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### Who Should Attend?

This training is for all multidisciplinary professionals working with child and family maltreatment and involved in the investigation, prosecution, evaluation, medical or mental health treatment capacity as well as local, state and federal officials and lawmakers committed to developing collaborative partnerships which have proven so successful.

### Registration

Complete the attached registration form and send it with payment to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia, P.O. Box 16834, Bristol, VA 24209 or fax your registration to 276.644.3372.

To register online please visit our website at <a href="https://www.cacva.org">www.cacva.org</a> and follow the conference icons.

Registration fee includes breakfast each day and lunch on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Early registration (received no later than February 28, 2014) \$175.00 Registration March 1— April 15 \$250.00 One-Day Registration \$125.00

### Substitutions allowed—no refunds

### **Lodging Information**

This year's conference will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Richmond-Midlothian, 1021 Koger Center Blvd., Richmond, VA 23235. Individuals may call the hotel directly at (804)379-3800 or Hilton reservations at 1-800-222-TREE to make reservations. Please request CACVA/ Children's Advocacy Centers of Virginia April 2014 when making reservations to obtain the special group rate of \$83 + tax. Reservations must be received by <u>04/14/2014</u>. After this date reservations will be accepted on a space at rate available basis only.

### **Continuing Education**

Continuing Education Credit information will be forthcoming on website. Certificate of Attendance will be provided to all attendees at the end of the conference.

### **Exhibitors & Vendors**

Providing information sharing and items to treat yourself or others throughout the conference.

### **Baskets for Bidding**

Our CACs work hard to create a variety of baskets that you can have a chance to take home!!! Set your sights on that special basket for gift-giving or self-indulgence (can you pick just one....), and then join us right after the last session on Wednesday afternoon to see who will be the lucky winners!!

### **Questions, Concerns or Special Assistance**

Please forward your questions or special needs to Deanne Weatherly at deannecacva@bvu.net or call 276.644.3371.



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### Tuesday, 4/29

**7:30a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Conference Check-In *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

**7:30—8:45:** Continental Breakfast *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

**8:45—9:00:** Welcome & Announcements *James River Ballroom (H), 1st Floor* 

**9:00-10:30:** Keynote Address *James River Ballroom (H), 1st Floor* 

**10:30—10:45:** Break/Refreshments *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

10:45-12:15: Workshops

12:15—1:45: Lunch James River Ballroom (H), 1st Floor

1:45—3:15: Workshops

**3:15—3:30:** Break/Refreshments *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

**3:30—5:00:** Workshops

**5:30—7:30:** Evening Event

### Wednesday, 4/30

**7:30a.m.—12:00p.m.:** Conference Check-In *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

**7:30—8:45:** Continental Breakfast *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

**8:45—10:15:** Plenary James River Ballroom (H), 1st Floor

**10:15—10:30:** Break/Refreshments *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

10:30—12:00: Workshops

**12:00—1:30:** Lunch w/optional networking opportunity *James River Ballroom (HJ, 1st Floor* 

1:30-3:00: Workshops

**3:00—3:15:** Break/Refreshments *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

3:15-4:45: Workshops

**4:45:** Basket Winners announced *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

### THUTSday, 5/1

**7:30—8:45:** Continental Breakfast *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

8:45-10:15: Workshops

**10:15—10:30:** Break/Refreshments *James River Corridor, 1st Floor* 

10:30—12:00: Closing Keynote

**12:00:** Certificate of Attendance, Continuing Education handouts

### **Conference Handouts**

In an effort to preserve resources, hard copies of handouts will not be provided at the conference. Handouts will be made available for download prior to and during the conference.

8:45a.m.-10:30a.m.

### Welcome & Keynote Session

# Super Hero RECHARGE— Fine Tuning the Multidisciplinary Team Jim Holler, Retired Chief of Police



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 is also a consultant for the Fox Valley Technical College in Appleton, WI, University of Pittsburgh, School of Social Work, West Virginia University, and the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama. Chief Holler became an Internet Crimes Against Children Investigator starting the first task force in Adams County in 2005. He 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 board president of the Wetzel-Tyler County WV child advocacy center in Paden City WV. Chief Holler will bring a highly funny, yet emotional keynote that will touch the heart of each person to do better child abuse investigations working as a team putting aside personal feelings, attitudes and any inhibitions team members may have. Audiences will leave this rousing keynote pumped up and ecstatic about making a profound difference at every level in the multidisciplinary team.



