

PFSA TRAINING EXCELLENCE

LORI AMEY -- Lori has more than 25 years of direct service and administrative experience in Pennsylvania's public child welfare system and recently retired from her role as Administrator for Perry County Children and Youth Services. In addition to her Bachelor of Social Science and Public Policy degrees from Penn State University, Lori holds a Master of Social Work Degree from Widener University. Lori has provided training on child welfare issues to both professionals and the community since 1999.

CHARMARIE V. BISEL -- Charmarie received her BSW from Marywood College and her Master of Social Work Degree from Marywood University, with a specialization in behavioral health and child welfare. A licensed social worker, she has 22-plus years of experience in the child welfare system, including more than 20 years as a supervisor for Susquehanna County Services for Children and Youth.

ELIZABETH BOULWARE BAIR -- Elizabeth has over 35 years of child welfare, child protective services and management experience. She holds a Bachelor of Social Science Degree from Cheyney University and Master of Science Degree in Counseling from Shippensburg University. Elizabeth has over 20 years of training experience. She is a PA Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor.

AMELIA CHIPETZ -- Amy earned her BA in Sociology and Master in Social Work Degree from Temple University. In addition, she is a licensed social worker. She has over 30 years of social service and administrative experience with Philadelphia Department of Human Services (DHS) and retired as the Social Work Administrator for DHS in July 2007. Amy has more than 20 years of professional training experience on a variety of child welfare and management topics.

KIMBERLY DUFFY -- Kimberly holds a Bachelor of Social Work Degree from Millersville University and an MSW from Marywood University. In her over 17 years of child welfare experience, Kimberly has held a number of leadership positions. She has conducted and supervised child abuse investigations. Kimberly served as the Director of Programs and Forensic Interview Specialist for Adams County Children's Advocacy Center. She currently works for the Pennsylvania Child Welfare Resource Center coordinating Pennsylvania's CAPTA efforts and the Citizen Review Panels.

MICHAEL M. GILL -- Michael has worked as a Social Work Training Specialist for Department of Human Services (DHS) in Allegheny County since 2001. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Administration of Justice and his Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Pittsburgh and is licensed social worker. He has worked for more than 20 years in the field of social work.

MELISSA B. HAYDT -- Melissa earned a BA in Liberal Arts and MA in Counseling Psychology from Kutztown University. She has been working in the child welfare field since 1975 and served for over 20 years as a supervisor in the Sexual Abuse Unit of Berks County Children and Youth. Melissa is currently the Vice President of the Children's Alliance Center and has more than 20 years of professional training experience.

WENDY B. HOVERTER -- Wendy is the Administrator at Cumberland County Children and Youth. She has more than 25 years of child welfare experience, including investigation, service planning, counseling, supervision, and training. Wendy earned her MSW degree from Temple University and is a licensed social worker.

SHERRI IRVIS-HILL -- Sherri earned her BA and her Master's Degree in Public Administration from the University of Pittsburgh. She has worked in the Department of Public Welfare's Office of Children and Youth and Families Southeast Regional Office for 20 years. Sherri has over 25 years of experience licensing human services agencies and facilitating training.

CHARLENE KOLUPSKI -- Charlene has been involved in the child welfare field since 1975 and served for 30 years in supervisory and administrative positions for Erie County Children and Youth Services (DHS). She teaches at Edinboro University and Mercyhurst College and has developed and delivered training for more than 20 years. She earned her BA in sociology from Mercyhurst College and her MSW from Virginia Commonwealth University and is a licensed social worker.

JOAN M. MOSIER -- Joan's undergraduate background is in psychology and sociology, and she holds a Master of Public Administration Degree from Marywood College. She served for more than 16 years in all levels of the public child welfare system in PA. An independent trainer, consultant, and curriculum development specialist, Joan has over 20 years of training experience.

EDWARD NOWAK -- Ed worked for Philadelphia Department of Human Services for over 30 years in various supervisory and administrative positions. He earned his MSS degree from Bryn Mawr College. Ed is currently an independent trainer with more than 20 years of training experience.

MARK NUZZO -- Mark has been involved in child welfare services since 1991, including mental health services for youth and case management. He has served in several positions with Armstrong County Children and Youth Services. He is currently employed at the Western Region office for the Office of Children, Youth, and Families. He earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Criminology from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

MARY LOU SCARF -- Mary Lou earned her Bachelor of Science in Political Science from East Stroudsburg University. She worked for Northampton County Children, Youth & Families for 28 years. She was a caseworker for 10 years and a supervisor for 10 years. She served the agency during her last 8 years as Program Director for Child Abuse Investigations and Child Safety Services. After retirement, Mary Lou was an interviewer with Lehigh University Family Study and worked in longitudinal study of families in which abuse and neglect occurred. The study has been following a group of 457 children from Lehigh and Northampton Counties since 1975.

DEIRDRE STALNECKER -- Deirdre earned a BA in Psychology and a minor in Sociology from Lebanon Valley College. She has also earned her Board Certified Behavior Analyst certification. Dee has 22 years experience working with children including experience in child welfare, juvenile justice and education. She has been training since 1999.

TOM TRAFALSKI -- Tom's career includes 7 years as a secondary educator, 18 years as a Casework Supervisor, and 8 years as a Training Specialist. He holds a Bachelor of Science in Education degree from Duquesne University and an MSW from the University of Pittsburgh. Tom is an independent trainer specializing in child welfare law, diversity, and risk assessment education.



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