Deb Jenssen of New Hyde Park, NY. Also presenting were Mary T. Cagle, director of Children’s Legal Services of the Florida Department of Children and Families, assistant state’s attorney Alan Mizrahi and child advocate Jay Howell.

Topics at the conference ranged from overviews of sexual abuse and legal issues in dependency and criminal cases to presentations on specific issues such as fractures, neglect, failure to thrive, Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy and head injuries.

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About the Monique Burr Foundation for Children

The [Monique Burr Foundation for Children, Inc.](http://www.moniqueburrfoundation.org) is a nonprofit organization created in 1997 with a mission to give hope in the lives of children by providing child abuse prevention education throughout the state of Florida.

In 2009, the foundation reached more than 25,000 children in Northeast

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Florida and the Tampa Bay area with its advocacy programs and since its inception has contributed more than \$2 million to child-serving agencies in the region.

The foundation is currently pilot testing a child abuse prevention education program that will address safety from all forms of child abuse, bullying and neglect as well as including tools for parents and school personnel. This program is a collaborative effort with the Office of the Governor of the State of Florida, the State Department of Education, the State Department of Health, the Florida Department of Children and Families and Prevent Child Abuse Florida. A state-wide program is on track to be offered to schools for the 2011-2012 school year.

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- 1.) The Monique Burr Foundation recently helped sponsor the third annual Child Abuse and Neglect Conference.

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