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2015 ANNUAL CONFERENCE



October 6-8
Charleston Civic Center
Charleston, WV



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About the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children

The mission of the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) is to break the cycle of abuse and neglect by empowering practitioners who work to transform the lives of children and families living in drug environments. We provide training and technical assistance to state DEC alliances and all those in the community who assist and care for drug endangered children.

We work to strengthen community capacity by coordinating efforts with state and local alliances and by providing training and technical assistance. We also connect resources to practitioners through our Resource Center. Because of support from individuals, corporate partners, foundations, and governmental agencies, National DEC provides program assistance to communities across the nation.

We believe that success begins with identifying children at risk. Recognizing children as victims gives us all an opportunity to provide intervention. By working together and leveraging resources, we can provide drug endangered children opportunities to live in safe and nurturing environments free from abuse and neglect.

About the Conference

The 12th annual National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children conference will provide training on the latest research and best practice strategies for drug endangered children efforts at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. This conference will enable participants to enhance collaborative efforts to protect children from the harmful effects of their caregivers' substance abuse and drug activity

Who Should Attend?

Law Enforcement, Child Welfare Workers, Prosecutors, Medical Professionals, Mental Health Professionals, Treatment Providers, Courts, Probation/Parole, Corrections, Victim Advocates, Drug Court Personnel, Day Report, Teachers, CASAs, Youth Workers, Paramedics, EMTs, Social Workers, Foster Parents, and the Faith Community. Anyone who has the opportunity to come in contact with children and families.

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General Information

The National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (National DEC) conference will provide practical instruction, using current information, the newest ideas and most successful intervention strategies, to those professionals who assist and care for drug endangered children. The conference is conducted for the sole purpose of providing training on the latest research and best practice strategies for drug endangered children efforts at the local, state, tribal, and federal levels. This conference will enable participants to enhance collaborative efforts to protect children from the harmful effects of their caregivers' substance abuse.

Plenary Sessions

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

James E. Cople - When Compassion is Not Enough: Seeking Justice in a World Hostile to Children

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Handle With Care

Thursday, October 8, 2015

Jim Harris - Supporting Drug Endangered children from the Individual to Community Levels

Tuesday, October 6, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m.

Registration/Check-in

10:00 a.m. - 10:30 a.m.

Opening Ceremony

10:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Plenary

12:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 p.m. - 2:45 p.m.

Breakout Session A

3:00 p.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Breakout Session B

Wednesday, October 7, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Information Desk

8:30 a.m. - 9:15 a.m.

Dignitaries & Special Guests

9:15 a.m. - 10:15 a.m.

Plenary

10:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m.

Breakout Session C

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon

1:15 p.m. - 2:30 p.m.

Breakout Session D

2:45 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Breakout Session E

Thursday, October 8, 2015

7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m.

Information Desk

8:30 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.

Breakout Session F

10:00 a.m. - 11:15 a.m.

Breakout Session G

11:30 a.m. - 12:45 p.m.

Closing Plenary

12:45 p.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Closing Remarks



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Conference Schedule October 6th

7:30 -10:00 am	Conference Registration/ Information
10:00 -10:30 am	Opening Ceremony
10:30 -12:00 pm	Opening Plenary - James Copple

Lunch on Your Own

1:30 -2:45 pm	Breakout Session A
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Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
Core DEC Awareness Overview	Medical Prospective of Trauma Induced Stress and Promotion of Resiliency	Safeguarding Children During Investigative and Tactical Operations	The Medical-Forensic Child Neglect Medical Assessment Report: The "Dirty House" Report—Improvements with Prosecution and Better Childhood Outcomes	Tribal Laws in Indian Country	Today's Emerging Drug Trends

1:30 -2:45 pm	Breakout Session B
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Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
The DEC Approach: Changing Trajectories	Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and Neurodevelopmental Impact for Opiate Exposed Infants	Tip of the Iceberg: A Five-Year Expedition to a Community Collaboration Addressing the Gaps in Prevention, Identification and Treatment of Substance-Exposed Infants and Their	Care-Informed Care: Promoting a Culture of Civility for Our Children	Changing the Odds – Effectively Working with Families Dealing with Adverse Childhood Experiences and substance use Disorders	"Is my mommy high?": Drug Recognition Expert and DEC Cases



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Conference Schedule October 7th

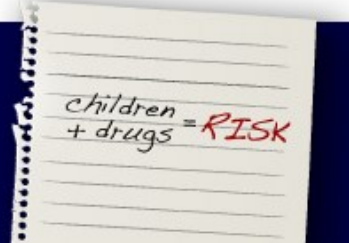
7:30 - 9:00 am		Conference Registration			
8:30 - 9:15 am		Dignitaries & Special Guests			
9:15 - 10:15 am		Opening Plenary - Handle With Care			
10:30 - 11:45 am		Breakout Session C			
Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
<i>Evidence Collection for all Disciplines: Supporting a DEC Case</i>	<i>Maternal Substance Abuse: the OB perspective</i>	<i>Gang Effects on Communities</i>	<i>Interviewing Drug Exposed Children: What do I say next?</i>	<i>Time IN Strategies for the Drug Endangered Kid in the Classroom</i>	<i>Naloxone: The Partnership of Law Enforcement and Public Health</i>

Luncheon

1:15 - 2:30 pm		Breakout Session D			
Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
<i>Intersection of Human Trafficking and Drug Endangered Children</i>	<i>Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome</i>	<i>Visual Autopsy: Child Deaths (part 1)</i>	<i>The Front Line Worker – “Child Abuse and Injury Investigation & Reconstruction”</i>	<i>SafeGuard Initiative – Staying Safe and Guarding Against Abuse & Neglect for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities</i>	<i>From Pills to Heroin</i>
2:45 - 4:00 pm		Breakout Session E			
Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
<i>Bridging the Gap</i>	<i>COPS & DOCS</i>	<i>Visual Autopsy: Child Deaths (part 2)</i>	<i>Through A Child’s Eyes: Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Children</i>	<i>Drug Prevention Youth Challenge</i>	<i>Forensic Drug Testing – Benefits and Limitations of Testing Methodologies and Samples</i>



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Conference Schedule October 8th

7:30 - 8:30 am	Conference Registration
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8:30 - 9:45 am	Breakout Session F
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Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
<i>But My State Doesn't Operate on a County Government System</i>	<i>Fetal Alcohol Syndrome</i>	<i>BHO Awareness: Butane Honey Oil Labs Exploding In A Neighborhood Near You</i>	<i>Healthier Moms, Healthier Babies, Right from the Start</i>	<i>Pathways to Survival</i>	<i>Methamphetamine</i>

10:00 - 11:15 am	Breakout Session G
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Breakout Session 1	Breakout Session 2	Breakout Session 3	Breakout Session 4	Breakout Session 5	Breakout Session 6
<i>The Impact of Marijuana Legalization in Colorado and the Consequences to Children</i>	<i>Sex Trafficking and Drug Endangered Children</i>	<i>Operation Rescue (Breaking the chain and providing hope for America's future)</i>	<i>Co-Petitioning</i>	<i>Connected Care – Safe & Ethical Use of Technology to Deliver Trauma Informed Care to Families & Children</i>	<i>Today's Emerging Drug Trends (repeat)</i>

11:30 -12:45 pm	Closing Plenary - Jim Harris
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12:45 -1:00 pm	Closing Remarks
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A WORKSHOPS

October 6, 2015 - 1:30 p.m. to 2:45 p.m.

A1

Core DEC Awareness Overview

Stacey Read and Eric Nation

The national strategy for responding to drug endangered children focuses on the formation of multi-disciplinary partnerships that take advantage of existing agency personnel, resources, and responsibilities and coordinate their mutual interests and duties to meet the specific needs of these children. The focus on these children's needs lasts throughout the entire process until the child is in a permanent, safe, and positive functioning environment. This workshop will highlight the risks to children living in dangerous drug environments and the long-term impacts of these environments. This workshop includes the highlights of National DEC's popular Core DEC Awareness Program.

A2

Medical Prospective of Trauma Induced Stress and Promotion of Resiliency

Dr. Joan Phillips with Dr. Sharon Istfan

Doctors Istfan and Phillips will discuss the biology of the effects of childhood stress. They will explain the social and emotional screening of children and strategies for promoting resiliency in children. This workshop is appropriate for all disciplines.

A3

Safeguarding Children During Investigative and Tactical Operations

Mitchel J. Brown

Law Enforcement (LE) on a regular basis serves "high risk warrants" on suspects and/or locations that have children. During these events LE has not always conducted the proper planning to mitigate the dangers, trauma, and safety of the children by using partnerships, needed resources, training, intelligence gathering and threat assessment. This workshop will discuss how most police actions involving planned vs spontaneous events can lead to less trauma, greater safety and have a positive impact on the children through good planning and preparation. An "Operational Plan Checklist" will be provided and discussed to ensure that the appropriate resources, partnerships, intelligence gathering and assessments are occurring on each investigative and tactical operation. Other topics include civil and criminal liability for: failure to train properly; caring for children of arrested parents; use of force; and justifying your actions.

A4

The Medical-Forensic Child Neglect Medical Assessment Report: The "Dirty House" Report—Improvements with Prosecution and Better Childhood Outcomes

Susan Buxbaum

The traditional processing of child neglect due to unhealthy and dangerous living conditions has been with law enforcement and social services and often without medical input. Since the creation of a Medical-Forensic Child Neglect Assessment Report aka "Dirty House Report", our community has seen an approximate 50% increase in the prosecution of cases of child neglect. Children are moved to safer living environments and have improved health outcomes. This begins when a pediatric forensic nurse examiner goes to the home along with law enforcement. Medical conditions detrimental to the health and safety of children are photographed and documented to capture the living conditions and a comprehensive medical-forensic examination is performed on the children. The health and safety risks to the children are outlined in the report including photos.

