

Presenter Bios

Beth Biro is currently the Forensic Sexual Abuse Consultant at Children's Cove serving children between the ages of 2-17. She also serves as a Forensic Interviewer/Extended Forensic Interviewer providing vital investigative information to the agency's partners for child sexual abuse, physical abuse and witness to domestic violence cases. She provides forensic consultation/training to partner agencies Beth graduated from Bridgewater State University with degrees in Criminology, Psychology and Spanish. Previous to her work at Children's Cove, Beth was a licensed Social Worker with the Department of Children and Families, working with families in crisis. Prior to her service with the Department of Children and Families, Beth was a Sheriff's Deputy working inside the correctional facility and serving on the Mounted Tactical Division. Beth's extensive training in the field of child protection, law enforcement and her continuous service to families in the Cape area has enabled her to dedicate herself to the cause of child sexual abuse to families on the Cape and Islands.

Francis J. Pescosolido, Ph.D., M.P.H. is a Clinical Associate Professor of Psychiatry and Human Behavior at the Alpert Medical School of Brown University and maintains a private psychotherapy practice in Providence, Rhode Island. At Brown Alpert Medical School, Dr. Pescosolido is actively involved in teaching Child Psychiatry residents/fellows, regarding the clinical course, neurobiology, psychodynamics and treatment of childhood/adolescent and family PTSD. Prior to joining the Brown Alpert Medical School, Dr. Pescosolido was on faculty at the Harvard Medical School as a Lecturer on Psychiatry where he taught a seminar on Child and Family Psychological Trauma. During this time, he was a senior clinical supervisor and consultant to the Judge Baker Children's Center and The Trauma Center with Dr. Bessell van der Kolk at the Human Resource Institute and Boston University Medical School's Department of Psychiatry. Also, Dr. Pescosolido served as the director of the Child and Family Sexual Abuse Program, at Bradley Hospital, the first comprehensive program of its kind in the state of Rhode Island during the mid-1980's. He lectures widely and has published on traumatic childhood experiences resulting from victimization. He received a B.S. cum laude in psychology and early childhood education and also an M.Ed. in Counseling Psychology from Springfield College, an M.S.W. from Simmons College, an M.P.H. from Harvard University and his Ph.D. from Boston College.

Jessica Robidoux, M.S.F.S. While working on her undergraduate degree at the University of Massachusetts, Jessica worked in conjunction with Ocean Spray analyzing a variety of fruit, including grapes and cranberries, to extract organic compounds thought to have anti-cancer properties. While working on her graduate degree in Washington DC, Jessica was hired by the United States Secret Service to work as a Chemistry Contractor in the Questioned Document Laboratory analyzing inks and papers submitted in relation to criminal and non-criminal investigations. She began her career with the Massachusetts State Police Crime Laboratory in 2006, where she was hired as a Chemist in the Drug Unit analyzing submitted samples for the presence of controlled substances. In 2008, once the Lakeville facility was in operation, Jessica was able to transfer to her current position in the Criminalistics and Crime Scene Response Units. Her principle duties include the chemical, physical, microscopic and serological examinations required on evidence found at crime scenes or submitted by law enforcement agencies, serial number restorations, preparing and reviewing technical reports of analysis and testifying in court. As a Crime Scene Responder Jessica conducts examinations of physical evidence at scenes of crimes or scenes conducted with crimes.

Dr. John P. Seasock is currently a specialist/consultant with Renaissance Psychological and Counseling Corporation Inc, which is highly recognized for program development and treatment of physically/sexually abused individuals, adolescent sexual offenders and both their families. He received a Doctorate in Psychology from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, and additionally holds dual Masters Degrees in Community Counseling and Clinical Psychology. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor and has multiple certifications in various clinical specialties. Over the last twenty years, John has specialized in work and research with persons affected by chronic mental health disorders, and sexual victimization/trauma. He is published and a nationally recognized speaker who regularly presents at International, National, and Regional conferences.

