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EDUCATION AND LICENSURE

University of Cincinnati College of Law

2007-2009

Doctor of Jurisprudence

Dean's List, two semesters

Founder and President of Advocates for Children

University of Cincinnati School of Social Work

2007-

2009

Master of Social Work

Awarded Graduate Assistantship, full tuition remission

Dean's List & President's List

Ohio State University Moritz College of Law

2005-2006

Moritz Merit Scholar, full tuition remission and \$10,000 stipend

Miami University

2001-2005

Bachelor of Arts, cum laude

Philosophy Major, Social Work Minor

Licensed Independent Social Worker-Supervisor, Ohio

Member of the Bar, Washington, D.C.

EXPERIENCE

Child Maltreatment Policy Resource Center (formerly, "APSAC Center for Child Policy")

Senior Law & Policy Analyst

Oct 2019-present

Deputy Director

Dec 2022-Dec 2023

- Executive leadership; oversight of the think-tank model to generate novel and creative solutions for front-line professionals in child maltreatment.
- Advanced law and policy analysis, research, writing, publishing, speaking, advocacy, and training on topics of national importance in child maltreatment and child welfare, using a multi-disciplinary think tank model.
- Papers and trainings on Intrafamilial Child Torture have been accessed by professionals from 83 countries, including all six populated continents.
- Currently leading a long-term, think-tank project on Intrafamilial Child Torture (severe child abuse in the household and resulting psycho-developmental trauma disorders); have published journal articles, white papers, policy statements, webinars, and amicus briefs on ICT

- ICT project includes papers on Intrafamilial Child Torture: An Emerging Category of Child Maltreatment, ICT: Victim Impact and Professional Interventions, ICT and Coercive Control, clinical case studies, webinars, web articles, and amicus briefs.
- Speaker at national and international conferences and sponsored trainings, including trainings sponsored by the American Academy of Pediatrics, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, National Association of Social Workers, and more.
- Served as counsel for APSAC in *Smathers v. Glass* and *Brandt v. Pompa* before the Supreme Court of Ohio, as part of ICT initiative. Both cases involved severe child abuse; in *Smathers*, the child was subjected to Intrafamilial Child Torture which resulted in her death
- Currently working on a new study that gathers quantitative and qualitative data about ICT
- In 2022, gave 15 conference presentations, based in the U.S., Canada, and Europe
- Consulted on amicus brief submitted for *Fulton v. Philadelphia*, heard by the U.S. Supreme Court, authored a paragraph on p.25 (rights of transgender children in foster care)
- Served on work group and helped author on an amicus brief in *Doe v. Abbott*, Third District Court of Texas, with 19 co-signors including APSAC, Children’s Defense Fund, and National Association of Social Workers (care for transgender children is not child abuse)
- Wrote the APSAC Policy Statement on “Separating Children from Their Families at the U.S.-Mexico Border”, presented at conference
- Co-authored APSAC’s Policy Statement on “Children’s Presence in Court During Child Protection Hearings”
- Co-authored APSAC’s Policy Statement on “The Role of the Child’s Attorney in Child Protection Proceedings”
- Co-authored fact sheets and professional recommendations regarding family separation to U.S. presidential candidate Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, and U.S. Representative Anthony Brown
- Provided child welfare expertise for U.S. Representative Greg Landsman
- Author on Mandated Reporter project, including research and writing on reportable types of child maltreatment and mental-state thresholds for triggering Mandated Reporter duty. Published a research article on retaliation against Mandated Reporters.