A5

Working with Children in Indian Country: Understanding Jurisdiction and Federal Mandatory Reporting Obligations

Leslie Hagen

The health, safety and welfare of children living in Indian country may be jeopardized by adults using and/or abusing drugs and alcohol. Professionals working in Indian country learning of facts that give reason to suspect that a child has suffered child abuse or neglect may have reporting obligations under tribal, state or federal law. This session will cover the basics of Indian Country criminal jurisdiction, relevant federal statutes mandating the immediate reporting of suspected abuse, to whom the reports must be made, and the legal consequences for failing to report suspected abuse or neglect. In addition, I will cover potential federal charges for cases in Indian country where children have been abused or neglected and rights and protections afforded to child victims in federal court.

A6

Today's Emerging Drug Trends

Lieutenant Courtney Pero

The primary focus of this workshop will be new and emerging drug trends across the country. The overall number of substances being abused today has noticeably increased over the last five years. Much of this increase can be attributed to the influx of synthetic drugs as well as newer forms of some existing drugs. Attendees will be provided information on synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and synthetic hallucinogens. Specific drug trends, legislation and drug slang terms from across the country will be discussed. In addition, attendees will receive information on other trends (including Butane Hash Oil and THC extraction) as well as the resurgence of Heroin, GHB and other illicit substances. This workshop will include information on the abuse of these substances by juveniles themselves along with the potential for more incapacitated caregivers, which could result in more ignored, abused, and abandoned children.



B WORKSHOPS

October 6, 2015 - 3:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

B1

The DEC Approach: Changing Trajectories

Stacey Read and Eric Nation

This workshop focuses on implementing the DEC Approach—the collaborative approach between various practitioners that is essential to improve outcomes for drug endangered children. This presentation will provide insights about how various practitioners—including child welfare professionals, law enforcement officers, prosecutors, probation/parole, medical personnel, educators and treatment providers—are in a position to help identify and report on drug endangered children. We will provide insights about how collaboration among these practitioners leads to better communication and more information about Drug Endangered Children and their families, both of which lead to more informed decisions that can lead to better outcomes for children. The presenters will also discuss the identification of risks to drug endangered children and what all disciplines can look for when collecting evidence and information on drug endangered children.

B2

NAS & Neurodevelopmental Impact for Opiate Exposed Infants

Dr. Loretta Finnegan

The number of U.S. infants admitted to neonatal intensive care units to treat symptoms of drug withdrawal has nearly quadrupled since 2004. Neonatal abstinence syndrome is a drug-withdrawal syndrome that often occurs after exposure to heroin or prescription narcotic painkillers during pregnancy. This syndrome presents with symptoms that can negatively impact infant regulation and early caregiving. This workshop will address identification of symptoms, methods for assessment and supportive interventions to ameliorate outcomes and interactions for these vulnerable infants. It will offer a discussion on both Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome and how this impacts neurodevelopmental status for the infant.

B3

Tip of the Iceberg: A Five-Year Expedition to a Community Collaboration Addressing the Gaps in Prevention, Identification and Treatment of Substance-Exposed Infants and Their Families

Teresa Clawson, MD; Maria Delalla, RN; Amanda Judd; Denise Acker; Craig Cline; and Judge Elizabeth Kellas

The panel's discussion will explore the Winchester areas collaborative efforts to address the gaps in prevention, identification and treatment for substance abuse. Each panelist will describe their specific role in responding to the consequences for children and families of this chronic neurobiological disease. The workshop will also include a case study that will provide panelists and attendees the opportunity to engage in a conversation about one community's efforts to address substance abuse from a true, multi-disciplinary system of care approach.

B4

Trauma-Informed Care: Promoting a Culture of Civility for Our Children

Dr. Kimberly I. Fielding

A comprehensive view of Drug Endangered Children involves obtaining knowledge, values, and skills in this service area. As the understanding of trauma expands due to research like the ACEs study, child-servicing professionals are better able to detect the impact of exposure to drugs. The Trauma-Informed care message also increases valuing "what happened?" over "what's wrong?" due to drug endangerment. However, to facilitate a culture shift, intentional effort toward care skill building is necessary for this vulnerable population. Moving children from violence, shame, and fear toward civility requires an explicit set of actionable steps within all child-serving sectors. This workshop will elaborate on the definition, types of interactions, and the dynamic impact of providing well-informed care practices after a drug endangered episode. Stories and examples of success will illuminate the care skills that are vital to reaching the goal of happy, healthy, and safe children.

B5

Changing the Odds – effectively working with families dealing with adverse childhood experiences and substance use disorders

Rosemary Tisch

This workshop will overview the impact of adverse childhood experiences (ACEs) and the importance and effectiveness of working with the entire family. Effective strategies will be shared using NACoA's (National Association for Children of Alcoholics) Celebrating Families!™ (CF!). This whole-family, trauma-informed, skill building program was developed at the request of one of the country's first drug dependency courts in 2003 and is listed on SAMSHA's National Registry of Evidence Based Programs & Practices. The curriculum uses a cognitive behavioral theory (CBT) model to achieve three primary goals: break the cycle of addiction in families; reduce relapse; and facilitate successful family reunification. Through Celebrating Families!™ resiliency factors increase, risk factors decrease, and healthy living skills are acquired by the entire family.

B6

"Is my mommy high?" Drug Recognition Expert and DEC Cases

Joseph Kohler

With West Virginia having one of the highest drug abuse and drug addicted birth rates in the nation, social workers and law enforcement officers often times find themselves facing people battling drug abuse and addiction daily. Social workers and law enforcement regularly interact with parents and custodians whose drug abuse and addiction endanger the lives of their children. The purpose of this workshop is to educate social workers and other arms of law enforcement to observe and articulate the signs and symptoms of drug impairment. There will be a discussion about how drugs affect speech patterns, mental capacity, physical tasks, and how the "eyes are the windows to impairment." The goal of this presentation is to provide additional tools to properly observe and document integral signs of drug impairment to insure that our children are in safe environments.



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C WORKSHOPS

October 7, 2015 - 10:30 a.m. to 11:45 a.m.

C1

Evidence Collection for all Disciplines: Supporting a DEC Case

Stacey Read and Eric Nation

Most states in the US formalize the process of assessing risk by using some type of structured decision-making process or tool. These risk assessment tools typically include broad categories related to abuse and neglect, as well as behavioral descriptions, procedures to determine levels of risk, and standardized forms for recording this information. Before child welfare agencies intervene with families, they are generally required to identify maltreatment or the risk of maltreatment. Therefore, the assessment of risk is a critical part of child welfare agency work. What evidence would you say demonstrates the actual risk factors to children? This workshop highlights a portion of the National DEC Discipline Specific Training and focuses specifically on evidence collection and the "Evidence of Risk" tool developed for law enforcement to help assess the risk and safety of a child. This simple tool helps law enforcement to know what to look for at a DEC scene as related to risk of physical abuse, neglect, exposure to illegal activity, and more. The presenters will review the tool through a workshop that includes vignettes and photographs geared to assist LE in gaining the skills to assess DEC scenes for child welfare issues.

C2

Maternal Substance Abuse: the OB Perspective

David G. Chaffin, Jr., M.D.

Opiate addiction is now the most common co-morbidity seen in pregnancy in West Virginia. Traditionally, methadone maintenance is the gold standard of treatment. Due to the increasing doses of methadone required during pregnancy, neonatal abstinence syndrome is threatening to overwhelm nurseries in delivering hospitals. Buprenorphine (Subutex) is an alternative opiate maintenance medication that has advantages for both mother and newborn. Setting up a buprenorphine program has both regulatory and medical challenges that are outweighed by the advantages including 1) less overdose risk, 2) improved counseling availability 3) closer patient surveillance, 4) ability to DECREASE the dose over the course of pregnancy, and 5) less intense neonatal abstinence.

C3

Gang Effects on Communities

Brian Holland

This workshop is an informative look at the deep connection between gang violence, weapons and drug distribution plaguing communities, specifically small to medium sized cities in America. It will show evidentiary pictures, videos and documents from Gang Specialist Holland's investigations depicting the violence and criminal behavior of specific gangs and their members. In addition, Gang Specialist Holland will provide in-depth information regarding the rules, tenants and ideologies of gangs, including ways the law enforcement and civilian community can deal with the growing and ever changing epidemic.

C4

Interviewing Drug Exposed Children: What do I say next?

Maureen Runyon

This workshop will focus on basic interviewing techniques with children and more specifically, how to question them about drug exposure and activity. Real case examples and interviews will be reviewed.

C5

Time IN Strategies for the Drug Endangered Kid in the Classroom

Dr. Kiti Freier Randall and Burt Umstead

The construct of 'Time in' is to offer children a sense of belonging, nurturing, and relationship within in boundaries that provide routine and a sense of safety. These are important elements for any child but critical for the Drug Endangered Child to be able to succeed. "Time in" also emphasizes healthy role modeling and in-vivo skill building. In the school setting this would develop a sense of a caring community in which to learn. Research has shown that a strong sense of community increases academic performance and improves student behavior. This workshop will describe the journey of how a school, in a high intensity drug trafficking area, became a "Time in" school. Discussion of the schools culture change and strategies of how to implement "Time in" will be offered.

C6

Naloxone: The Partnership of Law Enforcement and Public Health

Lieutenant Patrick Glynn

There is misinformation and a lack of educational materials for the public to make an informed decision in regards to Naloxone. Mr. Glynn will discuss the partnership of law enforcement and mental health as it pertains to methods to reduce opioid fatal and non-fatal overdoses. He will examine the increase of fatal opioid overdoses throughout the country.



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D WORKSHOPS

October 7, 2015 - 1:15 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.

D1

Intersection of Human Trafficking and Drug Endangered Children

Becky Owens Bullard

Human trafficking has multiple intersections with children who are endangered by drug abuse, use and sale in their trafficking situation. In particular, young people who are trafficked by parents or other family members are often also in a drug endangered household. Drug involvement in human trafficking of juveniles can also extend to other forms of sex and labor trafficking, such as pimp-controlled sex trafficking, intimate partner sex trafficking and forced drug trafficking. This workshop will provide clarification of the definition of human trafficking and how exploitations can directly intersect with drug endangered children in order to increase identification and services to victims of both crimes.

