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Healing, Hope and Justice: An Advanced Conversation

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“But You’re Not on my Schedule”… and Other Challenges when Interviewing Children on the Autism Spectrum.

Julie Stauffer, LICSW, is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker with a Master and Bachelors Degree in Social Work. Since 2006, Julie has been a Forensic Interviewer and Trainer with CornerHouse, where she conducts forensic interviews with children and vulnerable adults regarding allegations of abuse or witnessing of violent crime; provides training for professionals in basic and advanced forensic interviewing skills and regarding other related topics; conducts training on a local, national, and international level. Ms. Stauffer has co-authored an article on the CornerHouse RATAC protocol and has been a co-developer of the CornerHouse MultiSession Forensic Interview process, a modification of the forensic interviewing process designed to meet the unique needs of very young children or children with other special needs or concerns.

Has this Child been Sexually Abused? Understanding Behaviors, Demystifying the Examination, and Approach to Treatment.

Rebecca Moles, MD, is a board-certified Child Abuse Pediatrician and is the Chief of the Child Protection Program at UMass Memorial Children’s Medical Center in Worcester. Dr. Moles medically evaluates suspected victims of sexual abuse, physical abuse, and neglect in the outpatient, inpatient, and emergency room settings, and collaborates daily with DCF, police, and DA office staff.

Heather Forkey, MD, is Assistant Director for the Foster Care Evaluation Program (FaCES) at the University of Massachusetts Children’s Medical Center and Assistant Professor at the UMass School of Medicine. In this capacity, she has a well-developed interest in, and experience with, the health care of children in substitute care. Prior to her tenure in Massachusetts, Dr. Forkey was the Co-Director of Safe Place: The Center for Child Protection and Health at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP), Medical Director of CHOP’s Primary Care Program for Children in Substitute Care and a pediatrician for The Starting Young Program at CHOP, all services designed to provide medical, developmental, and health advocacy for children in foster care. In addition to her clinical activities, Dr. Forkey is the author and contributor to a number of publications on the health care of children in substitute care. She lectures on the issues of children in foster care, has serves on regional and national committees outlining health care standards for children in substitute care, and has been the
recipient of grants to further address the health care issues of children in foster care.

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A Pebble in the Pond: Factors in Multi-Generational, Childhood Sexual Abuse Victimization.

Tamara Hillard, LICSW, has served as the Clinical Treatment Specialist/Clinical Director of Children’s Cove: The Cape Cod and Islands Child Advocacy Center, since June 2000, and also maintains a small private practice. Ms. Hillard has a Master’s Degree in Social Work from the University of Vermont. 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, from 1996 to 2000. Her background includes office and school based therapy, consultation, supervision, and training/teaching with a focus on working with victims of abuse.

Ms. Hillard takes an active and creative approach to evidenced based, Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral treatment and actively challenges the Gestalt of thinking patterns that can negatively affect emotions and outcomes. She currently works with children and families on Cape Cod, providing brief assessment, treatment, EMDR, consultation/supervision, and National/Regional presentations/trainings, with a specific focus on recovering from childhood sexual abuse and the building of resilience and “active prevention skills”. In addition to maintaining her small private practice in Barnstable, MA, she is also actively writing a book for providers.

Severe Physical Abuse Injuries: Medical Evaluation and Challenges in Prosecution.

Alice Newton, MD is the Medical Director of the Child Protection Program at Children’s Hospital in Boston, a team which evaluates and cares for children who may be victims of child maltreatment in both the inpatient and outpatient setting. In many cases, Dr. Newton works with police and child protection agencies in her community, both on prevention strategies and on prosecution of perpetrators of abuse. She sits on the Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner Board, and is the medical director of the Massachusetts Pediatric SANE Program. She is a member of the Suffolk County Child Fatality Review Committee, the Massachusetts Shaken Baby Prevention Coalition, the American Academy of
Lisa Beatty, JD, Assistant District Attorney, Lisa Beatty is an Assistant District Attorney for Norfolk County District Attorney Michael W. Morrissey’s Office. She currently prosecutes child abuse, sexual assault and domestic violence cases, with a particular interest in prosecuting physical abuse cases involving infants and young children. Lisa is involved with the Norfolk Advocates for Children (Norfolk County’s CAC) and the multidisciplinary team approach to investigation of child abuse. Lisa graduated from Northeastern University School of Law and has been an Assistant District Attorney since 2000. Prior to law school, Lisa was a Victim/Witness Advocate in the Domestic Violence Unit from 1994-1997. She received her BA from Tufts University in 1994 with degree in Child Study and minor in Women’s Studies.