10:45a.m.—12:15p.m.

Session 2

### A. "I thought he was my friend....." The Internet—A Molester's Paradise (including Cyberbullying, Child Porn & Sexting) - Part 1

Chief Jim Holler, Retired Chief of Police

Liberty Township, PA

This workshop will define the two most prevalent sexual offenders who use the internet for computer aided sexual exploitation; the situational offender and the preferential offender. It will also provide investigators, service providers, and parents with a glimpse of what children may encounter on a daily basis while utilizing the internet. Participants will learn what to look for an what tools are available to them to fend off these types of offenders.

### B. An Inconvenient Truth: Evaluating & Treating Allegations of Abuse Embedded in Custody Litigation, Part 1

Allison M. Foster, Ph.D.

The ARC, Columbia, SC/Forensic Family Associates, LLC, Columbia, SC

This advanced two-part workshop addresses the troubling subset of cases which often involve escalating abuse allegations, divorce / custody dynamics, counter-allegations of parental alienation and children's needs left in question. The typical CAC / MDT approach can fall short of balancing the scales; teams often become split and concerns about the children are not well-resolved. If you have experienced this type of case, this workshop may assist you in preparing for next time. Case examples will be provided.

### C. Decision Making by Mandated Reporters in Child Abuse Reporting

Dr. William Hauda, Medical Director

Inova Children's Hospital, Falls Church, VA

Cognitive decision making theory and analysis offer insights into how clinicians develop suspicion of abuse. Investigation of the barriers to reporting and the strategies to improve reporting can be developed.

# TUESDAY, APRIL 29, continued

1:45p.m.-3:15p.m.

Session 3

# A. "I thought he was my friend....." The Internet—A Molester's Paradise (including Cyberbullying, Child Porn & Sexting) - Part 2 Chief Jim Holler, Retired Chief of Police

Liberty Township, PA

See session 2A

### B. An Inconvenient Truth: Evaluating & Treating Allegations of Abuse Embedded in Custody Litigation, Part 2

Allison M. Foster, Ph.D.

The ARC, Columbia, SC/Forensic Family Associates, LLC, Columbia, SC

See session 2B

### C. Child Abuse Literature that You Need to Know

Dr. William Hauda, Medical Director

Inova Children's Hospital, Falls Church, VA

Recent advances in our understanding of abusive injury come from medical publications. Understanding how to interpret and apply the medical literature will be discussed.

3:30p.m.—5:00p.m.

Session 4

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Liberty Township, PA

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### B. Evidence-Based Treatment Planning for the MDT

Libby Ralston, Director Emeritus and

Anna Shaw, Education & Programs Manager

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Charleston, SC

Multidisciplinary teams bring together community partners to problem solve and make recommendations in the best interest of a child and family. We know the importance of providing evidence-based treatment (EBT) services to child victims, and there has been an increase in opportunities for clinicians to be trained in these methodologies through various learning collaboratives across the nation. However, there often remains a disconnect between the availability of EBT and its inclusion on agency mandated service/treatment plans for families. The goal is to improve treatment delivery and outcomes for children and families by moving away from the conventional plans where "more is better" to focus on the specific needs of and behavior outcomes for the individual family. Participants will learn how an evidence-based treatment plan (EBTP) integrates assessment information from multiple sources to inform and develop a unified plan using evidence supported interventions to address the needs and problems of the child and family while capitalizing on their strengths.

### C. Presenting Evidence in Forensic Interviews

Martha J. Finnegan, Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer

FBI, Providence, RI

This presentation will focus on how to present evidence in the forensic interview. Particular emphasis will be given to using child pornography images and explaining the how, when, and why of utilizing these images.

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30

8:45a.m.-10:15a.m.

**Plenary** 

# "One More Day......Please!" The Art of Taking Care of Number One Charlie Appelstein, MSW, Appelstein Training Resources



Charlie Appelstein, M.S.W., whose motto is "There's no such thing as a bad kid", has worked in child welfare for over 25 years. As president of Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, he provides original, strength-based training, consultation, and youth care literature to individuals and groups seeking to better understand and respond to troubled children and youth. Passionate, humorous, and informative, Mr. Appelstein is a highly sought after speaker. His first two books, The Gus Chronicles: Reflections from an Abused Kid and No Such Thing As a Bad Kid: Understanding and Responding to the Challenging Behavior of Troubled Children and Youth, are used as training resources in hundreds of child welfare programs, schools, and colleges throughout the U.S. and Canada.