D2

Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome

Dr. Sean Loudin

Dr. Loudin will discuss the epidemiology of NAS, the clinical presentation of and management of infants affected by withdrawal. He introduces innovative alternatives to hospital care for these babies that allows for a smooth transition into society.

D3

Visual Autopsy Child Deaths (part 1)

Sue Webber-Brown

A visual autopsy debriefs recent abuse cases ending in child deaths. Students will map the chain of events with dates and circumstances identifying contributing factors. Law enforcement and social services will see the common matrix in drug and child abuse cases that require the expertise of both disciplines. Understanding their role and learning from past mistakes gives way to a new appreciation for what can be accomplished together. Students will realize the child death cases depicted here were avoidable and could have been prevented. Using information from reports and investigative practices, students will be able to write a Drug and DEC search warrant, prepare raid plans, conduct a systematic search, document and collect evidence, identify other experts, conduct suspect - witness - victim interviews, prepare reports and complete follow-up. Includes court questioning for officers and witnesses!

D4

The Front Line Worker – “Child Abuse and Injury Investigation & Reconstruction”

Jim Holler

Physical abuse, sexual abuse and neglect of children can happen anywhere. Anyone, regardless of social, economic, or educational level, can physically abuse or neglect a child. Investigators must be able to recognize the behaviors of abusive parents or caretakers and be able to begin to process all important information relating to the assessment of soft tissue injuries in victims of child abuse. This workshop will address the duties of the investigating police officer and CPS worker as they begin to investigate a child abuse complaint and what forms of evidence should be collected in every case. Investigators will be provided with the essential information on the abuse and neglect of children, the dynamics of physical abuse, and the reconstruction and investigation of soft tissue injuries.

D5

SafeGuard Initiative – Staying Safe and Guarding Against Abuse & Neglect for Those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities

Inetta Fluharty

Children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities have among the highest rates of physical, emotional and sexual abuse compared to any other group in our society today, which leads to great concern. This session will provide the statistical reference for this statement as well as explore the signs and indicators of abuse, how power and control can lead to abuse and neglect, and what providers and the community can do to protect individuals with disabilities from abuse and neglect. In addition to addressing reducing the risk of abuse of individuals with disabilities, it will also provide vital information on barriers to reporting from these vulnerable populations and barriers to appropriate response and intervention from responders.

D6

From Pills to Heroin

Lieutenant Chad Napier

Americans, constituting only 4.6% of the world's population, have been consuming 80% of the global opioid supply, and 99% of the global hydrocodone supply, according to The American Society of Interventional Pain Physicians. The appetite for prescription pills in the Appalachia area has led to a heroin epidemic which is devastating the state. West Virginia leads the nation in the drug overdose death rate at 28.9 per 100,000, while the national average is 13 per 100,000. We will look at how West Virginia got itself in the current epidemic of heroin abuse.



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E1

Bridging the Gap

Jim Holler

This highly emotional workshop is designed to touch the heart of each person within the MDT team, challenging them to do better child abuse and sexual assault investigations. The common goal between each agency is creating a child-safe world where children are free from being abused and exploited by adults. Both CPS and law enforcement personnel work very hard in an effort to achieve this goal; however, in many cases agencies are working independently from the other. This causes friction between the two agencies, and in many cases, a child may suffer and the perpetrator may go free. This workshop will educate the law enforcement officer on the duties of the CPS worker: the standards they are required to prove by law and the results when these standards are not met. CPS workers will learn the role of law enforcement and what officers face in dealing with these types of cases. The primary goal is to bring these agencies closer together, not only in an investigative role in child abuse cases, but also as a support system where they can lean on each other for encouragement and support. This workshop is designed to show the benefits of joint investigation, such as improved protection and services for children, better understanding of roles and responsibilities, enhanced information sharing, more effective use of limited resources, enhanced training, and reduced burnout.

E2

COPS & DOCS

Cindy Giese

No Description Available at This Time.

E3

Visual Autopsy Child Deaths (part 2)

Sue Webber-Brown

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E4

Through A Child's Eyes: Understanding the Effects of Trauma on Children

Jim Harris

Unfortunately, if you are working with children and families today, you are likely encountering trauma and its effects. In this workshop, Mr. Harris helps you to better understand how the experience of trauma can have a profound effect on the physiology and psychology of children. Mr. Harris will explore different types of trauma and how they impact the developmental trajectory of children. He will also explore how understanding these potential affects can help us to provide more responsible and effective interventions.

E5

Drug Prevention Youth Challenge

Sergeant Jim Gerhardt

The Denver Area's North Metro Task Force has partnered with the Adams County Youth Initiative for the past five years to challenge high school students to create anti-drug campaigns. The project challenges teens to research, create, and implement the campaigns which are all ultimately scored with a winning project selected each year. This session will discuss this dynamic Annual Youth Challenge concept.

E6

Forensic Drug Testing – Benefits and Limitations of Testing Methodologies and Samples

Dr. Lauren Waugh and Justin Lockwood

This workshop will describe the laboratory methods used to test specimens collected for drug analysis. Forensic drug testing uses a two-step process to determine that a sample is positive for a given drug. The first step in this process is a presumptive test, which is often an immunoassay. A positive presumptive testing provides laboratory personnel with the information that the sample may contain a drug and that further testing should be performed. Presumptive tests must be confirmed with a more discriminating method of analysis to determine that the sample does contain a drug and to identify that individual drug. The methodologies used in presumptive and confirmatory drug testing will be explained as well as the benefits and limitations of these tests and various forensic samples (blood, urine, hair, oral fluid, etc.). Another aspect of forensic drug testing is overcoming attempts to adulterate samples. Sample collection, methods of adulteration, and how the laboratory can attempt to detect these issues will conclude the presentation.



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F1

But My State Doesn't Operate on a County Government System

Sara Wilhelm with Edward Gould and Wayne Kowal

You may have already heard about all the great DEC collaborations happening in county jurisdictions, and you left wondering how to implement the Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Approach in your state, as a champion and cheerleader for DEC, when your state operates on a statewide model? This workshop will present how Connecticut navigated the state system using information learned from states with county systems to create a statewide DEC Alliance that began with two agencies, moved to four and now encompasses eleven state entities ranging from CW to LE to Parole, Probation, Education, Mental Health and Addiction Services, Judicial and much more. What existing systems can be used to leverage partnerships and foster collaborations? How do agencies with state mandates work together - with no fiscal impact in these tight times - to build and foster a working DEC Alliance.

F2

Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Kathy Paxton

The workshop will explore the teratogenic effects of alcohol, a depressant, causing irreversible damage to the developing fetus. Learn what you can do to prevent and to intervene with children and families that suffer from fetal alcohol spectrum disorders. This knowledge-based course provides an overview of historical findings related to alcohol use by pregnant women, identification and diagnosis of FASD, prevention and treatment methods.

F3

BHO Awareness: Butane Honey Oil Labs Exploding In A Neighborhood Near You

Sue Webber-Brown

As more states move toward regulating medical and recreational marijuana, demand has increased from raw cannabis to cannabis concentrates— a big problem! An amateur uses a solvent in a confined space and the invisible vapors pool to the floor. The smallest spark causes massive explosions and fires destroying hotels and apartment buildings. Residents flee for safety, and the “Cannabis Cooks” are either killed or rushed to the hospital facing years of recovery and multiple surgeries. Of course innocent bystanders and children often suffer the same fate.

Attendees will learn safety precautions and will see a variety of BHO fire and explosion incidents from Northern to Southern California and beyond. Learn how BHO data from 467 California cases has been collected and maintained of which 184 were explosions with 111 suspects injured and 32 dead and 67 innocent children were present, several of them injured.

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Healthier Moms, Healthier Babies, Right from the Start

Jeannie Clark

The presentation will describe all projects within Perinatal Programs including Right From The Start (RFTS), Maternity Services, Newborn Hearing Screening and the WV Birth Score. A demonstration of simulator dolls for Shaken Baby, Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and Drug Affected Baby will be included. These simulator dolls are used by RFTS providers on home visits to educate families about the dangers of substance use during pregnancy and are also presented by the Program statewide at community events.

Maternity Services provides limited funding of prenatal, delivery, postpartum, and routine newborn hospital care for low-income, medically-indigent pregnant women who are ineligible for Medicaid, have no insurance to cover obstetrical care, and have a monthly income below 185% of the Federal Poverty Level. The project helps to ensure WV women have the benefit of early and appropriate health care during the course of their pregnancy.

The programs use professional, highly qualified, specially trained, registered nurses and licensed social workers experienced in providing home based care coordination services to high risk pregnant women and infants. Multi-generational outcomes that benefit society economically and reduce long-term social service expenditures have been demonstrated through Perinatal Programs. The voluntary home visitation prevention program, Right From The Start, is committed to producing enduring improvements in the health and well-being of low-income parents and infants. Because of the current ongoing epidemic of substance abuse in WV, the RFTS Program seeks to assist pregnant women and families with support and referrals for treatment of addiction in an attempt to prevent Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome.

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Pathways to Survival

Trudi Blaylock, with Sawyer, Susan and Rich Wright

This workshop will provide attendees a first-hand account of what happens as a drug-affected infant grows up. Sawyer Wright was born to a mother who abused multiple substances during her pregnancy. He was adopted by a loving family who was forced to navigate a system ill-equipped to address his needs. As mental health and medical professionals attempted various interventions, Sawyer and his family began to understand that his condition would be a life-long struggle. Sawyer's disabilities often made him the target of bullying and ridicule, setting in feelings of hopelessness. He entered his first placement at the age of five. The years brought many more placements including juvenile detention. Once Sawyer turned 18, he entered another layer of the system. Juvenile treatment centers turned into the adult state mental institution. Through it all, Sawyer and his family are dedicated to making their experience an avenue to facilitate improvements to systems that are facing an epidemic of drug endangered children moving toward adulthood.