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The Professional Services of Pamela J. Miller
Expert Witness and Consultant

May 2018- present

- Consultant and expert witness in litigation involving child maltreatment, childhood trauma, child abuse fatality, social work theory and practice, and social service ethics and boundaries
- Expert witness and consultant in criminal cases where the child/ren were tortured by the defendant; *Texas v. Calhoun* resulted in most severe sentence for a child torturer in U.S. history, in non-fatality case, Calhoun was given 10 life sentences, 5 consecutive, without parole, after my testimony in “guilt phase” and “punishment phase”, per Texas statute. Jury interview conducted post-trial. Was named and quoted in national and international media including People Magazine, Fox News, and Daily Mail- UK (London, UK).
- Expert consulting and retained as expert witness in \$30M wrongful death case involving Intrafamilial Child Torture that resulted in a child fatality, Cuyahoga County Court of Common Pleas; also expert consultant and retained as expert witness in \$10M lawsuit regarding child sexual abuse
- Expert witness and consultant in numerous family court cases involving actual or alleged child abuse, including child sexual abuse; provided Psychosocial Assessment for Sexual Abuse (PASA) and Child Sexual Behavior Inventory (CSBI).
- Expert witness and consultant in criminal case where ICT adult victim was wrongfully charged with a crime
- Expert consulting in interviewing traumatized refugee children who are seeking asylum
- Passed Daubert standard in every case; in 95% of cases, opposing parties stipulated to my expert status
- In multiple cases, testified on science of sexual abuse disclosures in young children, sexual behaviors in children, use of polygraph tests for child abuse investigation, appropriateness of family visits, implications of Child Protective Services and Child Advocacy Center findings, differential diagnosis and treatment recommendations, professional response to child maltreatment including investigation, intervention, and treatment

Lighthouse Youth Services, Cincinnati, OH
Early Childhood Psychotherapist

March 2015-October 2019

- Early childhood psychotherapy for children ages 3-8 who are currently in foster care; expertise in psychosocial evaluation for sexual abuse, sexual abuse disclosures in young children, and treating victims of child torture
- Trauma and attachment therapies include child-centered play therapy, attachment-based play therapy, TF-CBT (certified therapist, trained with Judith Cohen), Theraplay (trained at Theraplay Institute), PCIT/CARE skills, Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (trained with Bruce Perry), Body-Based Trauma Treatment (trained with Bessel van der Kolk), expressive art, music and movement, experiential therapy, narrative therapy, psychoanalytic and humanistic perspective

- Testified as the child's treating therapist in multiple phases of the child protection case, including emergency custody, temporary custody trial, status and motions hearings, permanent custody trial; approximately 20 court involved cases and over 100 appearances as testifying witness
- Testimony was quoted and heavily relied upon by Ohio First District Court of Appeals, *In Re G Children*, 2020.

Children's Justice Project, Cincinnati, OH
Founder and Executive Director

Feb 2017- Feb 2019

- Two-year action-research project focused on childhood poverty alleviation for survivors of child maltreatment
- "Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds" provided weekly delivery of fresh fruits and vegetables to address food insecurity, food injustice, and food deserts
- "Neighbors in Need" provided ongoing and emergency assistance with items to meet children's basic needs, including clothes, shoes, coats, diapers, formula, strollers, and children's hygiene kits
- "Playing to Grow" provided developmentally targeted toys to help children meet developmental milestones, promote physical and mental health, build social skills, and increase school readiness
- Community Education provides trainings and consulting in numerous topics related to children and families, including free education workshops for social workers, partnered with the National Association of Social Workers Ohio

Children's Law Center, Washington, D.C.
Volunteer Attorney

2011-2012, 2015-2016

- Attorney-GAL for child clients; represented the best interest of the child, served as attorney for the child, in some cases both roles at the same time. Received outstanding mentoring, worked with CLC founder Diane Weinroth.
- Navigated a variety of role expectations, with some judges requiring Attorney-GAL to investigate and give a professional opinion on the ultimate issue; other judges preferred Attorney-GAL to function like traditional attorney, and communicate with the court through Motions and Memorandi in Support.
- Represented GAL child clients in education law matters, enforcing children's rights to accommodations under the Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA), also represented a children in a manifestation hearings

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Homefull, Dayton, OH
Chief Clinical Officer