Although it does take a village to raise a child, one singular person can change a life ravaged by trauma. But the task is hard and fraught with obstacles. This presentation will provide insights and strategies that help juvenile justice, child welfare, and other child-serving professionals remain motivated to make a difference.

10:30a.m.—12:00p.m.

Session 6

# A. No Such Thing As a Bad Kid—Understanding and Responding to At-Risk Children & Youth Using Trauma Informed, Strength-Based Theories and Techniques, Part 1

Charlie Appelstein, M.S.W.

Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, Salem NH

Strength-based practice is an emerging approach to guiding at-risk children, youth and families that is exceptionally positive and inspiring. Its focus is on strength-building rather than flaw-fixing. It begins with the belief that every individual has or can develop strengths and utilize past successes to mitigate problem behavior and enhance functioning. This presentation will highlight many of the key principles and techniques of this transforming modality. Areas covered include: what is strength-based practice & the power of a positive attitude & culture; the effects of trauma and positive emotions on the brain; strength-based communication principles and techniques—including reframing, using solution-focused questions, positive predicting and inspirational metaphors; self-esteem building & activities for at-risk children and youth; how to help cognitively inflexible young people; the importance of being family friendly; why, how, and when to use incentive plans; core verbal interventions; respectful limit setting; and a host of creative cognitive behavioral strategies.

# B. The Protection Clarification: Strengthening the Role and Responsibility of the Non-offending Caregiver in the Outcome for Child Victims, Part 1

Libby Ralston, Director Emeritus

and

Anna Shaw, Education & Programs Manager

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Charleston, SC

Historically the child protection system has been ambivalent about the role and responsibility of the non-offending caregiver (NOC) when a child is abused. This response can extend from ignoring, to blaming and shaming and to recommending the NOC be charged with neglect. The research regarding child resiliency and child outcomes offers guidance regarding the need to move beyond ambivalence to a position of engaging the NOC and clearly defining their role and responsibility. The Protection Clarification (PC) does just that. The PC is a treatment intervention and process that defines the NOC's responsibility and role as protective. The PC process involves identifying and overcoming any barriers to the NOC's willingness and ability to be child focused, to support and participate in the child's treatment, to be a protective resource and to exhibit empathy for their child. The PC is focused on measurable outcomes important to the question of family preservation and family reunification. The PC supports CACs in meeting the NCA standard for treatment for caregivers and is consistent with the CPS mandate for child well-being. Participants in this 3 session training will be able to implement and monitor the Protection Clarification process with non-offending caregivers.



# WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30, continued

### C. Do You See What I See? Battered, Broken and Burned

Allison M. Jackson, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

Washington, DC

This workshop will provide participants with interactive case-based learning on the subjects of physical abuse. In so doing, the workshop will highlight how elements of the history, physical exam, and medical testing lead to a diagnosis of child abuse. The workshop will include 1) elements of the history that may raise suspicion for child physical abuse; 2) physical exam findings suspicious for or indicative of abuse and 3) discussion on the role of physicians in the evaluation and documentation for alleged child abuse victims. These case scenarios will include burns, bruises and other skin injuries, musculoskeletal injuries and head injuries. The long-term impact of child abuse will also be reviewed.

1:30p.m.—3:00p.m.

Session 7

# A. No Such Thing As a Bad Kid—Understanding and Responding to At-Risk Children & Youth Using Trauma Informed, Strength-Based Theories and Techniques, Part 2

Charlie Appelstein, M.S.W.

Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, Salem NH

See session 6A

# B. The Protection Clarification: Strengthening the Role and Responsibility of the Non-offending Caregiver in the Outcome for Child Victims, Part 2

Libby Ralston, Director Emeritus and Anna Shaw, Education & Programs Manager

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Charleston, SC

See Session 6B

### C. Domestic Human Trafficking: The Pediatrician's Perspective

Allison M. Jackson, M.D., M.P.H., F.A.A.P.

