

Utah Children's Justice Symposium/ Utah Prosecution Council Domestic Violence Conference 2013

Speaker List with Bios

Baca, Patricia

A native El Pasoan, Patricia Baca, Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit, 34th Judicial District of Texas. After receiving her Bachelors and Master's degrees in Business Administration from the University of Texas at El Paso, she worked in the private sector for several years before deciding to go on to law school. She attended the California Western School of Law in San Diego, CA and was admitted to the Texas Bar in 2000. She started working with the District Attorney's Office as soon as she received her license and has been there ever since. She was promoted to the Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit in June 2008. Her areas of expertise include domestic violence, rape, child abuse investigation and prosecution, and child pornography cases. She also conducts training on implementing the 24 Hour DV Contact Program throughout the State of Texas. Patricia is known for doing an outstanding job in the field of domestic violence. In 2008, she received the Prosecutor of the Year Award given by the 34th Judicial District of Texas. In 2009-2010, she was recognized as the Outstanding State Attorney of the year by the El Paso Bar Association. Her most recent accomplishment is the release of her book, *Family Violence Investigation & Prosecution*, published in 2012 by the Texas District County Attorneys Association.

Bleak, Michael

Mike Bleak is currently a Detective with the Cedar City Police Department. He has worked in various divisions in the department during his 14 years of service including Patrol, Patrol Supervisor, COP, and SWAT. Mike is also employed as an Investigator with the Office of the Medical Examiner. Mike is currently finishing a Bachelor's Degree in Communications at the University of Phoenix. Mike has a passion for teaching. He instructs at the Dixie State College Regional Police Academy in the areas of Child Abuse, Sexual Abuse, Interview and Interrogation, Death Investigation and In Custody Death. Mike also has a passion with working cases involving children. Mike is actively involved with the Iron County CJC Multidisciplinary Team and regularly conducts interviews with children as well as follow-up suspect interviews. Mike has presented locally and throughout the state on several different subjects involving crimes against children and death investigation.

Brand, Julie

Julie Brand holds a Master's degree in Counseling and enjoyed a distinguished 25-year career as a school counselor. Now she uses her unique perspective as both counselor and survivor, to speak and to write about maternal incest. She combines research data, professional insights with her personal experiences to enlighten audiences about the reality of mother-daughter sexual abuse. She has educated and empowered audiences across the United States with her dynamic programs on maternal incest and the opportunities for recovery from childhood trauma since 2005. Her resiliency workshop offers proven strategies for helping victims of childhood maltreatment and interpersonal violence to become strong, healthy survivors. Julie's upbeat presentations focus on the power of resiliency and healing in all of our lives. In 2006, she founded **CAPER Consulting** (Child Abuse Prevention, Education and Recovery) dedicated to confronting the subject of mother-child sexual abuse. She published *A Mother's Touch: Surviving Mother-Daughter Sexual Abuse*, in 2007. In addition to regional and state conferences, she is a frequent presenter at the Dallas, Texas "Crimes Against Children Conference" and at the annual NCAC "Symposium" in Huntsville, Alabama.

Butler, Greg

Esparza, Jaime

Jaime Esparza, the first elected Hispanic District Attorney for the 34th Judicial District, is now serving his sixth term as the Chief Prosecutor for El Paso, Culberson, and Hudspeth Counties, as well as managing an office of approximately 178 people, including 88 prosecutors and 90 staff members. Mr. Esparza is Board Certified in Criminal Law by the Texas Board of Legal Specialization. He served as a prosecutor for the Harris County District Attorney's Office for four years before returning to El Paso to serve as an Assistant District Attorney and Public Defender for the County of El Paso until he was elected to office in November 1992. Mr. Esparza is credited for working with colleagues from across the state and nation to find better ways to ensure community safety and become more effective

prosecutors. He believes that one of the most important functions of his office is the services provided to victims each year through the Victim Assistance Program. His office collaborates at every level on victims' issues and works to provide outreach, especially in cases involving domestic abuse and violence within the family unit. The Domestic Violence 24-hour project enables prosecutors and investigators to evaluate cases in real time and offer immediate contact, primarily to women and their children, within 24 hours of the defendant's arrest. Jaime Esparza, born and raised in El Paso, is a proud 1975 graduate of Burges High School and a 1979 graduate of the University of Texas at Austin. In 1983, he earned his Juris Doctorate from the University of Houston Law Center. He and his wife Noelia live in east El Paso with their four children, Diego, Adrian, Elena, and Enrique.