June 2014-December 2014

- Executive administrator overseeing all agency services; homeless services and mental health services
- Collaborated with executive team on agency strategic plan, budget, grant writing, partnerships with community stakeholders, and county and state level advocacy
- Face of the agency to numerous community partners and stakeholders including hospitals, schools, police departments, non-profits, and governmental organizations
- Built the agency's first mental health program, established Medicaid billing, built specialized diagnostic team and recruited, hired, and trained therapists and CPST team
- Implemented first Trauma-Informed Care initiative and built quantitative research project to measure outcomes
- Supervised graduate students as field faculty for Wright State University

The Children's Home of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH
Psychotherapist

October 2013-June 2014

- Early Childhood Mental Health team, provided individual and parent-child dyad therapy for children ages 3-8, office-based services utilizing evidence-based play room, sandplay/sandtray room
- Focused on trauma and attachment issues, primary therapy modalities included Theraplay, TF-CBT, child-centered and psychoanalytic play therapy, sandtray, expressive art, and music therapy

Legal Aid of Sonoma County, Santa Rosa, CA
Attorney

August 2012-January 2013

- Represented victims of family violence in obtaining civil protection orders, in partnership with Sonoma County Family Justice Center; clients were survivors of child abuse, intimate partner violence (IPV), and elder abuse
- Proposed and implemented new service for clients to obtain pro bono representation for trial, worked as the sole trial attorney. Temporary, grant-funded position ended January 2013.

Threshold Services, Silver Spring, MD
Program Director

July 2010-May 2012

- Director of psychiatric rehabilitation program for adults and transitioning youth with co-occurring mental illness, substance abuse, chronic homelessness, and medically fragile; managed \$1M year budget

- Served on Executive Management Team for the agency; created and implemented agency strategic plan, developed annual revenue and fundraising plan, provided input to CEO, and voted on all major agency decisions
- Supervised a team of rehabilitation counselors providing residential and outreach services
- Provided 24 hour/365 day on call services for clinical crises, also logistics and administrative crises
- Participated in local, state, and national advocacy at the U.S. Senate
- Proposed original innovation to Dartmouth Research Institute to use IMR as one-on-one intervention; received supervision and outcome measurement from Dr. Melinda Fox-Smith

Talbert House, Cincinnati, Ohio October 2009-April 2010 *Therapist*

- Created and implemented the agency's first Family-Based Reintegration Program for men transitioning out of prison and their partners and children
- Led group therapy including Seeking Safety treatment for co-occurring PTSD and substance abuse

GRADUATE STUDENT INTERNSHIPS

Hamilton County Children Services (JFS), Cincinnati, Ohio
Social Work and Legal Intern

Aug 2008-Aug 2009

- Reviewed and investigated long-term foster care cases for permanency planning based on mandates of ASFA and Ohio House Bill 484, wrote evaluations and recommendations, wrote and litigated Motions for Permanency Custody at trial, served as social work intern to child welfare Section Chief, trained in the administration and leadership of an urban child protection agency

Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, Cincinnati, Ohio
Law Clerk

Summer 2008

- Assisted counsel with education law and child protection cases, representing child clients
- Legal research and writing on Individuals with Disabilities Education Act (IDEA) and ASFA/House Bill 484

Hamilton County Juvenile Court, Cincinnati, Ohio
Law Clerk

December 2007-June 2008

- Legal research and writing on issues affecting juvenile justice and child welfare for Presiding Administrative Judge Thomas R. Lipps
- "In Re D.W."- wrote judicial opinion that became county-wide administrative orders on Crawford v. Washington and Rule 29 dismissals for juvenile defendants

Cincinnati Children's Hospital Dept of Psychiatry, Cincinnati, Ohio
Social Work Intern

Jan 2007-May 2007

- Provided individual, family, and music therapy in children's residential mental health facility

Children's Defense Fund, Columbus, Ohio
Legislative Liaison

Summer 2006

- Tracked state legislation affecting children and families, researched and prepared official testimony on state bills