Washington, DC

In this interactive presentation, participants will learn about the risks for and consequences of domestic sex trafficking from the perspective of a pediatric provider. Participants will discuss how services can be enhanced for this vulnerable population.

3:15p.m.-4:45p.m.

Session 8

# A. No Such Thing As a Bad Kid—Understanding and Responding to At-Risk Children & Youth Using Trauma Informed, Strength-Based Theories and Techniques, Part 3

Charlie Appelstein, M.S.W.

Appelstein Training Resources, LLC, Salem NH

See session 6A

# B. The Protection Clarification: Strengthening the Role and Responsibility of the Non-offending Caregiver in the Outcome for Child Victims, Part 3

Libby Ralston, Director Emeritus and Anna Shaw, Education & Programs Manager

The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, Charleston, SC

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### C. Child Homicide Investigation: A Multidisciplinary Investigative Approach

Brian Killacky, Retired Sergeant

Cook County, Illinois

This instructional block will illustrate the investigative process required when a child has died from non-accidental means. Highlighted through lecture and related case studies will be aspects concerning law enforcement and CPS response, crime scene processing, suspect development and the establishment of the cause and manner of the child's death.

### THURSDAY, MAY 1

8:45a.m.-10:15a.m.

Session 9

### Don't Be a Bobble Head, Be Culturally Competent Instead!

Cym Doggett

SRCAC, Huntsville, AL

This workshop will expose participants to some of the current research regarding culturally competent services and the impact for our families. We will discuss how to assess developmental needs regarding the cultural competency of CACs and how to meet those needs.

### B. Forensic Interviews and Acute Sexual Assault: Working to Minimize Trauma for Children

Dawn Scaff, MSN, RN

Michele Thames, M. Ed.

Pediatric Forensic Nurse Examiner Coordinator, CHKD, Norfolk, VA

Children that have been sexually assaulted need medical attention, particularly when the assault took place within 72 hours. DNA, crime scene details and the child's narrative about the assault are keys to a successful investigation and prosecution. This presentation will show the connection between the pediatric sexual assault exam and the forensic interview.

# C. Cold Case Child Death and Long Term Missing Child Investigation: a professional review of cases that are closed, suspended or forgotten

Brian Killacky, Retired Sergeant

Cook County, Illinois

This block will deal with what it takes to reinvestigate cold case child homicide and the long term missing child investigations. Through lecture, case studies and understanding the cold case investigative protocol, this block will illustrate the investigative mechanisms needed to resolve cases that have gone unresolved for years.

10:30a.m.—12:00p.m.

**Closing Keynote** 

### Randy and Me

Kevin Mulcahy, Assistant U.S. Attorney & Chief of the General Crimes Unit Detroit, Michigan



Kevin Mulcahy, J.D. is an Assistant U.S. Attorney in Detroit and Chief of the General Crimes Unit. As Chief, he oversees the Project Safe Childhood (PSC) program, as well as supervising gun, drug, and other federal prosecutions. For his own caseload, he focuses on child exploitation crimes, including production of child pornography cases, traveler cases, and other significant PSC prosecutions. Mr. Mulcahy has been a prosecutor for 11 years, all on the federal level, with the first 3.5 years as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in San Diego, and the rest in Detroit. Mr. Mulcahy obtained his undergraduate degree from the University of Michigan where he double majored in Statistics and American Culture. He graduated from Santa Clara University School of Law where he was Editor in Chief of the Santa Clara Law Review.

This presentation will recount Kevin's own story of sexual exploitation at the hands of his soccer coach, Randy. It will not be merely a retelling of the past. Instead, the presentation will address lessons learned from his case by combining his experiences—both as a victim and a long-time prosecutor of child exploitation cases. Knowing what he knows now, he believes there are lessons to be learned from his story for the investigator (his was great), the prosecutor (his was terrible), and the forensic interviewer (he didn't have one). His hope is that attendees will more thoroughly understand the impact of child sexual abuse on victims, as well as be challenged by the awesome responsibilities associated with working these cases. Lastly, time permitting, Kevin will be open to all questions. Given the nature of our work, we don't often get to ask questions (beyond factual questions) of our child victims; this presentation will allow that opportunity.

