



3rd ANNUAL "TAKING CHILD ABUSE INTERVENTIONS TO NEW HEIGHTS" SYMPOSIUM SPEAKER BIOS

KEVIN MCNEIL, M.DIV

Kevin McNeil is a motivational speaker, abuse activist, and the CEO of the Twe12e Project, an organization that educates the world on the effects of abuse. Kevin retired from the DeKalb County Police Department after 20 years serving as a Police Officer and Special Victims Unit Detective. His training and attention to detail helped him solve several high-profile serial rape cases in Atlanta, Georgia. Kevin's background coupled with his extensive research on trauma and the effects of abuse both defines and differentiates his message. Kevin obtained his Master of Divinity Degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He is the author of six published books focusing on empowering others to live out their God-given purpose.

CHRIS NEWLIN, MS, LPC

Chris Newlin is the Executive Director of the National Children's Advocacy Center located in Huntsville, AL. He is responsible for providing leadership/management of the NCAC and participating in the national/international training and leadership activities for the protection of children. The NCAC was the first CAC in the world and continues to provide prevention and intervention services for child abuse in Huntsville/Madison County, AL. NCAC also houses the National Training Center, the Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center and the Child Abuse Library Online (CALIO). Chris serves on numerous national/international Boards of Directors and Advisory Committees related to child protection and well-being. He was recognized as the 2010 recipient of the Hendrix College Odyssey Medal for service to the World and the 2010 recipient of the International Impact Award from the International Services Council of Alabama. Chris is a graduate of Hendrix College, the University of Central Arkansas and the Harvard Business School Executive Education Program.

CATHERINE CONNELL, LCSW, ACSW

Catherine S. Connell is a state licensed Clinical Social Worker. Ms. Connell received her Bachelors of Social Work at Michigan State University. She received her Masters of Social Work, at Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan. Ms. Connell is currently employed with the FBI as a Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer with the Office of Victim Assistance. She provides interviews, consultation and training for FBI Agents, Assistant United States Attorney's, and other federal, state and international law enforcement. Prior to the Bureau Ms. Connell was the Director of Intervention and Treatment, at CARE House, a Child Advocacy Center in Pontiac, Michigan. She was responsible for the collaboration of the multidisciplinary team, conducting and supervising forensic interviews, and the coordination of follow-up services for child victims and their families. Prior to this, she was the Forensic Interviewer for 7 years, at Care House in Mt. Clemens, Michigan. Ms. Connell has conducted approximately 4500 interviews. Ms. Connell was on the Executive committee for MACE, a multi-jurisdictional task force for Internet crimes. Ms. Connell has been qualified as an expert witness on multiple subjects in civil and criminal cases, in Federal and local jurisdictions. Ms. Connell has coauthored and published "Interviewing Compliant Adolescent Victims" and "A Picture Is Worth a Thousand Words: Incorporating Child Pornography Images in the Forensic Interview".

JODIE HIVELY, MS ED.

Jodie Hively holds a Master's of Science in Education and is a Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist who worked with high-risk youth and families. Ms. Hively's background is primarily in Psychology and Criminal Justice and prior to becoming a Forensic Interviewer, she worked as a Probation Officer and Family Case Manager for Child Services. She is currently employed with the FBI as a Child/Adolescent Forensic Interviewer with the Victim Services Division, Child Victim Services Unit and has been a Forensic Interviewer for almost eleven years. Since joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation in 2016, she continues to conduct interviews as well as consultation and training for FBI Agents, Assistant United States Attorney's, and other federal, state and international law enforcement.

KATRINA COOK, PH.D.

Katrina serves as the Director of Clinical Services for the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center. She earned her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from Texas Tech University and is licensed as a psychologist in the state of Texas. Her research and clinical interests remain focused on providing evidence-based services to underserved populations, primarily youth and their parents, with an emphasis on

recovering from traumatic events. She is experienced in providing TF-CBT, PCIT, and PSB-CBT with youth and their caregivers.

JENNIFER SHERENIAN, BS

Jennifer Sherenian serves as the Problematic Sexualized Behavior (PSB) Coordinator at the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center (DCAC). Prior to serving as the PSB Coordinator, Jennifer served as a Family Advocate and Education Specialist. She received her Bachelor of Science in Development and Family Studies.

MICHELLE SCOTT, BA

Michelle Scott currently serves as Victim Witness Coordinator with the U.S. Attorney's Office in Raleigh, North Carolina, where her primary duties include provision of service to federal crime victims and witnesses. Prior to joining the U.S. Attorney's Office, she was employed with Pitt County District Attorney's Office as the Child Abuse Coordinator, where her duties included serving child victims of rape and sexual assault. Ms. Scott served on the Governor's Domestic Violence Subcommittee, North Carolina Conference of District Attorneys Victim Witness Revised Manual Committee and Pitt County Child Fatality Team. In 1998, Pitt County Tedi Bear: Children's Advocacy Center presented her with its first annual leadership award; in August, 2004, she received Outstanding Victim Advocate Award from North Carolina Victim Assistance Network; in April 2012, she received the Federal Service Award for Outstanding Service on Behalf of Victims of Crime from the Office for Victims of Crime; and in October 2012, she received The Attorney General's Award for Excellence in Furthering the Interests of U.S. National Security. Ms. Scott serves as a member on numerous boards and organizations and was appointed to U.S. Department of Justice Victim-Witness Rapid Response Team. Ms. Scott has a Bachelor of Arts in Justice Studies from North Carolina Wesleyan College.