Judge Charles Gill's most distinguished legal career has focused on neglected and underserved people, particularly children and youth. His concern for abused children was the result of studying the common patterns of childhood victimization. In 1965, when few attorneys represented children, he laid the groundwork for providing legal representation for juveniles. His efforts on behalf of the forgotten poor individuals in Connecticut encompassed a variety of community development, legal, health and mental health projects which challenged the professional community to do more to protect the unprotected. Moreover, he focused much attention on expanding the spirit of volunteerism to tap this great but overlooked resource on behalf of neighborhoods and individual citizens. As a superior court judge, he appointed lawyers for children and he ordered child-comforting techniques in the courtroom long before statutes allowed for such measures. Judge Gill had social workers, psychologists, and victim assistance staff work with young victims, and thereby demonstrated how state agencies could work together to achieve a common goal of better services for child victims. Because he has felt that children have been doubly victimized by the system which was meant to protect them, Judge Gill has toiled endlessly to better the lot of children. Throughout his career he has shown compassion and concern for the rights of all citizens. Recently, he established a multidisciplinary task force to study the feasibility of amending the United States Constitution to extend much needed protection to child victims. An important aspect of this task force's work will focus on the need to prevent childhood victimization. Judge Gill's dedication and his vision of an America where our vast resources are channeled toward helping our most vulnerable citizens, our children, deserves special recognition.

Maria Gallagher is the Leadership Development & Outreach Coordinator for the Northeast Regional Children's Advocacy Center. In this position since 2004, she provides training & technical assistance, information and consultation to communities working to develop and /or sustain Children's Advocacy Centers and Multidisciplinary teams in the nine northeast states. Maria is a bilingual professional social worker with over eighteen years experience working in the field of child abuse. Her background includes working as a CPS worker, an Intensive Preservation worker, a Family Advocate and as a clinician. Maria co-developed and copy righted a curriculum for Non-Offending Caretakers on Child Sexual Abuse which she facilitated for 6 years, in English and Spanish. She also conducts a Family Violence psycho-educational group for court ordered offenders, males and females and conducts them in English and Spanish. In addition, Maria provides clinical services to Spanish speaking children and their families as she works toward her licensure. Maria has been an active board member of national (APSAC) state (CT Gov Task Force on Justice for Abused Children) and local organizations whose focus is child abuse, social service and mental health services (CCA, IBHS-CT, and SECT United Way). She is a founding board member of a local Hispanic 501C3 organization, the Hispanic Alliance.

Dr. Patti van Eys is a licensed clinical psychologist who has been a Vanderbilt University faculty member in psychology and psychiatry for the past 16 years and is now exclusively an assistant professor in psychiatry. Since 2003 she has served as the clinical director of the Vanderbilt University Center of Excellence for Children in State Custody. Before coming to Nashville, she was a psychologist at the National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama where she gained formative experience working with children with complex maltreatment trauma and children with sexual behavior problems. Dr. van Eys is a state leader in the area of serving high risk children. She was contracted to the State of Tennessee in 2001-2003 in the area of children's mental health policy on the Governor's Tennessee Children's Health Initiative. She is currently a faculty leader on the Tennessee TF-CBT Learning Collaborative, serves on several task forces and boards including the Department of Children's Services Commissioner's Mental Health Task Force, The Tennessee Connecting for Children's Justice annual child maltreatment symposium task force, TennCare Best Practice Guidelines task force for Childhood PTSD and Attachment Disorders, and the Tennessee Voices for Children Advisory Board. Aside from teaching and supervising both Vanderbilt psychology and psychiatry trainees in formal classes and applied training settings, Dr. van Eys trains frequently at the local, regional, and national level in the area of child maltreatment and child mental health issues. Further, Dr. van Eys has recently conducted a pilot intervention project with foster and adopted children and their families using Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and an expanded PCIT model focusing more on the attachment processes and parent education. She has published in the area of children with sexual behavior problems, navigating the system of child sexual abuse, and psychological assessment issues for children with complex abuse histories.

Sgt Pi Heseltine has been with the Massachusetts State Police for approximately 19 years. She is currently assigned to the Special Service Section of the investigative division investigating cases of child exploitation; more specifically child prostitution/ Human Trafficking. Previous assignment(s) included the Massachusetts Missing Children Clearinghouse where she created and launched a public facing website designed to assist the public, law Enforcement and Social services in developing a better systemic response to children at risk. Prior to that, she worked with the FBI and Boston Police on the Innocence Lost initiative. Before the above assignments where she has been solely focused on child exploitation, Sgt Heseltine worked in both Essex and Middlesex County conducting homicide, sexual assault and child abuse investigations. Sgt Heseltine serves on the Governor's Commission on Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence where she spearheaded the drafting of the Sexual Assault Guidelines for Law Enforcement for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. In addition, she serves on the Board of Directors for the Massachusetts Children's Alliance (MACA).