Frasier, Lori D., MD

Professor of Pediatrics, University of Utah School of Medicine

Medical Director, Medical Assessment Team, Primary Children's Center for Safe and Healthy Families

Dr. Lori Frasier attended the University of Utah, College of Medicine, and completed a pediatric residency at the University of Washington. She was fellow at the Harborview Sexual Assault Center under Dr. Carole Jenny from 1988-90. Dr Frasier was on faculty of the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Iowa from 1990-1995, establishing the sexual abuse evaluation clinic and participating in evaluations of physical abuse and neglect. From 1995-2002, she was on the faculty of the Department of Child Health at the University of Missouri-Columbia and served as the Director of the Child Protection Program. From 1994-2002, she was the Medical Director of the Missouri SAFE-CARE Network, a network of medical providers trained to provide medical evaluations to abused and neglected children. She is currently the Medical Director of the Medical Assessment Team at the Center for Safe and Healthy Families, Primary Children's Medical Center, Salt Lake City, Utah, and a Professor in the Department of Pediatrics at the University of Utah, College of Medicine. She has published many articles and chapters in the field of child abuse and has lectured locally and nationally. She is the immediate past Chairman of the Executive Committee for the Section on Child Abuse and Neglect of the American Academy of Pediatrics and on the board of Directors of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). Dr. Frasier has been appointed to the American Board of Pediatrics, first sub-board in Child Abuse Pediatrics.

Giles, Robert

Robert Giles is a Senior Attorney for the National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse at the National District Attorneys Association (NDA). As an Assistant Prosecuting Attorney in Oakland County, Michigan, Mr. Giles prosecuted child sexual assault cases for nine years. Mr. Giles was also a Section Leader of the Child Sexual Assault Unit at the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office. Prior to joining the Oakland County Prosecutor's Office, he was a Law Clerk to the Honorable Damon J. Keith, Judge on the United States Court of Appeals for the 6th Circuit. Mr. Giles received his J.D. from the University of Detroit Mercy School of Law and his B.A. from DePauw University.

Hansen, Erika

Hill, Rachelle

Rachelle Hill became an advocate in 2000 for South Utah County Victim Services part time. In 2004 she was promoted to Victim Services Coordinator for West Valley City where she currently supervises six victim advocates and manages three grants while still maintaining a case load. She has received training from the Utah Victim Assistance Academy (UVAA), Advanced Academy, National Organization for Victim Advocates (NOVA) and the 40 hour Rape Crisis Training as well many other conferences. She is a current committee member of the Statewide Victim Advocate Organization (SWAVO). In the past, she chaired the South Utah County Domestic Violence Coalition, been a part of Children At Risk (CAR) team, served as treasurer for the Utah Domestic Violence Coalition (UDVC), member of Salt Lake Area Domestic Violence Coalition (SLADVC), member of Salt Lake Sexual Assault Response Team, and committee member of the 3rd District Victim Rights Committee. She enjoys spending time with her husband, daughter, dog Lucy, and being outdoors.

Hoffman, Eric

Eric Hoffman is the Chief Trial Deputy Prosecutor with the Delaware County Indiana Prosecutor's office. He obtained a Bachelor of Science from Ball State University and a Doctor of Jurisprudence from Indiana University in Indianapolis. Eric has been a deputy prosecutor for 10 years. As Chief Trial Deputy, he prosecutes all homicide cases, selected crimes of violence as well as post-conviction relief actions. In recent years, Eric has become active in both enforcing and improving Indiana's failure to report child abuse and neglect statute. He has prosecuted and convicted a high school principal for failing to report the rape of a student and has lobbied the Indiana General Assembly for more effective mandatory reporting statutes. Eric lives in Muncie Indiana with his wife and 2 children.

Howell, Kristen

Kristen Howell, MSW, has worked in the field of social work and family violence for the last 15 years. Kristen graduated from Baylor University with a Bachelor's in Social Work and the University of North Carolina with a Master's in Social Work. She is currently working as Director of Development for Salesmanship Club of Dallas, a program that seeks to change the odds for over 8,000 at-risk children and family members each year in Dallas. The programs include a broad range of therapeutic services, a state-of-the-art laboratory school for at-risk children in the Oak Cliff area and training for over 1500 education and mental health professionals each year. Kristen was previously employed at Genesis Women's Shelter for 10 years, as a women's therapist, the Director of Clinical and Professional Services, and as Director of Fund Development. She trains and speaks nationally on the impact of violence and trauma on families.