MARY CATHERINE GLENN COVINGTON, BA

Special Agent Covington has been with Homeland Security Investigations for seven years and has been assigned to work child exploitation cases and human/sex trafficking investigations. Prior to working for Homeland Security Investigations, Special Agent Covington was a United States Postal Inspector for six years and worked child exploitation cases involving the U.S. Mail. She has been involved in over 300 child pornography investigations. Special Agent Covington received the 2015 Law Enforcement Hero's Award by the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children in Washington, D.C. for her work on the Bailey Mills' case. She is currently assigned to the Resident Agent in Charge, Raleigh, NC.

CORY JEWELL JENSEN, MS, CCSOT

Currently the senior trainer for CBI Consulting, Cory Jewell Jensen, M.S., spent the last 35 years providing evaluation and treatment services to adult sex offenders and their families in Portland, Oregon. In addition to her clinical work, Ms. Jensen has provided training and consultation services to The National Center for the Prosecution of Child Abuse, The National Child Advocacy Center, The National Children's Alliance, The United States Navy, The National Crime Victims Association, The National Boy Scouts Foundation, The Mark McGwire Foundation for Children, US Marshall's Office, NYPD Special Victims Unit and a number of law enforcement, child advocacy and Faith based organizations. Ms. Jensen served as Executive Director for the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, chaired two of ATSA's International Research and Treatment Conferences and served as President of Oregon's Chapter of ATSA. She also chaired the Offender Management Committee attached to the Oregon Attorney General's Sexual Assault Task Force, has been an instructor for Portland State University's Child Welfare Training Institute for the past 15 years and provided training for countless Multi-disciplinary Teams throughout the United States. Jensen has been the recipient of Oregon's "Commercial Crime Prevention Award," the "Champions for Children Award," the OATSA "Significant Achievement Award," the Nunnenkamp "Award of Excellence," and the Jan Hindman Memorial Award. She has published a number of articles related to sex offender treatment, risk management and child abuse prevention, testified as an expert witness in local and federal courts and been a featured guest on radio talk shows and the Oprah Winfrey Show.

FRANÇOISE MATHIEU, MS ED., CCC., RP.

Françoise is the co-executive director of *TEND*, whose aim is to offer consulting/training to professionals on topics related to secondary trauma, compassion fatigue, burnout, self-care, wellness and organizational health. Françoise is a Registered Psychotherapist and a subject matter expert on topics related to compassion fatigue and secondary trauma. Her experience stems from over 20+ years as a mental health professional, working as a crisis counselor and trauma specialist in university counselling, military, law enforcement and other community mental health environments. Since 2001, Françoise has given hundreds of seminars on compassion fatigue and secondary trauma across North America and include presentations to members of St. Jude's Children's Hospital in Memphis, the LADP, Mount Sinai Hospital and the Chief Coroner's Office of Ontario. She is a founding member of the Secondary Traumatic Stress Consortium & the author of "The Compassion Fatigue Workbook".

JEANNE ALLERT, MS ED.

In 2007, Jeanne Allert founded and currently directs The Samaritan Women, a national faith-based organization providing restorative care for survivors of domestic sex trafficking. Jeanne is chief architect behind TSW's Continuum of Care model which integrates survivor-input, evidenced-based practices, trauma-informed principles and Christian values. Jeanne also created the Institute for Shelter Care and is a founding member of the National Trafficking Sheltered Alliance. She serves on the National Advisory Board for the Crimes Against Women conference, is a member of the Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign and a graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy. She has authored and co-authored several books. Her work has been featured in the 2015 documentary IN PLAIN SIGHT, in two books and numerous articles. Jeanne holds a Masters in Education and is completing a Masters in Ministry.

JIM SEARS, RETIRED DETECTIVE

Jim Sears has been a law enforcement officer for over 30 years working with the Irving Police Department (TX) where he retired as a sergeant, serving 17 years in the Domestic Violence and Child Abuse Unit. A dedicated advocate of children, he currently serves as a law enforcement consultant/instructor with the Shaken Baby Alliance for the Serious Physical Child Abuse and SIDS Program, Texas Commission on Law Enforcement instructor specializing in Domestic Violence and Child Abuse, Instructor at the Crimes Against Children's Conference in Dallas, is a Certified Instructor for Advanced Child Abuse Investigations through the Texas Municipal Police Association, instructor for the Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center and National Criminal Justice Training Center. Sears is the 2011 recipient of the Lt. Bill Walsh Award from the Dallas Children's Advocacy Center for career achievements in the field of child abuse investigations. He frequently lectures on topics related to child abuse investigations, interview and interrogation, and crime scene investigations for domestic violence and child abuse.