Richard Guerry is a national public speaker and the founder of the non-profit organization the Institute for Responsible Online and Cell-Phone Communication (IROC2). Throughout the 1990's, at the height of the technology revolution, Richard served as an interactive marketing executive. In his tenure, he encountered the darkest areas of the internet and discovered countless individuals unknowingly being manipulated and schemed, and their content being stolen and exploited. As a father of two young children, and an avid user of digital technology himself, he decided to make a change and start a new revolution centered on technology— Digital Consciousness. In 2009, Richard left corporate America, and applied his vast experience and knowledge of internet safety to serve as the Executive Director of IROC2. He now travels across the country speaking to digital users, young and old, regarding the importance of practicing a Digital Consciousness in every aspect of life to avoid any current – or future – digital disease. Richard has presented over 400 workshops and assemblies since June, 2009 and has been a featured speaker at many national conferences and conventions, including the National Conference on Child Sexual Abuse and Exploitation Prevention, the Internationally Bullying Prevention Association, and the National Symposium on Child Abuse. He has also appeared as an expert on CNN and MTV's Thin Line Campaign, as well as in Parade Magazine and in local, regional, and international publications.

Dr. Rich Kaplan is a board certified pediatric child abuse specialist at the University of Minnesota. He is an Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Minnesota Medical School. He is the Medical Director of The Center for Safe and Healthy Children - the University of Minnesota Amplatz Children's Hospital Child Abuse Program. Dr. Kaplan received a Masters in Social Work degree from St. Louis University and a Doctor of Medicine degree from the University of South Dakota. He completed a pediatric residency in Phoenix, AZ. Rich is a fellow of the American Academy of Pediatrics, a charter member of the Ray Helfer Society and a former member of the Society's executive committee. Dr. Kaplan is a 2003 recipient of the United States Department of Health and Human Services: Commissioner's Award for Outstanding Service in the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect. Most recently, Rich has received the 2009 award as "Outstanding Front Line Professional" from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. He is also a member of the Executive Board of the American Academy of Pediatrics Section on Child Abuse and Neglect (SOCAN) and has been named as the Section's representative to the Academy's Committee on Child Abuse and Neglect (COCAN). Rich has also established the Telehealth Institute for Child Maltreatment – a national program to provide expert review to child abuse medical providers regardless of their location. Rich is also a consultant and teacher for the Midwest Regional Children's Advocacy Center – a program supported by the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. First, as a social worker and now as a pediatrician, Rich has been working with child abuse victims for over 35 years. Most recently Dr. Kaplan has become board certified in the new pediatric specialty: Child Abuse Pediatrics. He is also certified in General Pediatrics.

Retired Detective Richard Love had been employed as a police detective for the City of Fort Lauderdale Police Department for the past 25 years. For 23 years, he was assigned to the Special Investigations Division, investigating major narcotic trafficking, gambling, extortion, prostitution, and racketeering cases. In 1998, he was assigned to the Broward County Sheriff's Office Internet Crimes against Children Task Force (ICAC) investigating Internet crimes against children. For 5.5 years he was employed as a consultant to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Crimes against Children Unit in Miami, Florida. In 1999, he received an award from the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children for his online investigative work. In 2001, he was named the Law Enforcement against Child Harm (LEACH) Investigator of the year, and the United States Attorney's Office Southern District of Florida Outstanding Law Enforcement Officer of the year. He has also received an award from Robert Muller III Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for his undercover work in a Group 1 operation targeting individuals requesting the sexual services of children in and outside the United States. He has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Philosophy and Psychology from Saint Joseph's Calumet College in Indiana.

Robert Hugh Farley MS, the principal of Farley International, was the commanding officer of the Cook County Sheriff's Police; Child Exploitation Unit in Chicago, IL. As a highly decorated Detective, Unit Supervisor and Deputy U.S. Marshal he has had over 28 years experience investigating and supervising all aspects of child abuse crimes from sexual abuse to child homicide. As an international child abuse expert he has conducted thousands of child abuse investigation seminars for the U.S. Department of Justice and the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in all 50 states and 22 different countries for INTERPOL.