Kelly, Donna

Donna Kelly has spent most of her 30 years as an attorney as a felony prosecutor. Since 1990 she has handled sex crimes and child abuse cases, and has done well over 100 felony jury trials. She began her career as a prosecutor in Oregon, where she was named Child Advocate of the Year in Oregon by the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children for her work with child victims and her work with the legislature to improve child abuse laws and consequences to offenders. From 2003 until January 2012, Donna worked as a Deputy Utah County Attorney in the Special Victims Units, working with domestic violence and sex crime victims. In January 2012, she became the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Resource Prosecutor for the Utah Prosecution Council at the Attorney General's Office. Outside the office as her therapy, she develops recipes for two food blogs and has authored six published cookbooks.

Korobov, Kristina

Kristina Korobov, J.D. is the Director of Prosecutor Education at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office in Indianapolis, IN and is responsible for meeting the training needs of the attorneys in her office. She also serves on the Special Crimes Team as the Child Abuse Homicide screener, and prosecutes selected sex crimes and domestic violence cases. Kristina has been prosecuting cases involving sexual and domestic violence and child abuse cases since 1997. She began her career in prosecution in 1996 at the Marion County Prosecutor's Office, serving as Chief of the Sex Crimes and Child Abuse Unit, Chief of the Domestic Violence Unit and as a Major Felony Prosecutor. Among other cases during her tenure, Korobov prosecuted Scott Cooper, a police officer who was manufacturing child pornography; serial rapist Charles Hill; and Samuel Shrum, Marion County's first Repeat Sex Offender. Ms. Korobov continued her prosecution career as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney with the Loudoun County Commonwealth's Attorney in Leesburg, VA, where she handled all domestic violence, some physical child abuse cases, was responsible for Law Enforcement Training, and was a member of the Loudoun Domestic Abuse Response Team (DART). Korobov has been training on a national level since 2003 and formerly served as a Senior Attorney and Acting Director for the National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women (NCPVAW), a division of the National District Attorney's Association (NDAA). As Acting Director, Kristina trained multi-disciplinary audiences at all levels from local to international. In addition to covering subjects involving violence against women, Korobov's expertise also includes child abuse, the intersection of domestic violence and child abuse, witness intimidation, trial skills, gang prosecutions, and homicide cases. In 2002, Kristina was named Prosecutor of the Year by the Indiana Coalition Against Sexual Assault and received an Outstanding Lecturer Award from Communities Against Rape / Center of Hope for Youth. Defense attorneys refer to her as the "queen of pain" and the "princess of darkness." Defendant-given nicknames are available upon request.

Laskey, Antoinette L., MD, MPH, FAAP

Dr. Laskey completed her medical degree at the University of Missouri-Columbia School of Medicine followed by her pediatric residency at the University of Missouri-Columbia Hospitals and Clinics. She completed a research and clinical fellowship and a Master's degree in public health at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. She spent 9 years at Indiana University and Riley Hospital for Children in Indianapolis where she was the Fellowship Director for the Child Abuse Pediatrics program and the co-director of the Family Violence Institute. She is currently an associate professor and division chief of the Center for Safe and Healthy Families at the University of Utah. Dr. Laskey's clinical interests relate to the evaluation and management of the potentially abused child. Her research interests include cognitive errors in decision making related to child maltreatment, child fatalities and prevention programs related to unsafe sleep practices and child abuse. Dr. Laskey enjoys teaching multi-disciplinary audiences and presents on topics related to child maltreatment, cognitive errors and the investigation of child deaths.

Little, Troy

Troy Little is a prosecuting attorney in Southern Utah, Iron County, serving as Chief Deputy County Attorney. He currently prosecutes felony cases with a particular focus on crimes involving victims. Troy has special interest and energy for children victims. He teaches undergraduate and graduate courses at Southern Utah University. He has presented on national, state, and local levels on various topics. Troy is a self-proclaimed Forensic Interview Training (FIT) enthusiast.

Maples, M.Ed., Miriam

Miriam graduated from the University of Minnesota in 1997 with a Master's of Education in Family Education. She is has been licensed Parent Educator and holds a certificate in Child Abuse Prevention Studies. Miriam earned a Bachelor of Arts in Speech Communication from Ithaca College in Ithaca, NY. Miriam joined CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center in 2005 as Family Liaison/Volunteer Coordinator, moved into the Training Coordinator position in January 2009 and became the Training Director in June 2011. As CornerHouse Training Director she manages all aspects of training curriculum development, delivery of training services and represents the training program as the CornerHouse Leadership Team makes decisions about organizational strategies. Miriam regularly facilitates forensic interview training sessions for investigative professionals and conducts forensic interviews of children and vulnerable adults in regards to allegations of sexual abuse, severe physical abuse, and/or witnessing violent crimes. Prior to coming to CornerHouse Miriam worked directly with families in the public school system as a Parent Educator and Program Coordinator in Family Literacy and Early Childhood Family Education programs. She has also assisted with program and curriculum development projects as a consultant for the Minnesota Department of Education.