AMY RUSSELL, MS ED., JD, NCC

Amy Russell is executive director of the Arthur D. Curtis Children's Justice Center in Clark County, Washington. She has worked with victims of violence and trauma including interviewer for suspected child victims of abuse and witnesses to federal and state crimes, counselor for survivors of homicide victims and pro bono attorney for abused children. She has also directed several CACs, provided training on child abuse investigations and authored multiple articles on forensic interviewing, child maltreatment and vicarious trauma.

CHRIS CAMPBELL, BS

Chris is a 2007 Graduate of Western Carolina University with a Bachelor of Science degree in Criminal Justice. He served as an Asheville Police Officer from 2005 until 2008 and as a Buncombe County Detective from 2008 until 2010 where he was the lead gang investigator for the Sheriff's Office assigned to the Western North Carolina Gang Task Force. In 2010, Chris graduated from the 39th NCSBI Special Agent Academy. Chris has been a polygraph operator for the NCSBI since 2012 where he holds federal certifications for such. He is currently a member of the NCSBI Crisis Negotiator Team as a hostage negotiator.

MARY BOWLES, BS

Mary has spent over twenty years working for non-profits to educate and prevent child abuse and neglect. Starting at Covenant House Florida a homeless shelter for adolescents then spending the majority of her career working with Healthy Families America Mary believes with education and compassion lives will be changed. Mary had the honor of assisting a mother she was working with by accompanying the family to testify in front of a Congressional Caucus about prevention programs. Currently at KARE, Kids Advocacy Resource Effort in the mountains of Western North Carolina she is a beach or mountains girl and is happy swimming in the surf or hiking in the mountains with her three children.

NANCY LAMB, JD

Nancy Lamb has been a prosecutor since 1984 and served as the Chief Assistant District Attorney in the First Prosecutorial District, a seven county district in the northeastern North Carolina, with its home office in Elizabeth City until 2014. Lamb received her undergraduate degree from Appalachian State University and her law degree from Wake Forest University School of Law. Lamb served for 6 years on the Board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and chaired the Professional Education committee during her tenure on the Executive Committee. In 2003, she was awarded APSAC's Outstanding Service Award, given annually to an APSAC member in recognition of outstanding service to the organization. Lamb is a past president of the North Carolina Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the 1999 recipient of NCPSAC's Kimberly Crews award, given annually to an NCPSAC member in recognition of professional excellence for service to abused children statewide. Lamb has provided training for the past 25 years at local, regional and

national child abuse conferences throughout the United States. Lamb also serves on the CACNC Board of Directors.

DEB FLOWERS, MSN, CPNP

Deborah Flowers serves as the Program Coordinator/Nurse Consultant for the NC Child Medical Evaluation Program (CMEP) at UNC. In this capacity, Flowers coordinates the overall health care services of the statewide CMEP and develops curriculum and conducts training on the medical diagnosis and management of child maltreatment for medical and non-medical professionals. She is also an assistant clinical professor for the UNC-CH School of Medicine, Department of Pediatrics as well as an adjunct assistant clinical professor for the UNC School of Nursing. Flowers has over 31 years of experience in the field of nursing with trauma and child maltreatment being a large focus of her expertise.

HOLLY WARNER, FNP, B-C

Holly Warner, FNP-BC joined the Child Abuse Team at UNC Hospitals in January 2014. In her current role, she provides inpatient consultation services for children admitted to UNC when there is a concern of abuse or neglect. Prior to her current role, she worked as a child medical evaluator at SAFEchild Advocacy Center in Raleigh, NC. She earned her undergraduate degree (BSN) as well as her master's degree (MSN, FNP) from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill.

MOLLY BERKOFF, MD, MPH

Dr. Molly Berkoff is the medical director for the NC Child Medical Evaluation Program as well as the Section Head for Child Maltreatment at UNC School of Medicine. Dr. Berkoff is also the Children's Health and Development Program Medical Director with Wake County Human Services.

DAN POWERS, ACSW, LCSW

Dan Powers, LCSW is a clinical social worker and currently serves as Senior Vice President and Clinical Director for Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County in Plano, Texas. He supervises a staff of 22 therapists and clinical interns providing no cost services to victims of child abuse and family violence as well as their non-offending family members. As Senior VP he is responsible for clinical operations and program development as well as directing the Advocacy Center's clinical internship and training program. Dan has over 25 years of experience working within the field of child abuse, sex offenders and family violence. He frequently testifies as an expert witness in state and federal courts. He has also testified on several occasions before Texas legislative committees. He has been appointed by the governor on two occasions to state agency boards and is currently the Chair Elect of the Texas Children's Justice Act Task Force. Dan has made numerous presentations at major national and regional conferences on the sexual victimization of children, sex offenders, and the multidisciplinary response to child abuse. He is best known for his spirited presentations on wellness and survival for child abuse and family violence professionals. Dan lives in Texas with his wife and two sons.