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Presenter Information

**Working with Child Victims of Commercial Sexual Exploitation:
The Important Role of Children's Advocacy Centers**

Lisa Goldblatt Grace, MPH, MSW, LICSW has been working with vulnerable young people in a variety of capacities for twenty years. Her professional experience includes running a long-term shelter for homeless teen parents, developing a diversion program for violent youth offenders, and working in outpatient mental health, health promotion, and residential treatment settings. Lisa is the Co-Founder and Director of My Life My Choice since 2002. Lisa has written in a variety of publications regarding commercial sexual exploitation. In addition, Lisa is Adjunct Faculty at the Boston University School of Social Work. Lisa is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and holds masters degrees in both social work and public health.

Susan Goldfarb, MSW, LICSW has been Executive Director of the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County since 2002 and involved with the CAC since its inception in 1993. In 1995, Susan was a member of the Massachusetts Child Exploitation Task Force and participated in the development of the publication, "Child Sexual Exploitation: Improving Investigations and Protecting Victims/ A Blueprint for Action". In 2004, Susan initiated establishment of and now convenes the Suffolk County Support to End Exploitation Now (SEEN) Coalition, a multidisciplinary collaboration with the goals of improving services and safety for child victims of commercial sexual exploitation and increasing accountability of the adults who exploit them. Susan is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker and holds a masters degree in social work.



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Lessons from Kids and Families in the Treatment of Developmental Trauma

Margaret E. Blaustein, Ph.D. is a practicing clinical psychologist whose career has focused on the understanding and treatment of complex childhood trauma and its sequelae. With an emphasis on the importance of understanding the child-, the family-, and the provider-in-context, her study has focused on identification and translation of key principles of intervention across treatment settings, building from the foundational theories of childhood development, attachment, and traumatic stress. Dr. Blaustein is co-developer of the Attachment, Self-Regulation, and Competency (ARC) treatment framework (Kinniburgh & Blaustein, 2005), and co-author of the text, *Treating Complex Trauma in Children and Adolescents: Fostering Resilience through Attachment, Self Regulation, and Competence* (Blaustein & Kinniburgh, 2010). She has provided extensive training and consultation to providers within the US and abroad. Dr. Blaustein is currently the Director of Training and Education at The Trauma Center at the Justice Resource Institute in Brookline, MA, and is actively involved in local, regional, and national collaborative groups dedicated to the empathic, respectful, and effective provision of services to this population.

Child-to-Child Sexual Abuse: How One CAC Responds

Sharman Nathanson, MSW, LICSW is the Mental Health Coordinator at the Children's Advocacy Center of Suffolk County. Her clinical career has focused on the evaluation and treatment of children and families affected by sexual abuse and other traumatic experiences. Ms. Nathanson is also a Clinical Supervisor at the Trauma Center at the Justice Resource Institute (JRI).



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Janis Lynch, MS, LCSW is the Regional Intake Supervisor for the Boston Region of the Department of Children and Families (DCF). Ms. Lynch facilitates regular meetings of cross-area leaders such as the Boston Police, Suffolk DA's Office, CAC, Boston School Police, Boston School Department and Boston Hospitals. She also provides training and consultation to ensure effective cross agency efforts with families on behalf of DCF.

A Clinical Perspective on Delayed Disclosure: Considerations for Investigators

Jackie Humphreys, LICSW has over twenty years of experience in the field of child trauma including ten years in a District Attorney's office as a Victim Advocate and Coordinator of a Child Abuse Unit. She is currently a therapist and consultant specializing in the treatment of children and families impacted by trauma.

Sarah Marcotte, LCSW graduated from Smith College School for Social Work where she received the Alumni Association Thesis Grant Award. Sarah is a therapist at the Family Advocacy Center in Springfield where she specializes in treating traumatized children and their families.

Case Review: The Strength of Interdisciplinary Collaboration Revealed

Janet E. Fine, M.S. is the Executive Director of the MA Office for Victim Assistance. For over 27 years, she has provided leadership in victim rights and services, innovative responses to child victims of abuse and violence, and the development of Children's Advocacy Centers (CAC). She served in Victim Witness Assistance Programs in both the Middlesex and Suffolk County DAs' Offices and was a founding Director of two prosecutor-based CACs in MA. She chairs



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the Massachusetts Children's Alliance Board and serves on the Board of the National Children's Alliance for which she chairs the Accreditation Committee. She provides training and consultation on victim services and CACs locally, nationally, and internationally.

Anne Lynn, ACSW, is the Project Director of the Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center, (since 1996). Anne previously worked in the field of public and private child welfare in direct service and administration of child protective services, foster care, adoption, and permanency planning.

Child Pornography: How it is used by offenders and its impact on victims

Retired Detective Captain Thomas Kerle is currently the Program Manager of the ICAC Training and Technical Assistance Program. In this capacity he oversees law enforcement training. Thomas Kerle retired from the Massachusetts State Police in 2011 after 30 years of service with the rank detective captain. He established and supervised Internet Crimes against Children (ICAC) Task Force in Massachusetts for 10 years. In that capacity, he worked to build additional capacity throughout the state by providing technical assistance, law enforcement training and public awareness presentations. He also served as the Chairman of the National ICAC working group and formally the co-chairman of the ICAC Technology Committee, which is tasked with identifying technologies, used to exploit children and identifying investigative solutions. He has also instructed on ICAC related matters at Interpol, State Police and municipal police academies.

When working for the Massachusetts State Police Thomas Kerle established and supervised the State Police Computer Forensic Unit, which provided technical assistant and computer analysis to State,



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Local and Federal law enforcement agencies. He also worked as a member of the Massachusetts State Police Hostage Negotiation Team and supervised the team assigned to central Massachusetts. In this capacity, he was responsible for negotiating and investigating barricaded suspects who may cause harm to themselves or others. He also worked as a state police detective where he investigated major crimes including homicides and narcotics. He has supervised narcotic task forces and has worked with multiple federal, state, and local agency task forces.

Sergeant Pi Heseltine has been with the Massachusetts state police for nineteen years and is currently assigned to their Special Service Section where she investigates child exploitation, human trafficking, and child prostitution. After ten years conducting investigations of homicides & sexual assaults, Sergeant Heseltine has spent the past six years focused solely on human trafficking and child exploitation. Sergeant Heseltine spearheaded the revision of guidelines for law enforcement for the investigation of domestic violence and created guidelines for the investigation of adult sexual assault.

She currently sits on the Governor's Council to Address Domestic and Sexual Violence and the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Children's Alliance, and teaches sexual assault certification for the Massachusetts state and local police academies.