Mendenhall, Keeley

Keeley Mendenhall graduated from Utah State University with a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work in 2004 and completed her Master's Degree in Social Work from Portland State University in 2008. She has been with Primary Children's Center for Safe and Healthy Families for 4 1/2 years. Keeley is trained in TF-CBT (Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy) and PCIT (Parent Child Interaction Therapy).

Phelps, Carissa

Carissa Phelps, a licensed attorney, founded *Runaway Girl, FPC*, to organize survivors of human trafficking around resources, networks, and business and local efforts to protect and care for survivors and victims within their own communities. *Runaway Girl* trainings improve protocols and responses to child sex trafficking within communities, as well as offering employment and career development opportunities to runaways, former runaways and survivors of trafficking. In 2002, Carissa earned a BA in mathematics *summa cum laude* from Fresno State. In 2007, she went on to complete a joint *Juris Doctorate* from UCLA School of Law and MBA from UCLA Anderson, where she was recently named one of the top 100 inspirational graduates. In her memoir, *Runaway Girl: Escaping Life on the Streets, One Helping Hand at a Time*, Phelps shares how the unexpected kindnesses of a teacher and a counselor transformed her life and helped her become a mentor and advocate. As 2012-2013 Visiting Author, Carissa joined The Respect Institute in their efforts to institutionalize respect by reaching 30,000 foster and incarcerated youth with "Respect on the Inside" program. Carissa is admitted to practice law in California, lives on the Central Coast of California, and is passionate about inspiring others to see the potential in themselves and others. *Runaway Girl, FPC* offers high quality experiential trainings to improve outcomes in communities, by supporting and enhancing local efforts to protect and care for youth.

Powers, Dan

Dan Powers, LCSW 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 their non-offending family members. Dan has 25 years of experience working within the field of child abuse, sex offenders and family violence. Dan has made numerous presentations at major national and regional conference and is best known for his spirited presentations on wellness and survival for child abuse professionals. He is a member of the Texas Children's Justice Act Task Force and in 2011 Dan was appointed by Governor Perry as the presiding officer Texas Office of Violent Sex Offender Management.

Rogers, Heath

Smith, Dee

Dee Smith obtained his bachelor's degree from Weber State University and his JD from the University of Utah. He began his career working as a prosecutor for the Weber County Attorney's office. He then went into private practice working for the firm of Richards, Caine and Allen where he spent seven years focusing primarily on criminal defense. In May, 2009, Dee was appointed as Weber County Attorney by the Weber County Commission, and was subsequently elected in 2010 to a four-year term as County Attorney. Having had extensive trial experience as a prosecutor, Mr. Smith has been successful in obtaining jury convictions for murder, aggravated assault, child sex abuse, fraud, drug distribution, theft, DUI, and domestic violence. He has also briefed and argued multiple cases in front of the Utah Court of Appeals and the Utah Supreme Court. Dee is a board member of the Weber County Domestic Violence Coalition, the Weber County Children's Justice Center Advisory Board and State Wide Association of Prosecutors. He is also a member of the Second District Victim's Rights Committee. In 2010, Dee was named the Prosecutor of the Year for the State of Utah by the Utah Gang Investigators Association. In 2011, he was named the County Attorney of the Year for the State of Utah by the Utah County and District Attorney's Association (UCDAA), the State Wide Association of Prosecutors (SWAP) and the Utah Association of Counties (UAC). Dee is married to Cherrie Smith, has four children and resides in South Ogden.

Spratling, Amy

Amy Spratling is a Licensed Professional Counselor at Primary Children's Center for Safe and Healthy Families. She uses evidenced-based treatments to help children and families heal who have experienced a traumatic life event. She graduated from the University of Wisconsin and has provided individual and family treatment in office-based settings, homes, schools, and medical clinics. She also works with adolescents using DBT treatment.

Steele, Linda Cordisco

Linda Cordisco Steele, M.Ed., LPC is Curriculum Chair and Senior Trainer for the National Children's Advocacy Center's Child Forensic Interviewing Programs. 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. Linda currently conducts interviews at NCAC and at several CACs in Kentucky. Linda has twenty 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.