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G WORKSHOPS

October 8, 2015 - 10:00 a.m. to 11:15 a.m.

G1 **The Impact of Marijuana Legalization in Colorado and the Consequences to Children**

Sergeant Jim Gerhardt

This workshop will explore the impact to Colorado, after voters legalized marijuana for recreational use in 2012, including the impact on youth, schools, and child maltreatment.

G2 **Sex Trafficking and Drug Endangered Children**

Dr. Halleh Seddighzadeh

This workshop will examine the intersection of commercially sexually exploited children (CSEC) and DEC, using a trauma-informed, international best practices approach. A culturally intelligent framework will inform our dialogue surrounding the complex issues facing this population. Such as: 1) Profile and identification of DEC and its intersection with child sex trafficking, 2) Trauma Profile and Clinical consideration for practitioners across varying fields working with DEC - Trafficking cases and the importance of understanding the nuances of poly-trauma in this population and 3) International best practices in working with CSEC cases that can be applied to DEC.

G3 **Operation Rescue (Breaking the chain and providing hope for America's future)**

Lieutenant Mark Davis and Trudi Blaylock

This workshop will bring to light the importance of collaboration between law enforcement, prosecutor's, CPS, and other agencies / groups which work to help children who are endangered by drug use and abuse. Working together is what makes the difference for these children and we will teach techniques and protocols that will allow this to happen. Our presentation is about America's hope in the future...and these children play a part in that future.

G4 **Co-Petitioning**

Sherry Eling and Joyce Yedlosky

This workshop will take a closer look at understanding the ins and outs of co-petitioning and how co-petitioning addresses safety, well-being and permanency for children. The workshop will provide case examples, connect process with victim trauma and provide opportunity for participant input and discussion.

G5 **Connected Care – Safe & Ethical Use of Technology to Deliver Trauma Informed Care to Families & Children**

Susie Mullins

Families who are exposed to and are victims of trauma may experience many barriers to receiving timely and appropriate levels of treatment. According to Jones et. al. 2014 approximately 22% of children ages 2-17 are victims of trauma each year in the U. S. As we know early intervention post trauma is associated with more positive outcomes and the safe use of technology can be helpful in delivering specialty trauma treatment to children and families. Access to specialty care can be challenging for families due to travel cost and a lack of capacity of the local resources. Technology is a tool which can improve access to trauma informed care while easing the burden on providers and families. This session will demonstrate how technology can provide a safe alternative to office based treatment and provide tools for the clinical staff, advocates and families; and how communication and collaboration can be improved with the use of technology in a HIPAA compliant environment.

G6 **Today's Emerging Drug Trends (repeat)**

Lieutenant Courtney Pero

The primary focus of this presentation will be new and emerging drug trends across the country. The overall number of substances being abused today has noticeably increased over the last five years. Much of this increase can be attributed to the influx of synthetic drugs as well as newer forms of some existing drugs. Substances known as "Wax", "Dabs", "N-Bomb", "Molly", "Gravel", "Syrup", "Snappers", "Krokodil", "Purple Dank", "Cloud Nine" and "Moon Rocks" are relatively new to the drug scene and continue to increase in popularity. These substances, along with existing substances known as "G", "Ice", "Boy" and "Tar" are causing an avalanche of problems for parents, law enforcement, educators, judges, medical professionals, correction officers, child welfare workers, prosecutors and others. Attendees will be provided information on synthetic cannabinoids, synthetic cathinones and synthetic hallucinogens. Specific drug trends, legislation and drug slang terms from across the country will be discussed.



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Denise Acker

Denise Acker, MA, is the Children, Youth and Family Services Supervisor for the Northwestern Community Services Board, who has been working with children and families for 23 years. She provides administrative oversight and clinical supervision of outpatient, in-home services, case managers, Therapeutic Day Treatment, Adolescent Substance Abuse, Infant/Toddler Case Managers, Juvenile Detention Center Project, Court Liaison, Prevention Services, Early Intervention Services, Intensive Care Coordination and Mental Health Initiative Funds. She has Systems of Care training, and is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Alliance for Children, Youth and Families, Chair for Children and Family Services State Council for VACSB, a Board Member of the Community and Law Enforcement Against Narcotics (CLEAN) advocacy and awareness organization, member of the Health Advisory Committee of Frederick County Public Schools, the Chair for the Family Assessment and Planning Team for Frederick County, has participated in the Handle with C.A.R.E. (Coordinating Access, Responding Effectively to Maternal Substance Use) initiative with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services and is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition.

Trudi Blaylock

Trudi Blaylock is employed by PSIMED Corrections, LLC as the Vice President of Operations for their Juvenile Services Division. Previously, she has work as a Coordinator of Offender Services with

Counseling and Consulting Services, Inc. in Tucson, AZ. She was also a Counselor on the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, working with Middle School students. Ms. Blaylock also worked as a Program Mentor with PSIMED Corrections, LLC for the WV Division of Corrections in the areas of Sex Offender Treatment, Anger Management, Crime Victim Awareness and Batterers Intervention Prevention Programs. Prior to her current position, Trudi spent seven years as a Mental Health Professional at Mt. Olive Correctional Complex providing direct services to offenders, developing and implementing group modules for sexual offending, anger control, victim awareness, stress management, conflict resolution, and sleep disorders. She assisted in the development of policies and procedures for mental health services, provided crisis intervention for cases of self-mutilation, suicidality, psychosis, and/or psychological distress, and trained institutional staff about issues such as sexual offending, adolescent development, managing special populations, suicide prevention, mental health and juvenile justice, and trauma-informed care.

Ms. Blaylock came to corrections with a background in community mental health services. She worked in several different capacities to include trainer/educator, treatment assistant, counselor, and case manager.

She has provided multiple trainings on crime-related topics to a variety of groups including: Institutional Staff, MD Residency Program at Charleston Area Medical Center,

Arizona Sex Offender Unit Probation Officers, Social Workers, WV Legislative Oversight Committee, Sheriffs' Association Youth Leadership Academy, US Attorney's Office, WV Law Enforcement and the Women Working In Corrections in Iowa.

Currently, Ms. Blaylock is a Clinical Member- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, a member of the West Virginia.

Mitchel J. Brown

Certified by the state of CA as a DEC instructor and related subject matters for 20 years, 300 presentations, 25,000 students, from a variety of disciplines both private and public at the local/state/federal and tribal levels.

Mr. Brown's investigative experience includes 2000 cases while his tactical expertise includes 34 years & 1550 hours of training. He is a certified firearms (handguns, tactical rifles, assault weapons, shotguns) and tactical instructor. He has attended multiple SWAT courses including basic & advanced (DOJ/JTF-6), Rural Tactics, Tactical Team Leader/Commander (FBI), SWAT Supervision/Management (NTOA) and Advanced Police Tactics Instructor Development Course (DOJ/JTF-6). Mr. Brown was the architect, developer, and Incident Commander for DOJ's tactical operations involving the Violence Suppression Unit (9 teams, 50 person unit) involving high risk apprehensions/entries. He is a member of the California Association of Tactical Officers, National Tactical Officers Association and Past member of American Society for Law Enforcement Trainers.



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Becky Owens Bullard

Becky Owens Bullard is a consultant and trainer on issues of human trafficking and abuse based in Denver, CO. Ms. Bullard specializes in the intersections human trafficking with issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse and creating collaborative, victim-centered responses to these issues. She has conducted trainings nation-wide for thousands of practitioners and diverse audiences. Specific to drug endangered children, Ms. Bullard has presented for the Denver DEC-JIDEF and at the Colorado DEC Conference in 2012 and 2013 on the intersections of human trafficking and drug endangered children. Ms. Bullard is the Project Director of the Denver Anti-Trafficking Alliance, a multidisciplinary collaborative with over 30 agencies responding to the issue of human trafficking in Denver. Previously, Ms. Bullard worked as a National Trainer and Program Specialist for Polaris Project and the National Human Trafficking Hotline where she coordinated human trafficking cases while creating the Human Trafficking Power and Control Wheel, numerous trainings and multiple trafficking victim assessment tools.

Susan Buxbaum

As a Pediatric Forensic Nurse Examiner, Ms. Buxbaum created a tool and a comprehensive report called the Medical--Forensic Child Neglect Assessment aka "dirty house report" to document living conditions where there are concerns of extreme chronic neglect. These neglectful conditions include filth, caregiver drug use and other factors that can cause significant harm or illness, including

death to children. A forensic photographer takes photographs of the home, detailing and risks. The children are examined and photographed. The report is used by law enforcement and civil proceedings showed a 50% increase in felony convictions or child abuse. As a CORE DEC trained School Nurse, children are assessed for wellness and routine health maintenance. Collaboration with teachers, counselors, law enforcement and child protection occurs when there are concerns for drug endangerment, abuse and neglect. Ms. Buxbaum testifies as an expert in abuse and neglect and has examined over 1500 children for abuse.

Jeannie Clark

In 1999, while furthering her college education, Jeannie Clark was required to complete a course in public speaking. Ms. Clark successfully completed the course and received an "A" grade. Since that time, she has had opportunities to present orally on a regular basis. She began using her skills as the leader of her church group's Women's Fellowship where she presented to 30 or more women on a monthly basis. For 13 years Ms. Clark was employed by Kanawha-Charleston Health Department as a Designated Care Coordinator (DCC) for the Right From The Start Program (RFTS), a clinical nurse and a supervisor. As a RFTS DCC, she made home visits to provide care coordination services for high-risk pregnant women and infants in three WV counties. In 2001, Ms. Clark received a job promotion to the State position of WV Director of Perinatal Programs. Since that time, she has been required to pre-

sent orally to large groups throughout the State of WV and in other states on a regular basis. In 2009 she was selected to co present to an international group on smoking cessation during pregnancy in Dublin, Ireland. She now provides oversight and management for the delivery of obstetrical and infant services Statewide through the WV Office of Maternal, Child and Family Health as the Director of Perinatal Program

Teresa Clawson, MD

Dr. Teresa Clawson is a neonatologist in practice since 1996 who has cared for many substance exposed newborns and founded a Perinatal Substance Abuse Task Force in 2010 at Winchester Medical Center to address the gaps in prevention, identification and treatment of substance exposed mothers and newborns. She has provided education to health care providers, the Department of Social Services, the Virginia Neonatal Perinatal Collaborative, and to the Virginia Legislature, and prompted a change in the Virginia state statute about the identification of substance exposed newborns. She has participated in the Handle with C.A.R.E. (Coordinating Access, Responding Effectively to Maternal Substance Use) initiative with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and is actively involved in the Valley Health subgroup of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition.