Detective Anthony F. D’Alba, Chelsea Police Department, has been a Police Officer for 23 years. He has spent 6 years with the Transit Police, and 17 years with the Chelsea Police Dept., in which he has been assigned to Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Investigations for the last 7 years. A Certified Electronic Evidence Collection Specialist, he has attended and received certifications in Street Crime Investigation, Child Abuse and Sexual Assault Investigations, Crime Scene Processing, Shooting Scene Reconstruction, and numerous other specialties. He has been trained in Online Child Exploitation and Pornography Investigation, as well as Investigating Computer Facilitated Crimes against Children, and ICAC taskforce First Responder training. He has successfully completed training sponsored by the FBI Evidence Recovery Team in the use of Image Scan software for secure computer previews in child pornography investigations.

Trauma Stewardship

Laura van Dernoot Lipsky, MSW, founder and director of the Trauma Stewardship Institute, and author of *Trauma Stewardship: An Everyday Guide to*
Caring for Self While Caring for Others, has worked directly with trauma survivors for over two decades. She has worked with survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault, acute trauma, and natural disasters. She offered her first version of a workshop on trauma stewardship to a group of public health workers in 1999. Since then, she has trained a wide variety of people, including zookeepers and reconstruction workers in post-Hurricane Katrina New Orleans, community organizers and health care providers in Japan, U.S. Air Force pilots, Canadian firefighters, public school teachers, and private practice doctors. She has worked locally, nationally, and internationally. Laura is known as a pioneer in the field of trauma exposure.

Recent Research Affecting Child Abuse Investigations and Prosecutions and

The NCAC Extended Forensic Interview Model: Rationale and Key Components

Linda Cordisco Steele, M.Ed, LPC, is Curriculum Chair and Senior Trainer for the National Children’s Advocacy Center (NCAC). As a trainer for the NCAC, Linda has conducted more than 300 trainings across the U.S. and abroad. She has presented workshops at local, regional, state, national and international child abuse conferences. Her areas of expertise include child forensic interviewing, child development, victim advocacy, and working within the multidisciplinary team setting. In addition to training, Linda currently conducts forensic interviews at CACs in Kentucky and Alabama. Linda has previously served as Clinical Director and as a forensic interviewer for three Children’s Advocacy Centers: the Prescott House CAC in Birmingham, Alabama; the National Children’s Advocacy Center in Huntsville, Alabama; and The Safehouse in Albuquerque, New Mexico. While in Albuquerque, New Mexico, Linda served as the Project Director of the Mobile Interviewing Project, which serves the Navajo Nation and Zuni Pueblo, and is a program of All Faiths Receiving Home in Albuquerque. She has also served as Clinical Director, Director of Victim Services, and Acting Executive Director of the Crisis Center of Jefferson County in Alabama. Linda has 25 years of experience in therapy and advocacy work with victims and extensive training experience regionally and nationally. Linda received her Master’s in Education from the University of Pittsburgh and is a Licensed Professional Counselor.
Expanding our Scope: Navigating the Waters of the Safe Harbor Law for Trafficked Children.

Sgt. Pi Heseltine, M.S. Criminal Justice, has been with the Massachusetts state police for twenty years and is currently assigned to their Special Service Section where she investigates child exploitation, human trafficking, and child prostitution. After ten years conducting investigations of homicides & sexual assaults, Sergeant Heseltine has spent the past six years focused solely on human trafficking and child exploitation. Sergeant Heseltine spearheaded the revision of guidelines for law enforcement for the investigation of domestic violence and created guidelines for the investigation of adult sexual assault. She currently sits on the Governor’s Council to Address Domestic and Sexual Violence and teaches sexual assault certification for the Massachusetts State and local police academies.

Greg Friedholm, JD, has been practicing Law since his graduation from Boston College Law School in 1999. After practicing in the Trial Department of McDermott, Will & Emery in Boston, he joined the Essex County District Attorney’s Office in 2003, where he is now an Assistant District Attorney. While working as a Superior Court Prosecutor for past 7 years, he has prosecuted a wide variety of violent felonies and sex crimes including sexual assault, child pornography, and prostitution-related offenses.

Deborah Bercovitch, JD, is currently an assistant attorney general in the Enterprise and Major Crimes Division of the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General where she specializes in human trafficking prosecutions. She previously served as an assistant district attorney in the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office, most recently in the Child Abuse Unit where she prosecuted child physical and sexual assault cases. Before becoming an attorney, Ms. Bercovitch was a victim witness advocate in the Middlesex District Attorney’s Office. She is a graduate of Tufts University and the Northeastern University School of Law.

Jeanmarie Carroll, JD, has been an assistant district attorney in Norfolk County for the past twenty-four years. Currently, Ms. Carroll serves as First Assistant District Attorney. Prior to becoming First Assistant in 2009, she served as Second
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Assistant District Attorney and chief of the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Unit. She has presented at trainings for law enforcement, medical personnel, and community agencies. During her career she has been recognized as Prosecutor of the Year; Lawyer of the Year and was selected as one of 40 in the inaugural class of “Women of Justice” by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly.