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## Staff & Board

The mission of Children's Cove is to provide compassionate, comprehensive, and collaborative response services at no cost to survivors of child abuse through its evidence-based programs, network of community partnerships, educational outreach and awareness efforts. Its multidisciplinary team works together to empower survivors, promote healthy outcomes, and help mitigate the stigma of child abuse.

Our dedicated staff is committed to reducing the trauma endured by child victims, promoting accountability, fostering healing, and advocating on behalf of child victims of sexual abuse and physical abuse.

## Staff

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### **Stacy Gallagher** *Director*

Stacy brings over 25 years of experience in working in various roles with children of all ages and backgrounds who have traumatic abuse histories. As the Director of Children's Cove and a trained forensic interviewer, she is able to understand and help navigate both the human services and legal perspectives of child abuse cases. Stacy believes that child abuse prevention is everyone's responsibility. It takes an educated and involved community to protect our children.

Stacy directs the physical operations, budget, staffing and overall management of Children's Cove. As part of her career working for child advocacy centers, Gallagher has trained numerous individuals in the field of child sexual abuse, including ongoing training at multiple community agencies, schools, youth-serving organizations and multiple state and local police academies. Gallagher earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Rhode Island College, Providence, Rhode Island and a Master of Science degree in Forensic Science: Advanced Investigations from the University of New Haven, West Haven, Connecticut.

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**Lenny Fontes** *Associate Director*

Lenny has been with Children's Cove since its infancy and currently holds a leadership role within the agency and acts as the Direct Services Coordinator. Lenny believes strongly in the mission of Children's Cove and contributes to its success by assisting victims and families with guidance and support.

Lenny oversees all direct services including forensic interviewing, mental health services, and family advocacy and maintains working relationships with partner agencies such as the Department of Children and Families, law enforcement and the District Attorney of the Cape and the Islands. Prior to this role, he worked as a juvenile probation officer for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the State of Texas. He holds a BS from Bridgewater State University

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**Nancy Raymond** *Administrative Assistant*

Nancy, a Cape Cod resident since 1970, was a stay at home mom until she reentered the working world in 1998. Nancy has been with Children's Cove since July of 2005. Nancy sees the importance of having a child advocacy center like Children's Cove where children who have experienced abuse can safely and comfortably disclose their story and begin their path of healing.

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**Melanie Sachs** *Family Advocate*

Melanie is a New Hampshire native who moved to Cape Cod in 2015 to pursue her "dream job" at a CAC. She has worked in various victim advocacy roles with individuals of all ages and genders. Melanie believes that finding and cultivating your voice about life experiences can catapult you into a greater future. Helping children and families achieve this and advocating for survivors alongside families is her calling.

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**Kristine Monteiro** *Mental Health Coordinator*

Kristine brings over twenty years of experience working in various therapeutic roles and settings with children and their families to Children's Cove. Kristine believes in the inherent strength and resiliency of children to overcome adversity with the support of loving family members, caring schools and communities, and effective therapeutic providers.

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**Deborah Sorrentino** *Nurse Practitioner, PediSANE*

Debby is new to Cape Cod from the Boston area. She is an FNP, specializing in Child Protection. She is certified and has practiced as a PediSANE for many years. Medical exams for health and wellness is essential after a disclosure of sexual abuse. Debby wants children to learn early that what happened does not define their lives.

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**Beth Mitchell** *Forensic Interviewer/CSEC Case Manager*

Beth moved to Cape Cod from New Hampshire in 2016 and right away began working with children across the Cape. Beth has over ten years of experience working with children and their families in various roles. Beth believes that every child deserves a safe place to grow and flourish to reach their full potential.

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**Jacob Stapledon** *Community Education and Outreach Coordinator*

Jacob is a native Cape Codder who has worked in a variety of mental health and education roles with individuals of all ages, genders and backgrounds. Jacob believes that prevention education is the key to combating child sexual abuse, and that early intervention and care after abuse makes strong and resilient adults.

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**Halsey O'Loughlin** *AmeriCorps VISTA Volunteer Coordinator*

Halsey grew up in Santa Cruz, CA, and has been visiting her family on the Cape for over twenty years. Halsey holds BA's in Sociology as well as Human Development & Family Studies from the University of Connecticut. She is serving as an AmeriCorps VISTA to support the mission of Children's Cove in the community. Halsey hopes to help the volunteer program grow and thrive during her time here at Children's Cove.

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