Craig Cline

Craig Cline, MSW, is the Family Services Supervisor for the Frederick County Department of Social Services, and provides direct super-



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vision of child protective services casework. He has worked in Child Protective Services since 2004 with experience in conducting investigations involving allegations of child abuse/neglect, assessing for safety, risk, protective capacities and service needs for families, treatment planning, on-going case management services, and foster care home studies. Mr. Cline is certified as a Child First Trained Forensic Interviewer, and Family Partnership Meeting Facilitator, is a member of the Perinatal Substance Abuse Task Force, and the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition and has provided workshops about increasing culturally competent practice with children and families and the status of the child welfare system for the West Virginia University School of Social Work. He is currently working on his PhD.

Corporal Jason Crane

Information to be added later.

Lieutenant Mark Davis

Lieutenant Mark Davis is currently serving as lieutenant with the Upshur County Sheriff's Department and an investigator in crimes against children cases. With a career spanning 26 years, Lieutenant Davis has served with the Upshur County Sheriff's department starting out as a correctional officer and working up through the ranks to his current position as Lieutenant, which he has held since 2002. He has worked with the Upshur/Lewis Drug Task Force, the Upshur County Child Abuse task Force, and the West Virginia Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force. Additionally, Lieutenant Davis has worked as a primary investi-

gator of child abuse cases over the last two decades and is regarded by the law enforcement community as a subject matter expert in that field.

Maria Delalla, RN

Maria DeLalla, RN, BSN, has been the Perinatal Case Manager since 1997 with extensive experience with mothers and infants affected by substance exposure, and has been "the backbone" of the Perinatal Substance Abuse Task Force. She is the Healthy Families Resource Specialist, has participated in the Handle with C.A.R.E. (Coordinating Access, Responding Effectively to Maternal Substance Use) initiative with the Virginia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services, and is a member of the VHS Family Health & Social Development Group, the Youth Resource Alliance, the Coalition to Curb Infant Mortality and the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition. Maria was a founding member of the L8R Baby Preventing Teen Pregnancy in the Shenandoah Valley and has participated in numerous professional presentations and planning committees for community events.

Sherry Eling

Sherry Eling is the Violence Against Women Resource Prosecutor for the West Virginia Prosecuting Attorneys Institute in South Charleston, West Virginia. She received a B.A. in Criminal Justice from Marshall University in Huntington, West Virginia and a J.D. degree from Ohio Northern University in Ada, Ohio. She is a state-wide resource for county prosecutors and their assistants in all

areas of violence against women with an emphasis on sexual assault and domestic crimes. In addition, she trains victim advocates and law enforcement.

Dr. Kimberly I. Fielding

Dr. Kimberly Fielding brings years of experience working with patients in a variety of settings with a variety of people, including children, families, seniors, people experiencing homelessness, and victims of crime. She began her career as a social work professional in 2000, and has taught classes at the university level. Dr. Fielding is Director of the Will's Place Community Outreach Program which is funded through a federal grant and involves screening and treating children for trauma. She travels across the nation to train communities in the most evidence-based practices of recognizing and treating child trauma. She provides training in many areas, including eye movement, desensitization, and re-processing treatment; trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy; cognitive behavioral therapy for childhood traumatic grief; parent-child interaction therapy; and alternative therapies for families. She is a member of National Association of Social Workers, Missouri Association of Social Welfare, International Mentoring Association, and Grounded Theory Forum. Dr. Fielding is passionate about supporting youths, strengthening communities, and cultivating hope in recovery.

Dr. Loretta Finnegan

Dr. Loretta P. Finnegan currently is Executive Officer of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence and



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is President of Finnegan Consulting which addresses education, research, and treatment in issues relating to women's health and perinatal addiction. She is recognized nationally and internationally as an expert in these fields and amongst the first to develop a landmark program providing comprehensive services for drug dependent pregnant/post partum women and their children. She is also credited with the development of an assessment tool for neonatal opioid abstinence which is used widely in neonatal intensive care units in the United States and many other countries.

Dr. Finnegan received her medical degree from Drexel University College of Medicine in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania followed by a pediatric residency and fellowship in neonatology at the Philadelphia General Hospital University of Pennsylvania Division. After her training, she began her academic career as Chief of Newborn Services at that hospital followed by a position at Thomas Jefferson University, where she was founder and Director of Family Center, a comprehensive, multidisciplinary program for pregnant addicted women and their children. As Professor of Pediatrics and Psychiatry and Human Behavior, she directed a research program to delineate effects of and management for pregnant drug dependent women and their children as well as assuming duties in education of medical students and other allied health professions. Dr. Finnegan has three honorary degrees: Doctor of Laws (Chestnut Hill College), Doctor of Science (Ursinus College), and Doctor of Science in Osteopathy (University of New England).

In 1990, Dr. Finnegan was offered a position at the United States Federal Government in the Department of Health and Human Services. Over the next 16 years, she held the following positions: Associate Director, Office for Treatment Improvement; Associate Director for Medical and Clinical Affairs, Office for Substance Abuse Prevention; Senior Advisor on Women's Issues, National Institute on Drug Abuse, NIH; Director, Women's Health Initiative, Office of the Director, NIH; Medical Advisor to the Director, Office of Research on Women's Health, Office of the Director, NIH. In 2006, she began consulting in the field of perinatal addiction and in 2014, she was asked to assume the position of Executive Director of the College on Problems of Drug Dependence.

Over the past few decades, Dr. Finnegan has authored or co-authored 180 scientific publications and has spoken at scientific conferences in the United States and in many international settings where she has given nearly 1000 presentations on topics related to health issues in women and children. She has participated in international symposia, conferences and technical consultations or has been a visiting professor in 32 countries including Italy, France, Ireland, England, Portugal, Canada (Quebec, Manitoba, British Columbia), Venezuela, Mexico, Denmark, Germany, the Netherlands, Israel, Sweden, the Philippines, Australia (Sydney, Melbourne, Adelaide), the Soviet Union, New Zealand (Auckland, Palmerston, North, Hamilton, Wellington and Christchurch), Scotland, Austria, Norway, Czech Republic, Bulgaria, Belgium, South Africa, the Republic

of Tatarstan-Russia, Ukraine, Croatia, Slovenia, Uruguay, Spain, Kazakhstan and Kyrgyzstan.

Inetta Fluharty

Inetta Fluharty has worked in the field of disabilities for over 30 years, is the owner of a disability resource and assistive technology company and is a certified Assistive Technology Professional. In addition to being an Advocacy Specialist and Trainer for the SafeGuard Initiative, which educates those statewide about abuse and neglect of individuals with disabilities, Ms. Fluharty is also a Program Specialist for WV AgrAbility (a USDA grant that assists farmers with illness or injury find solutions to continue farming). Ms. Fluharty has served as West Virginia's Americans with Disabilities Act Coalition Coordinator and is a Level III ADA surveyor. She was also the state coordinator for the Traumatic Brain Injury / Spinal Cord Injury Pilot Project. Ms. Fluharty has been an advocate, facilitator and educator assisting individuals and communities reach their maximum level of independence through daily living skills training, benefits assistance, disability awareness training, ADA trainings, accessibility surveys, assistive technology training and technical assistance.

Cindy Giese

The Special Agent in Charge (SAIC) law enforcement office has been operating in Wisconsin for over 30 years. Cindy Giese is the current supervisor of the Wisconsin Department of Justice-Division of Criminal Investigation-Wausau Office (DCI). SAIC Giese supervises all Special Agents assigned to the Wausau of-



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Sergeant Jim Gerhardt

Sergeant Gerhardt is an active law enforcement officer in Colorado and work in a local drug enforcement task force. Sergeant Gerhardt is extremely familiar with drug trends and the legalization of marijuana in Colorado.

Lieutenant Patrick Glynn

Lieutenant Patrick Glynn is head of the Quincy Massachusetts Police Department's Narcotics Unit. Lieutenant Glynn spearheaded the Quincy Narcan program that is now being replicated in police departments across the country. In 2013 he was named one of seven "Advocates for Action" from across the country by the Office of National Drug Control Policy. He was also awarded the 2014 Gary P. Hayes Memorial Award, given every year to a police officer who shows leadership and innovation to improve U.S. policies.

Captain Edward Gould

Captain Edward A. Gould is the deputy Commander for the Connecticut State Police Central District. He is responsible for administrative and operational command matters relative to State Police Troops H, I & F.

Captain Gould entered the State Police as a member of the 96th Training Troop in January of 1987. Upon graduation from the Training Academy he was assigned to patrol responsibilities at Troops C, Troop K and Troop E. In 1995 he was assigned as the Resident State Trooper in Montville. In 1996 he was promoted to the rank of State Police Sergeant and served as a patrol supervisor at Troops F and H. In 1999 he was assigned to the Internal Affairs unit as a n investigator and in 2002 was promoted to the rank of State Police Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant he was assigned as an Area Commander of the Statewide Narcotics Task Force and the Barracks Commander at Troops A, K, and C. In 2012 he was promoted to the rank of State Police Captain and has served in his current assignment since then. Captain Gould has been a member of the Connecticut Air National Guard since 1989 and is currently assigned as the State Command Chief Master Sergeant to the Adjutant General

Leslie Hagen

Leslie A. Hagen serves as the Department of Justice's first National Indian Country Training Coordinator. In this position, she is responsible for planning, developing and coordinating training in a broad range of matters relating to the administration of justice in Indian Country. Previously, Hagen served as the Native American Issues Coor-

dinator for the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. In that capacity, she served as EOUSA's principal legal advisor on all matters pertaining to Native American issues, among other law enforcement program areas; provides management support to the United States Attorneys' Offices (USAOs); and coordinates and resolves legal issues. Hagen is also a liaison and technical assistance provider to Justice Department components and the Attorney General's Advisory Committee on Native American Issues.