Robin Stern, Ph.D., is a licensed psychoanalyst, educator, and author, with over twenty-five years of experience treating individuals, couples, and groups. She has developed and implemented training programs focusing on personal and professional growth, emphasizing the importance of self-awareness, emotional competencies, and ethical leadership, all of which are covered in the 3-Minute Second. Robin holds a doctorate in Applied Psychology, as well as a post-doctoral certificate in Psychoanalytic Group Psychotherapy. She is on the faculty of Teachers College, Columbia University, The Training Institute for Mental Health in New York City, and, is a consultant to the Health, Emotion, & Behavior Laboratory at Yale University. Robin is a founding board member of The Woodhull Institute for Ethical Leadership, where she co-created the curriculum for the Woodhull retreat experience. Additionally, Robin is a Diplomat of the American Psychotherapy Association. She is the author of *The Gaslight Effect: How to Spot and Survive the Hidden Manipulation Others Use to Control Your Life* (Random House, May '07), which was written up in all the top women's magazines. Her most recent book, *Project Rebirth: Survival and the Strength of the Human Spirit from 9/11 Survivors* (Dutton, September '11). Robin has been featured as a keynote presenter at dozens of conferences and as a guest on syndicated radio stations nationwide. She has a thriving private practice in New York City and lives in Riverdale with her husband and two children.

Stephanie Smith received her undergraduate degree from Butler University, Indianapolis, Indiana in 1978. After 20 years in marketing & advertising, she received her J.D. from the Indiana University School of Law at Indianapolis in 1998. For 11 years, she was employed by the Hamilton County (Indiana) Prosecutor's Office where she began to specialize in "crimes against children" including sexual and abuse, neglect and computer-facilitated offenses. She was a founding member of her county's Internet Crimes against Children Task Force. Having completed the Finding Words (now Child First) training in 2002, she became a faculty member in 2004, served on the Board of Directors for the Indiana program including stints as president and statewide coordinator. She participated annually in the mock trial presentation sponsored by the Indiana Coalition against Sexual Assault and served on the Advisory Board for Project Safe Childhood in the Southern District of Indiana. She is currently the Regional Director of the Southern Regional Center of the National Child Protection Training Center located at Northwest Arkansas Community College. She trains frequently on topics related to child maltreatment investigations and prosecutions as well as working to promote NCPTC's undergraduate and graduate curricula in Child Advocacy Studies designed to train our future front-line professionals in the field of child protection.

Steven Gross, M.S.W., is the Founder and Chief Playmaker of the Life is good Kids Foundation (formerly Project Joy), a nonprofit organization that uses play to strengthen and heal children whose lives have been deeply impacted by trauma. A pioneer in utilizing exuberant, joyful play to promote resiliency in children and a leader in the field of psychological trauma response, Gross is committed to the healthy development of children facing the most difficult circumstances.

Tamara Hillard, LICSW, has served as the Clinical Treatment Specialist for Children's Cove, The Cape Cod and Islands Child Advocacy Center, since June, 2000, and also maintains a small private practice. Prior to moving to Cape Cod, Ms. Hillard lived in Vermont and was in private practice, while also serving as the Clinical Supervisor and therapist for OUR House, the CAC for Central Vermont for 4 years. Her background includes office and school based therapy, consultation, supervision, and training/teaching. Tamara's active approach using Trauma-Focused Cognitive techniques, creatively challenges thinking patterns that affect emotions and outcomes. Tamara provides brief assessment, treatment, consultation, and National and Regional presentations/trainings, with a specific focus on sexual abuse treatment.

Tim Lineaweaver is a licensed mental health counselor with over twenty years experience in various guises in behavioral health across the Cape and Islands. He is co chair of the Cape and Islands Suicide Prevention Coalition and is an adjunct faculty member at Lesley University.

William G. Brooks is the Deputy Chief of the Wellesley Police Department. During his 34-year career, he also served with the Westwood and Norwood Police Departments. He is the commanding officer of the Investigative Support Unit and the Child Abduction Response Team of the Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council. He has been the director of the NORPAC Drug Task Force in Norfolk County for 24 years and has been a police academy instructor for over twenty years specializing in drug enforcement, criminal investigation and eyewitness identification. He is a graduate of the FBI National Academy.