UNIVERSITY EXPERIENCE

Wright State University School of Social Work
Field Instructor, graduate level

2014

University of Maryland School of Social Work
Field Instructor, graduate level

2011-
2012

- included assigning research paper and process recordings and grading written assignments

RESEARCH AND WRITING

Journal Publications

Sippel, F., Meister, K., Miller, P.J., Can, A. (2023). Mandatory reporting and the retaliation factor. *Children & Youth Services Review*, 144(1). Available at <https://doi.org/10.1016/j.childyouth.2022.106747>

Miller, P.J. (2020). Intrafamilial child torture: Training mandated reporters. *APSAC Advisor*, (32)1, 3-6. Available at <https://www.apsac.org/single-post/2020/03/31/New-APSAC-Advisor-321>

Miller, P.J. (2016). Agency in vulnerable families: a critical response to goh. *Social Work*, 61(3), 273-275. Available online through Oxford University Press, <https://doi.org/10.1093/sw/sww034>

Peer-Reviewed White Papers

The following papers were subject to single-blind peer review and a majority vote to approve by the APSAC Board of Trustees

Miller, P.J., Rycus, J., Vieth, V. (2022). Intrafamilial child torture: Victim impact and professional intervention. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at centerforchildpolicy.org/intrafamilial-child-torture

Miller, P.J. (2022). Intrafamilial child torture: Case studies of victim impact and intervention. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at centerforchildpolicy.org/intrafamilial-child-torture

Miller, P.J., Rycus, J., Hughes, R. (2021). Intrafamilial child torture: Making the case for an emerging category of child maltreatment. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at centerforchildpolicy.org/intrafamilial-child-torture

Miller, P.J., Rycus, J., (2021). Intrafamilial child torture: Case study of a child survivor. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at centerforchildpolicy.org/intrafamilial-child-torture

Piper, K., Vandervort, F., Miller, P.J., Devoe, E., Henry, J. (2019). Children's presence in court during child protection hearings: Empowering or re-traumatizing? *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at [POLICY BRIEF - Children's Presence in Court During Child Protection Proceedings \(centerforchildpolicy.org\)](https://centerforchildpolicy.org/POLICY-BRIEF-Childrens-Presence-in-Court-During-Child-Protection-Proceedings)

Piper, K., Vandervort, F., Miller, P.J., Devoe, E., Henry, J.. (2019). The role of the child's attorney in child protection proceedings: When to advocate a child's best interest vs. expressed wishes. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Available at [POLICY BRIEF - The Role of the Child's Attorney in Child Protection Proceedings \(centerforchildpolicy.org\)](https://centerforchildpolicy.org/POLICY-BRIEF-The-Role-of-the-Childs-Attorney-in-Child-Protection-Proceedings)

Miller, P.J. and Hughes, K.N. (2018). Separating Immigrant Children from their Families at the United States Border. Position Statement of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. Miller & Hughes invited to author the Statement by APSAC President Dr. Dave Corwin, MD. Available at <http://centerforchildpolicy.org/immigrantchildren.html>

Peer-Reviewed Amicus Briefs

The following briefs were subject to single-blind peer review and a majority vote to approve by the APSAC Board of Trustees

Miller, P.J. & Schidlow, J. (2021). Brief for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) & CHILD USA as Amicus Curiae, In Support of the Appellant, *Brandt v. Pompa*, 2022-Ohio-4595. Before The Supreme Court of Ohio. Peer-reviewed and approved by the APSAC Board of Trustees. Received favorable decision from the Court on 12/20/22, opinion by Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor.

Miller, P.J. (2021). Brief for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) as Amicus Curiae, In Support of the Appellants, *Smathers v. Glass*, 2020-Ohio-3264. Before The Supreme Court of Ohio. Peer-reviewed and approved by the APSAC Board of Trustees. Received favorable decision from the Court on 12/22/22, opinion by Justice Jennifer Brenner.