Hagen started with the Department of Justice as an Assistant United States Attorney (AUSA) in the Western District of Michigan. As an AUSA, she was assigned to Violent Crime in Indian Country handling federal prosecutions and training on issues of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse affecting the eleven federally recognized tribes in the Western District of Michigan. Ms. Hagen has worked on criminal justice issues related to child abuse, domestic violence and sexual assault for over 20 years.

Prior to joining the Department of Justice, she served as the staff attorney with the Civil Legal Justice Project for the Michigan Coalition Against Domestic and Sexual Violence and as a specialist in Michigan State University's School of Criminal Justice. From 1997-2001, Ms. Hagen served as the Violence Against Women Training Attorney for the Prosecuting Attorneys Association of Michigan. During her 4.5 years in that position, Ms. Hagen developed a program that was recognized as *Aone of the best state-level training programs on violence against women in the country@* by



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the Institute for Law and Justice in Washington, DC through an evaluation conducted for the Department of Justice. Ms. Hagen was the elected Prosecuting Attorney for Huron County, Michigan for two terms, an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney for Midland County, Michigan and a Prehearing Division Attorney for the Michigan Court of Appeals.

Throughout her career, Ms. Hagen has received several honors, including the 2013 and 2010 Attorney General's Award for Exceptional Service in Indian Country and a Director's Award from the Department of Justice in 2004. She received appointments in 2001-2002, 2002-2003, 2003-2004, 2004-2005, 2005-2006, and 2006-2007 to the position of Chair for the State Bar of Michigan's Domestic Violence Committee, gubernatorial appointments to two terms on Michigan's Domestic Violence Prevention and Treatment Board, and the 1991 Outstanding Young Lawyer Award from the State Bar of Michigan.

Ms. Hagen is a graduate of Alma College and Valparaiso School of Law.

Jim Harris

Jim Harris is the Associate Director at the Autism Training Center at Marshall University the owner of Opportunities Consulting Services. He has presented at a variety of conferences from the local to the international levels. He has worked with children and families throughout his career as an early interventionist, parent educator, educational consultant, and behavioral health therapist. He is the creator of "10 Things You Need to Know About Kids", an au-

dio program that helps parents and teachers be more effective in their work with children. Mr. Harris has worked with a variety of public and private entities including the Fred Rogers Company, United States Department of Education, the Ohio Association for the Education of Young Children, and many more.

Brian Holland

Besides his southern California exposure to the gang and drug worlds growing up, Detective Brian Holland's professional knowledge of gangs started in 1996, while working as a Canyon County Juvenile Probation Officer in Caldwell, Idaho. Detective Holland supervised a high risk caseload comprised of juvenile gang members in Canyon County until 1998. During that time, Detective Holland, in conjunction with Caldwell Police Department, started a local intelligence meeting with local law enforcement agencies to share information about gang activity in the area. Detective Holland also worked hand in hand with local law enforcement during a spike in gang related violent activity in the Canyon County area by using increased supervision, electronic monitoring and juvenile detention to assist in curbing the violence.

In 1998, Detective Holland started working for the Idaho Department of Corrections Adult Felony Probation and Parole until 2003. During that time, Detective Holland developed a specialized gang caseload and supervised high risk gang offenders in the District 3 Canyon County area. Detective Holland was assigned to the Nampa Police Department Gang Unit and worked closely with an FBI

gang task force assigned to the area. Detective Holland is currently assigned to the Boise Police Gang Unit and has been since 2007. As a Boise Police Gang Unit Detective, Detective Holland has done full scale, in depth investigations into local gangs in the Boise area concluding in arrests and convictions for drug delivery and trafficking, illegal firearms possession, illegal firearms sales, providing firearms to gang members and numerous violent crimes from Home Invasion Robbery to Murder. Detective Holland has specialized in prison gangs and their violent and lucrative operations within the prison and into the streets. He has investigated local hybrid gangs such as the 32 Mafia Brotherhood, Hyphie Delinquent (HD Mob), the Bounty Hunter Bloods and Idaho prison gangs such as the Severely Violent Criminals (SVC) and the Aryan Knights. Detective Holland has also completed a large scale, joint investigation with the ATF into southern Idaho Sureno gangs and their ties to the Cartel.

He holds a bachelor's degree from Idaho State University, an Advanced Idaho POST certificate and is an Idaho POST Certified Instructor on Gangs. He is also recognized and often utilized as a court expert on gangs in both Ada and Canyon Counties.

Jim Holler

Chief Jim Holler served as Chief of Police for sixteen years of the Liberty Township Police Department in Adams County, Pennsylvania. Chief Holler is an internationally known speaker specializing in crimes against children and has trained and



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provided technical assistance to thousands of attorneys, judges, law enforcement professionals, medical, mental health and public health professionals, social workers, advocates and allied professionals both in the United States and internationally on a range of topics specifically related to crimes against children.

Chief Holler became an Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator and has conducted pro-active internet investigations making multiple arrests for possession of child pornography and undercover chat related arrests for soliciting sex from a minor. Chief Holler was the founder and board president of the Adams County Children's Advocacy Center in Gettysburg PA and past board president of the Wetzel-Tyler County WV child advocacy center in Paden City WV and is the board chair of the Adams County Domestic Violence shelter (Survivors Inc.) in Gettysburg PA.

Dr. Sharon Istfan

Dr. Sharon Istfan is one of two board-certified child abuse pediatricians in the state of West Virginia. She is the state medical consultant for the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network's medical initiative project and serves as a co-medical director for her local child advocacy center. She is a clinical associate professor at West Virginia University, Charleston division, where she lectures regularly to medical students and pediatric residents on child abuse topics. She is also the Clinical Director of Children's Services at Women and Children's Hospital. She serves as a physician member of the West Virginia Children's Justice Task Force

and the West Virginia Child Fatality Review team. She has many years of experience in performing child abuse medical exams, treating victims of child abuse, and testifying in court for child abuse and neglect cases.

Amanda Judd

Amanda Judd, MA, is the Infant, Youth and Family Services Liaison with Northwestern Community Services in Winchester, VA. She has served children and families for 18 years. She began her career as a Child Protective Services Worker in Shenandoah County, VA, and worked her way up to Supervisor for Child Protective Services at the Shenandoah County Department of Social Services in Woodstock, VA for 15 years. Before starting with Northwestern Community Services in January of 2015, she served as an Adjunct Faculty at James Madison University in Harrisonburg, VA, a School Social Worker with the Shenandoah County Public Schools, and a Forensic Assistant to Philip E. Pate, Ph.D., in Winchester, VA, and is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition.

Judge Elizabeth Kellas

The Hon. Elizabeth Kellas has served as a Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court Judge for 11 years and worked as a Substitute Judge for 4 years prior to taking the bench. Since 2004, Judge Kellas has served as a local Best Practices Judge through the Virginia Court Improvement Program. Judge Kellas has led her Best Practices team by forming a Systems Of Care approach to children in the community.

Judge Kellas is presently the Chief Judge of her Circuit and is Chairman of the Schools and Courts Committee of the Virginia Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, and she is a member of the Northern Shenandoah Valley Substance Abuse Coalition. The Coalition is an innovative collaboration of the judicial branch, child protective services, Casey Family Programs, treatment providers, prosecutors and public defenders, law enforcement and the medical community in a multi-county region challenged with recent increases in opiate-related overdose deaths. Judge Kellas speaks frequently at conferences and trainings on many child-related topics, including but not limited to presenting at the National Council for Juvenile and Family Court Judges Annual Conference in 2012. She is a trainer in the pre-bench program for new Virginia Judges. Growing up, Judge Kellas had over 125 foster children in her home.

Joseph Koher

Joseph "Joey" Koher is the West Virginia Drug Evaluation Classification Program State Coordinator and an active officer with the Huntington Police Department. Since being named the State Coordinator in 2014, Officer Koher has provided numerous classes and presentations to law enforcement and prosecutors across the state including Standardized Field Sobriety Test Refreshers, Advanced Roadside Impaired Driving Enforcement, and Prosecuting the Impaired Driver. Officer Koher has provided drug detection in the workplace presentations for private businesses. In addition to providing numerous trainings, presentations



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and workshops, Officer Koher has also been West Virginia's top DUI Enforcer for the past three years and counting.

Wayne Kowal

Wayne Kowal has been with the Connecticut State Police as the Coordinator of Public Education for 6.5 years with the Statewide Narcotics Task Force. He provides Connecticut Drug Threat training and Drug Endangered Children training to multiple state agencies, private providers, medical professionals, schools, parent organizations, and drug task force organizations. He is one of the founding members of the Connecticut Drug Endangered Children's Alliance. He is currently the chairperson of the Connecticut Drug Endangered Children's Alliance Training Committee.

Justin Lockwood

Justin Lockwood is the Assistant Director at the Western Regional Day Report Center where he has been employed for the last eight years. The WRDRC's role in a Community Restorative Justice involves carrying out the dual purpose of imposing sanctions on and providing services to offenders. Mr. Lockwood is also the owner of Verigas Polygraph, LLC which contracts with Federal and State Supreme Courts for sex offender polygraph testing. Justin graduated from Marshall University in 1996 with a degree in Criminal Justice. He serves on the steering committee for the Cabell County Drug Court. Mr. Lockwood is from and lives in Barboursville, WV.