### **Presenter Biographies**

**Cym Doggett** is the Project Director for the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center, a project of the National Children's Advocacy Center funded through a grant from the U. S. Department of Justice, which provides training and technical assistance to Children's Advocacy Centers in 16 states. Ms. Doggett holds a B.S. in Business Administration and a MSW from the University of Alabama. She has also completed the Program for Senior Executives in State and Local Government at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University.

Martha J. Finnegan is one of the Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewers (CAFI) for the FBI's Office for Victim Assistance. Before coming to the FBI, Ms. Finnegan worked at Children's Hospital Center for Child Protection in San Diego, CA, where she was the Kids in Court Coordinator and a forensic interview specialist. Ms. Finnegan next worked as the Victim Witness Specialist at APRI's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, where she was responsible for integrating victim/witness issues into APRI trainings and providing technical assistance to victims and child abuse professionals around the country. Ms. Finnegan has published an article entitled *Creating and Administering a Kids Court Program* and is co-author of an article entitled *The Use of Anatomical Diagrams in Child Sexual Abuse Forensic Interviews.* She also authored a guide for FBI agents entitled *Investigative Interviews of Adolescent Victims* and co-authored an article entitled *Interviewing Compliant Adolescent Victims.* Ms. Finnegan recently co-authored an article on presenting evidence in forensic interviews entitled *A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words:: Incorporating Child Pornography Images in the Forensic Interview..* Ms. Finnegan received her B.A. degree from Providence College in 1990 and her Master of Social Work degree from Tulane University in 1994.

Allison M. Foster, Ph.D. received her undergraduate degrees in Psychology and English Literature at Emory University in Atlanta, GA and her Ph.D. in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of South Carolina in Columbia. Dr. Foster is Chief Psychologist at the Assessment and Resource Center (The ARC), a nationally accredited Children's Advocacy Center in Columbia. Previously she served as the program's director for 17 years. Dr. Foster also maintains a private practice and holds an adjunct faculty position with the USC School of Medicine, Department of Neuropsychiatry and Behavioral Science. Dr. Foster evaluates allegations of child abuse, conducts child custody and parenting evaluations, provides court-ordered treatment in high-conflict families and case consultations for attorneys. Dr. Foster is also trained in collaborative divorce and recently became a certified family law mediator. Dr. Foster testifies frequently as an expert in matters pertaining to children, abuse and parent-child relationships. She trains nationally and conducts clinical research. Among her professional affiliations, she is a member of the American Psychological Association (APA), South Carolina Psychological Association and the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). She is a past president of the South Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (SCPSAC) and a frequent trainer for the National Children's Advocacy Center and the National Child Protection Training Center.

**Dr. William Hauda** is the Medical Director of the Ewing Forensic Assessment and Consultation Teams Department at Inova Fairfax Hospital and Inova Children's Hospital. The department provides medical and forensic evaluations of adult and pediatric patients who are victims of sexual or physical assaults or abuse. Dr. Hauda helped to found the program for assessment of child physical injuries in 1999. He received his undergraduate degree in Zoology at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He completed medical school at the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He completed an internship and residency in emergency medicine at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. He then came to Inova Fairfax Hospital to complete a two year fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine. He is board certified in emergency medicine, pediatric emergency medicine, and forensic medicine. He has worked as a medical examiner and death investigator for over 15 years.

Allison M. Jackson M.D., MPH, FAAP is a board certified Child Abuse Pediatrician currently serving as the Division Chief of the Child and Adolescent Protection Center of Children's National Center, and as an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at George Washington University. As a pediatrician on her team, she evaluates and treats children victimized by all forms of child abuse and neglect. Her additional responsibilities include providing physician leadership to the District of Columbia's Multidisciplinary Team on Child Abuse. She is an active member of the Children's Academy of Pediatric Educators, through which she is working to improve early identification of abuse and neglect by physicians by enhancing the education of pediatricians on the recognition and response to child physical abuse. Dr. Jackson also provides clinical and didactic instruction to medical students, residents and fellows, and to child=serving non-medical professionals in the region. She is a sub-committee co-chair for the Mental Health and Well-Being Committee of the Ray Helfer Society, and represents the Ray Helfer Society on the National Child Abuse Coalition. She has been a primary and co-investigator in a number of research protocols, and has several publications.