Miller, P.J. (2020). Brief for the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) as Amicus Curiae, Memorandum in Support of Jurisdiction, *Smathers v. Glass*, 2020-Ohio-3264. Before The Supreme Court of Ohio. Peer-reviewed and approved by the APSAC Board of Trustees. Jurisdiction was granted.

Invited Papers

Miller, P.J. (2023). The history of child protection policy: A brief timeline. National Association of Social Workers Ohio Magazine. Spring 2023 edition.

Miller, P.J. (2023). Title IX Protects School Children from Gender-Motivated Violence: A Federal SOL Standard is Necessary Because of how Younger Children Disclose Violence & Abuse. Capitol Hill “One-Pager” presented to U.S. Congress members.

Fontes, L.A. & Miller, P.J. (2022). 10 Tactics of Coercive Control, Torture Within a Family. Web article had 3,000 reads in first 90 days. Editor reviewed. Available at domesticshelters.org/10-tactics-of-coercive-control-torture-within-a-family

Fontes, L.A. & Miller, P.J. (2022). Understanding Coercive Control and Intrafamilial Child Torture. Web article, editor reviewed. Available at psychologytoday.com/understanding-coercive-control-and-intrafamilial-child-torture

Binford, W. & Miller, P.J. (2019). Custody and care of children at the border: 2019 congressional briefing book. *National Coalition on Children at the Border*. Presented at House and Senate briefings, September 2019.

Hughes, K.N. and Miller, P.J. (2019). Immigrant children at the southern border: Effects of separation and detention. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*. Invited by then-presidential candidate Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, also U.S. Rep. Anthony Brown.

Miller, P.J. (2019). Research to practice brief: The prevention of child maltreatment through the nurse-family partnership. Stormer, B. (Ed.) The 2018 Research to Practice Brief Compendium. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children*. Available at https://2a566822-8004-431f-b136-8b004d74bfc2.filesusr.com/ugd/4700a8_6c165421a8be4e03a33c8026_c6861f11.pdf

Dillingham, M. & Miller, P.J. (2018). Protecting vulnerable clients from unsafe charter schools. *NASW Ohio Update*, 42(3).

Miller, P.J. (2016). Social workers' testimony: when you get subpoenaed. *NASW Ohio Update*, 39(5), 5-7.

Fact Sheets

Miller, P.J. (2023). The history of child protection policy: A very brief timeline. APSAC Center for Child Policy. Invited by U.S. Congressman Rep. Greg Landsman.

Miller, P.J. (2018). Sexual abuse and family visits: Summary of scientific knowledge and points of authority. *The Children's Justice Project*. Available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Rhny_AdOxZjXsEkUWNQVOFwii26k_boD/view?usp=sharing

Miller, P.J. (2018). Sexual abuse findings: Summary of scientific knowledge and points of authority. *The Children's Justice Project*. Available at https://drive.google.com/file/d/1Mp-NnwTE7QhwJLBPcvQ_D3Vi7pT5beLE/view?usp=sharing

Miller, P.J. (2018). Sexual abuse disclosures in young children: Summary of scientific knowledge and points of authority. *The Children's Justice Project*. Available at <https://drive.google.com/file/d/1vYnVImTw5Bz1ieQ9oz1VK3kUKiEH-K9c/view?usp=sharing>

Forthcoming Articles

Miller, P.J. (n.d.) Issues in Brief: Intrafamilial Child Torture. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*.

Miller, P.J. & Tiapula, S. (n.d.) Intrafamilial child torture: Implications for criminal lawyers and law enforcement. *American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Center for Child Policy*.

Miller, P.J. (n.d.). Mandated reporting: What types of maltreatment should be reportable? *APSAC Center for Child Policy*.

Miller, P.J. (n.d.). Mandated reporting: Recommendations on mental state thresholds. *APSAC Center for Child Policy*.