Sean Loudin MD

A native of West Virginia, Dr. Loudin attended both medical school and completed his pediatric residency at Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine. He continued training and completed a Neonatal-Perinatal fellowship at the Medical University of South Carolina in Charleston, SC. Dr. Loudin joined the faculty at Marshall University School of Medicine in July 2011. He is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Pediatrics and the Pediatric Clerkship Director for rotating medical students. He is also the medical director for both the Neonatal Therapeutic Unit at Cabell Huntington Hospital and Lily's Place, which provides care for drug exposed infants. Current research interests include neonatal drug exposure and neonatal nutrition.

Susie Mullins

Susie Mullins is a licensed psychologist, licensed professional counselor, certified advanced alcohol & drug counselor/ supervisor and certified distance counselor. She is the Technology Assisted Care Program Director at First Choice Services Inc. in Charleston, WV and leads the SAMHSA funded ATARI project. Ms. Mullins serves on the West Virginia Telehealth Alliance board, is the immediate past president of WVAADC and serves on the NAADAC Veterans Subcommittee. She worked as the staff psychologist at Youth Health Services, Inc. for 11 years with the Child Trauma Center & was involved in writing "Understanding the Links Between Trauma & Substance Abuse Provider Toolkit" http://www.nctsn.net/org/nctsn_assets/pdfs/

SAToolkit_ProviderGuide.pdf which affiliated with the NCTSN through the YHS Strength Builders SAMHSA Trauma Grant. Along with her colleagues she was trained in TF-CBT. Prior to ATARI she was the Director of Counseling & Wellness at Davis & Elkins College in Elkins, WV. She has been participating on the Advisory Panel to create a recovery program at West Virginia University for the last two years.

She has been working in the mental health & substance abuse field for over 23 years. In addition to telehealth she has expertise in animal assisted therapy, trauma treatment, collegiate recovery/counseling and working with service members, veterans & families. She is a graduate of the ATTC/PFR WV Leadership Institute & Advanced Leadership Institute. The team authored "Rules of Engagement –Addressing Needs of Service Members Veterans & Their Families"

<http://www.attcnetwork.org/explore/priorityareas/wfd/lead/AdvancedLI/documents/RulesofEngagement.pdf>

Lieutenant Chad Napier

Lieutenant Napier graduated from West Virginia State College in 1994 with a BS in Criminal Justice. He began his career as a Correctional Officer in Moundsville State Prison in 1994. In the spring of 1995, he was hired by the Boone County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy. In September of 1995, he began his employment with the Charleston Police Department (CPD). From April of 1997 to November of 2000, he was assigned to the CPD Street Crimes Unit. One of his primary duties was the investigation, arrest, and prosecution of street level drug



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dealers. From November of 2000 to September of 2002, he was assigned as a detective with the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). His primary duty with MDENT was the investigation and prosecution of state and federal drug violations. From September of 2002 to April of 2005, he was assigned as a Task Force Officer with the Drug Enforcement Administration in Charleston, West Virginia. His primary duty with the DEA was the investigation and prosecution of drug crimes in violation of U.S. Code Title 21. From April of 2005 to January of 2006, he was assigned to MDENT as a supervisor. His primary duty with MDENT was the supervision of drug unit investigators and investigations. In January of 2006, he was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant and he was assigned to the CPD Patrol Division as a shift commander. After graduating the FBI National Academy in September of 2007, he was transferred to the Housing Division as the commander. On March 2, 2009 he was appointed as the Commander of the Metropolitan Drug Enforcement Network Team (MDENT). In May of 2013, he was promoted to Bureau Chief of Investigative Services for the Charleston Police Department. As Bureau Chief, Lieutenant Napier is in charge of the MDENT, the Charleston Police Department Special Enforcement Unit, and the Charleston Police Department Criminal Investigative Division.

Eric Nation

Lieutenant (retired) Eric Nation began his career in law enforcement in Iowa in 1994 with the Jasper County Sheriff's Office as a Civilian Jailer.

He then became a certified peace officer in the State of Iowa with the City of Colfax in June of 1995 where he was assigned to patrol duties. In September of 1995, Nation joined the Jasper County Sheriff's Office as a Deputy Sheriff, and a year later, he was assigned to an undercover narcotics unit in Polk, Dallas, and Jasper counties. In 2002, Nation was promoted to Lieutenant of the Patrol Division and he served in that position for five years. From 2007 to 2012, Nation served as the commander of the Mid-Iowa Narcotics Enforcement Taskforce – Eastside, a multi-jurisdictional undercover narcotics unit. While in this position, Nation was also the supervisor of the meth lab team, overseeing numerous methamphetamine lab and undercover narcotics investigations. Nation also served as a Tactical Team Leader for the Sheriff's Emergency Response Team for 15 years.

Lieutenant Nation is a founding member of the Jasper County Drug Endangered Children Alliance, where he worked to build collaboration across multiple disciplines and worked to create a series of DEC response protocols; he is also a member of the Iowa Alliance for Drug Endangered Children Steering Committee and was a member of the National DEC Criminal Justice Working Group. In 2009, Lieutenant Nation was honored with the "Ongoing Law Enforcement Victims Service Award" from Jasper County; in 2011, he received the National Drug Endangered Children Collaborative Leadership Award.

Lieutenant Nation has trained thousands of professionals across Iowa, the United States, and international-

ly. He has participated in the United States Attorney General's Defending Childhood Initiative, Working Group Meeting on Law Enforcement and Children's Exposure to Violence in Washington D.C. He has also assisted with the development of International Association of Chief of Police's Enhancing Law Enforcement Response to Children Exposed to Violence project tools and deliverables.

Kathy Paxton

Kathy Paxton is the SSA at WV BHHF. She was previously the Director of the Center for Learning Excellence at The Ohio State University, Department of Behavioral Health and Education. Ms. Paxton graduated from WVU School of Medicine with an MS in Community Health Education. Her combined experience of over 29 years in the field of mental health and substance abuse prevention and treatment have afforded her the ability to provide expertise in all areas of behavioral health, perinatal substance abuse, leadership in planning, facilitation and evaluation at the local, state & national level as a trainer and consultant. She has led the Ohio FASD Statewide Systems Integration Initiative.

Lieutenant Courtney Pero

Lieutenant Courtney Pero is a twenty-year veteran of the Plano (TX) Police Department. He is presently assigned to the Criminal Investigative Services Division, where he supervises the day-to-day operations of the Narcotics Unit, which is composed of undercover and non-undercover investigators.



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Lieutenant Pero holds a Master Peace Officer License and an instructor certificate from the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE). He is a graduate of the School of Police Supervision at The Institute for Law Enforcement Administration (ILEA) and is an instructor in the International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) Leadership in Police Organizations (LPO) program.

Lieutenant Pero has been active with the Texas Alliance for Drug Endangered Children (Texas DEC) since its inception and was involved in the creation of the Texas DEC protocols for law enforcement, CPS and medical personnel. He is a certified trainer for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, a member of the National DEC State Leaders network and the National DEC Criminal Justice Working group. He has been awarded the Agent of Change award by the Council on Alcohol & Drug Abuse and has presented training on a numerous topics to professionals from various disciplines across the country.

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sionals from various disciplines across the country.

Dr. Joan Phillips

Dr. Joan Phillips received her Doctor of Medicine degree from West Virginia University in 1980 and her Bachelor of Arts, Biology, from West Virginia University, Magna Cum Laude, in 1975. She serves as Clinical Director of Children's Services for Charleston Area Medical Center (CAMC) Women and Children's Hospital, and as Co-Director for the Child Advocacy Center-Children's Medicine Center CAMC. An expert in child sexual abuse, she was one of the first pediatricians to participate in the multidisciplinary team approach in West Virginia. She has been a gubernatorial appointed member of the West Virginia Child Fatality Review Team since 2005. Additionally, she serves on the WV State Team of Drug Endangered Children, and serves as member of numerous non-profit organizations at both the state and local levels. She has also served as Clinical Associate Professor at West Virginia University since 1992, inspiring other pediatric residents to recognize and support child abuse prevention efforts. Dr. Phillips has held various leadership positions in the WV Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics, including serving as Chapter President during 2004-2007.

Dr. Kiti Freier Randall

Dr. Kiti is a Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Psychologist with extensive experience, spanning over 26 years, with infant, child, and adolescent populations. She has specialized expertise in the area pediatric psychology, trauma, and pre and postna-

tal substance exposure. Currently, she works as a consultant expert on high risk 0-5 year olds, for Children's Network and First Five of San Bernardino County, California. Dr. Kiti is also consultant for the six San Bernardino County SART centers (transdisciplinary 0-5 high risk clinics), as well as to Desert Mountain SELPA (education) and Inland Empire Health Plan (managed behavioral health care). She is author/director of the Trauma, Loss & Compassion (TLC) bereavement support group for preschoolers which has been implemented in San Bernardino County Preschools for over 5 years. Dr Kiti is Director of Psychological Services, Department of Pediatrics, Loma Linda University Health Care. She is a Professor in the Departments of Pediatrics and Public Health at Loma Linda University.

Dr. Kiti has a considerable academic career with professorship positions at University of Miami, Brown University, Andrews University and Loma Linda University. Dr. Kiti was awarded the GC Health Ministries Medal of Distinction (2014), Shine a Light Award (2013) from San Bernardino County and the Distinguished Service Award (2007) and the Centennial Vanguard Award for her service in 'Wholeness' (2006) from Loma Linda University.

Dr. Kiti is a Board Member for the National Alliance for Drug Endangered Children, Making A Difference Association and the International Commission for the Prevention of Alcoholism and Drug Dependency. She is a member of the DEC Canada Steering Committee.



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Through her work Dr. Kiti has facilitated moving from understanding risk to promoting resiliency via training in over 40 countries and throughout the United States.

Dr. Kiti has dedicated her career to providing direct service and/or training to children, families, professionals, organizations and communities to enhance the physical, cognitive, emotional, and spiritual lives of children and their families in order to promote optimal and healthy living.