Brian Killacky, Retired Special Agent has served on the front line as a true champion for the protection of children since 1976. First as Chicago Police Officer, then to the Special Investigation Unit (SIU) that the Chicago Police Department formed after serial killer John Wayne Gacy murdered 33 boys. Brian continued his dedication to the protection of children, as the lead detective in the infamous Girl X case. For a decade, Brian has been assigned to investigate cold case homicide. In 2002 he transferred to the Cook County State's Attorney Office (CCSAO), which serves the City of Chicago and over 250 suburban and federal agencies within Cook County, Illinois. This unit has also provided outside agency investigative assistance to numerous state, local, and federal agencies with complex investigative jurisdictional issues. For over 20 years, Brian has assisted the United States Department of Justice and the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) and as a consultant to Fox Valley Technical College in providing investigative training centering on sexual exploitation of children, child fatality, child abduction, and most recently in the investigative use of DNA and cold case related offenses. Brian not only provides expert instruction but also acts as a resource to assist students. Brian has served as an investigator, protector, role model, and champion of children for over thirty years doing "whatever it takes" to get the job done.

M. Elizabeth "Libby" Ralston, Ph.D. served as the Founding Director of The Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center, an accredited Children's Advocacy Center located in Charleston, South Carolina and since her retirement in 2012, she serves as the DNLCC Director Emeritus. Dr. Ralston is on the clinical faculty of the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Science at the Medical University of South Carolina, served on the Board of Directors of the National Children's Alliance, and is a past president of the SC Chapter of Children's Advocacy Centers. Dr. Ralston currently serves on the National Child Traumatic Stress Network's Child Welfare sub-committee, is the vice-chair of the SC Children's Justice Act Task Force and is on the Board of Directors of the SC Chapter of APSAC. Dr. Ralston is the co-director of Project BEST, a community based learning collaborative coordinated through the South Carolina's Children's Advocacy Centers, to Bring Evidence Supported Treatment to all traumatized children in South Carolina and the South Carolina Trauma Practice Initiative that is training SC Department of Social Service Child Protection staff and the SC Department of Mental Health clinical staff using the Community Based Learning Collaborative model developed as a part of Project BEST in the delivery of evidence supported mental health treatment to children in South Carolina.

Dawn Scaff, MSN, RN is the Pediatric Forensic Nurse Examiner Coordinator at the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Child Abuse Program. Dawn received her Registered Nursing degree in 2001, her Bachelor of Science in 2010 and her Masters of Science in Nursing in 2013. Dawn has worked at the Children's Hospital of the King's Daughters for over 10 years and at the Child Abuse Program for 6 years, providing sexual assault nursing exams to pediatric patients. She is the supervisor of a team of on-call nurses and has provided hundreds of SANE exams both acute and non-acute in her career. She is a qualified expert in pediatric SANE exams, testifying regularly in child abuse cases. Dawn regularly educates multidisciplinary team members regarding pediatric sexual assault in the Hampton Roads community as well as other medical professionals. Dawn was the recipient of the 2013 "Champions for Children" award in the medical category.

Anna Wilson Shaw, MSEd, is the Education & Programs Manager at the Dee Norton Lowcountry Children's Center (DNLCC) in Charleston, SC. In this capacity she serves as Child Abuse School Liaison, providing training and consultation to educators and other community members on identifying, reporting and responding to suspicions of child abuse or neglect and inviting school personnel to participate in multidisciplinary team staffings. Mrs. Shaw also coordinates a programmatic grant and collaborates with departmental staff to organize and execute new training initiatives. Prior to joining DNLCC, she taught in South Carolina and New York City. Mrs. Shaw is treasurer of the South Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

Michele Thames, M. Ed., is the Forensic Interview Coordinator at the Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Child Abuse Program in Norfolk, Virginia. In her current position, Michele has provided over 2500 videotaped forensic interviews for local, state and federal investigative agencies. Michele sits on several multidisciplinary teams in Hampton Roads and provides expert testimony in child abuse cases as needed. Michele coordinates a team of five forensic interviewers and regularly provides training to local, state and national agencies about child abuse investigations and forensic interviewing. She founded the canine therapy dog program at Child Abuse Program and is the handler of Pecos, a Canine Companions for Independence Facility Dog that accompanies her to work each day. Pecos is used in forensic interviews, therapy sessions, and medical exams and in the courtroom helping maltreated children in Hampton Roads.

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