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Daylong sexual assault conference in Winnemucca

WINNEMUCCA--A daylong conference updating nurses, social workers, law enforcement officers and teachers about child and adult sexual assault will be held at the Winnemucca Convention Center, Thursday, April 5, beginning at 10 a.m.

The conference will address issues such as interviewing adult and child victims of sexual assault, the collection of evidence, understanding victim trauma and identifying physical and psychological signs of child abuse.

Instructors include Kathy Peele, clinic director for the Washoe County Child Sexual Abuse Investigation Team; Maria Fassett, criminologist with the Washoe County Sheriff's office; Dianna Sanchez, victim specialist and coordinator for the Rape Victims Assistance Program in Reno and Carson City; and Dr. JoAnn Lippert, a psychologist specializing in the treatment of child and adolescent victims of sexual abuse.

The conference is sponsored by Northeastern Nevada Area Health Education Center which works in partnership with the University of Nevada School of Medicine providing continuing education for health professionals in rural areas of the state and by the Nevada State Division of Human Resources. For more information contact Karen Kimber in Elko at 738-3828.