Stacee Read

Stacee Read has spent over 16 years working in the child welfare field, gaining insight and experience on a variety of key child welfare issues. Before working for National DEC, Stacee held the Associate Ombudsman position with the Office of Colorado's Child Protection Ombudsman. There she was involved in program development and review, complaint resolution, and investigations of and recommendations for child welfare practice and policy. Prior to that, Ms. Read was the Child Protection Safety Specialist for the Colorado Department of Human Services where she oversaw child safety in child welfare across the state of Colorado. She was also responsible for overseeing and reviewing institutional abuse and neglect investigations and facilitating the Institutional Abuse Review Team. Ms. Read reviewed fatalities and assisted with the facilitation of the Fatality Review Team. She provided technical assistance and training to county child welfare departments and became a valuable point person for substance abuse issues in child welfare. Her depth of experience in

child welfare issues made her a key member on a number of committees and workgroups such as the Substance Exposed Newborns Steering Committee, the Rural Law Enforcement Meth Initiative, the CDHS Child Fatality Review Team, and the CDHS Prone Restraint Workgroup. Stacee also worked for many years as a Child Abuse and Neglect Investigator specializing in complex investigation including fatalities, serious bodily injuries, substance abuse, and mental health.

Ms. Read starting working for National DEC as a consultant in November 2011 and then was hired as the Director of DEC Network Development in May 2013. She is responsible for the development and oversight of State and Tribal DEC Alliances, and she provides technical assistance to National DEC network. Ms. Read is also an integral member of the training team and has participated in curriculum, online training, and publication development. Additionally, she has trained thousands of professionals on topics involving child welfare issues, collaboration and multidisciplinary teams, evidence/information collection, local alliance development, and other specific drug issues.

Ms. Read received her Master's in Social Work from the University of Illinois focusing on Mental Health and Administration in 2002 and her Bachelor's in Psychology from the University of Iowa with an emphasis on abnormal psychology and dependency behaviors in 1997. Ms. Read is an adjunct professor at Metro State University in Denver, Colorado where she teaches in the Master's Social Work Program.

Maureen Runyon

Ms. Runyon has been employed at Women & Children's Hospital for over 20 years and during that time been involved in the evaluation of children alleged to be victims of child abuse and neglect. In 2004, Women & Children's opened a Child Advocacy Center and since that time she has been responsible for the management and operation of the center as well as conducting forensic interviews. Over her career, Ms. Runyon has interviewed over 3000 children. She is certified as a trainer in Child First (formerly Finding Words) and in that capacity has trained over 800 CPS, law enforcement and prosecutors in proper interviewing techniques.

Dr. Halleh Seddighzadeh

Halleh Seddighzadeh is a Forensic Traumatologist and doctoral resident who, for the past decade, has specialized in treating extreme forms of traumatic stress for survivors of torture, genocide, human trafficking, and gender-based violence. Dr. Seddighzadeh has worked extensively in refugee camps in Africa, Southeast Asia, and the Middle East with various International Human Rights organizations, providing disaster relief, resiliency and capacity building as well as rendering psychological first aid. With a professional focus on cross-cultural psycho-traumatology, Dr. Seddighzadeh's academic training includes studies in international law and forensic mental health at Harvard, Oxford, New York Law School, and Sophia University. In 2009, she founded the first multidisciplinary telemedicine clinic in Turkey serving the entire Middle East North Africa region



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working with UNHCR, local Turkish authorities, and community based organizations in the support and resettlement of Middle Eastern and African torture survivors. This led to the creation of an International cross-cultural NGO, ARMAN (Asylee, Refugee, Migrant Assistance Network) highlighting the intersection of trafficking and torture. The mission of ARMAN is to deliver advanced neuroscientific trauma treatment through clinical games and virtual reality therapies, mind-body medicine, and holistic treatment modalities, conduct intelligence-based research and provide trauma-informed culturally competent practitioner training.

Rosemary Tisch

Rosemary Tisch is Director of Prevention Partnership International, lead author for Celebrating Families!™ for families with children ages 4-17 and directed its adaptation for families with children ages birth to three and for Spanish speaking families. Ms. Tisch is the co-author of Keys to Healthy Living and Keys to Healthy Families, prevention curriculum in use in Russia. Honors include: 2013 Simple Servant Award from El Camino Episcopal Diocese; 2012 Vernon Johnson Award from Faces & Voices of Recovery; 2011 Ackerman/Black Award from NACoA, to recognize individuals whose life work has continuously raised awareness about and increased support for children and families impacted by alcohol or drug dependence; 2010 California State Director's Award for Cultural Diversity; and 2008 selection as one of NACoA's 25 individuals who "save, protect and guide children of alco-

holics. She is married with two grown children and three grandchildren.

Burt Umstead

Burt Umstead graduated from California State University, Northridge in 1983 with a B.S. degree in Kinesiology and then went on to receive a Master's degree in Kinesiology and another in School Administration. Mr. Umstead has had extensive teaching and coaching experiences throughout Southern California. After moving into school administration, Mr. Umstead served as an Athletic Director, high school Assistant Principal, and is currently serving as a middle school Principal. Mr. Umstead is an Educational Professional Development speaker and facilitator at various conferences and districts within California and throughout the country.

During his current seven year tenure as middle school Principal, Mr. Umstead has been able to completely transform the culture of his school from one of a focus on "teaching" to a focus on "learning." This transformation came about through aligning and implementing three focus areas: Professional Learning Communities (PLC), Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)/Time In, and Unit by Design (UbD)/Backwards Planning). Mr. Umstead has developed an expertise in these areas by a) using data to drive teacher instruction and student learning through school wide teacher collaboration (PLC's) b) addressing student behavior through Time In rather than Time Out which shifts the school wide pattern of sending students out of the classroom and school to one

of sending support into classrooms to address behavior where it is happening c) implementing UbD/Backwards Planning for collaborative teams to build and implement instructional strategies that are relevant, meaningful, and engaging to meet the variety of needs for all students.

Students are at the center of Mr. Umstead's leadership philosophy. The school's cultural shift is what has provided it's students with unlimited possibilities for their future. His goal is to impact this same cultural shift throughout the present traditional institutionalized educational system to one of learning for all.

Dr. Lauren Waugh

Dr. Lauren Waugh is an Assistant Professor of Forensic Chemistry in the Marshall University Forensic Science Graduate Program. She received her B.S. in Biology with a minor in chemistry from The Pennsylvania State University in 2000. She spent two years in the pharmacology department at The University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine as a research technician, sparking an interest in the field of toxicology. Dr. Waugh is a 2004 graduate of the Marshall University Forensic Science Graduate Program and performed her graduate internship in the toxicology laboratory at The West Virginia Office of the Chief Medical Examiner (WV OCME). In 2010, she completed a Ph.D. in Biomedical Sciences with an emphasis in toxicology and returned to the WV OCME for over three years as a forensic toxicologist. During her time there, she also lectured for



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the United States Drug Enforcement Administration as part of the Office of Diversion Control's Pharmaceutical Overdose Death Investigation Seminar series. Dr. Waugh's current research interests and collaborations include synthetic cathinone and cannabinoid analysis, determination of CB₁ receptor binding and agonist activity for synthetic cannabinoid compounds, evaluating buprenorphine metabolism in opiate-addicted mothers and fetal tissue as a predictor of neonatal abstinence syndrome, and determining the possible role of cytochrome P450 genetic polymorphisms in unexpected methadone fatality. She is a member of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences, The Society of Forensic Toxicologists, and The International Association of Forensic Toxicologists. Dr. Waugh has also been appointed as a member of the pharmacology/toxicology subcommittee of the Advisory Committee for the Evaluation of Controlled Substance Analogs (ACECSA).

Sue Webber-Brown

Sue Webber-Brown was a DA Investigator in Butte County, California from 1982 - 2009, with 19 years at the Butte Interagency Narcotics Task Force (BINTF). She was the County DEC Program Director and from 1985 to 1988 was a reserve officer with the Oroville Police Department. Sue conducted 2300 narcotic and child endangerment cases, rescuing more than 3000 children from drug homes. Sue developed the first "Drug Endangered Children" (D.E.C.) Program in the U.S. She was appointed by the CA Governor's Office to a Study Group on

DEC, co-wrote the first DEC training guide, and co-founded the CA and National DEC Alliance's. Sue has provided DEC training to over 70,000 professionals in 36 states, is an expert in California and Arizona courts and has testified before Congress. Currently, Ms. Webber-Brown is the Executive Director of the California DEC Training Center established in 2010 under a state grant to train all Drug Task Forces, Co. Sheriff Depts., Social Workers, Prosecutors and First Responders.

Sara Wilhelm

Sara Wilhelm is a Social Work Supervisor with the Connecticut Department of Children and Families. She is co-chair of the Connecticut Alliance for Drug Endangered Children.

Sawyer, Susan and Rich Wright

Sawyer, Susan and Rich Wright are from Lonoke, AR and will share their story of their heartaches and triumphs as they navigated medical, mental health, juvenile justice and educational systems that were ill-equipped to address the needs of complex brain trauma resulting from substance abuse during pregnancy.

Joyce Yedlosky

Joyce Yedlosky is one of two Team Coordinators with the WV Coalition Against Domestic Violence. Ms. Yedlosky has 25 years of advocacy experience that includes institutional and community mental health, foster care social work, foster parent, and domestic violence advocacy. Her domestic violence advocacy has included direct service provision in a shelter based domestic violence pro-

gram, court advocacy and shelter management. In 1999 she transitioned into system advocacy with the West Virginia Coalition Against Domestic Violence where she coordinated statewide, multidisciplinary development of policy, training, practice and systemic intervention on families experiencing domestic violence. Ms. Yedlosky has provided numerous state and national trainings with partners including the WV Department of Health and Human Resources, the WV Supreme Court Improvement Project, WV Children's Law Symposium, WVU College of Law, National Summit on the Intersection of Domestic Violence and Child Victimization, the National Coalition Against Domestic Violence, the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, the WV Sheriff's Association, the Office on Violence Against Women, and the National Adult Protective Services Association. Ms. Yedlosky earned a BS in Psychology from the University of South Carolina and lives in Fairmont WV.



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