SELECT CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS, SPEAKING & EVENTS

2024:

- Invited speaker to National Public Radio (NPR), Cincinnati Edition, for Child Abuse Prevention Month on "Homeschooling to Hide Child Abuse & Torture: Should Homeschooling Be Better Regulated?"

2023:

- "Intrafamilial Child Torture: Mechanisms of Therapeutic Treatment", 30th Annual Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). Denver, Colorado.
- Invited speaker to National Public Radio (NPR), Cincinnati Edition, for Child Abuse Prevention Month. Nationally and Internationally available podcast on "Could Child Abuse Prevention Lead to Fewer Youths in the Juvenile Justice System?"
- "My Social Work Experience", speech given after accepting the Distinguished Alumni Award, University of Cincinnati.
- "Severe Child Abuse as Intrafamilial Child Torture", International Symposium on Child Abuse. The National Children's Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama.
- Spoke on Capitol Hill to present a new bill, with changes to Title IX, written and developed by Sen. Dianne Feinstein, Jessica Schidlow of Child USA, and myself from Center for Child Policy. Creates greater protection for young children and for child torture survivors. Longworth Hall, Washington, D.C.

- Attended the swearing-in of U.S. Congressman Greg Landsman and spoke with Landsman about a new bill to better protect abused children using Title IX. Cincinnati, Ohio

2022:

- “Self-Determination in the Child Welfare System: Undoing Oppressive Structures that Hurt Children”. National Association of Social Workers, 2022 Ohio Annual Conference, Columbus Ohio.
- “Assessing Children Seeking Asylum: A Child-Centered Culturally Competent Approach”. Immigration Psychology Access Team (IMPACT), Portland, Oregon.
- “ICT: Impact on Child Victims and the Need for Professional Interventions”. The American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children and the Institute for Human Services, webinar with an international audience.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: An Introduction”. Crimes Against Children Conference, Dallas Child Advocacy Center, Dallas, TX.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: An Emerging Category of Child Maltreatment”. Crimes Against Kids Conference, The Florida Network of Child Advocacy Centers, Orlando, Florida
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Victim Impact and Professional Interventions for the Most Vulnerable Children and Families”. 2022 Annual Congress of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN), Tallin, Estonia.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Impact on Child Survivors and Need for Multidisciplinary Intervention”. 29th International Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. New Orleans, Louisiana
- “Trauma-Resilient Care: Evidence-Based Interventions for Severely Abused Children”, 46th Annual Spring Conference of the Ohio Children’s Alliance, Columbus, Ohio
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Implications for Child Abuse Pediatricians”, Taking Child Abuse Intervention to New Heights Symposium, Kitty Hawk, NC.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: A New Category of Child Maltreatment”. 2022 Quebec City International Congress, International Society on the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect, Quebec City, Canada
- “Identifying and Responding to the Torture of Children”, ISPCAN Torture Series; my portion attended by professionals from 41 countries.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Full Day Intensive”. APSAC Pre-Conference Institute, 37th Annual International Conference on Child Maltreatment. Chadwick Center for Children & Families, Rady Children’s Hospital, San Diego, CA.

2021:

- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Applications for Child Advocacy Centers”. American Academy of Pediatrics & East Carolina University.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Making the Case for a Distinct Category of Child Maltreatment.” Virginia Crimes Against Children Conference, Norfolk, VA.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Case Studies of Investigation and Treatment”. International Training sponsored by APSAC, attendees from multiple countries, including all 6 continents.

2020:

- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: Cases Studies of Investigation and Treatment”. 27th International Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.
- “Child Torture in Families: Implications for Social Workers”- National Association of Social Workers Minnesota Annual Conference.
- “Intrafamilial Child Torture: An Introduction”- Charleston Childhood Trauma Conference.

2019:

- “Child Sexual Abuse: Implications for Child Welfare and Child Mental Health Professionals”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference.
- “Recognizing and Responding to Child Torture”. Gundersen National Child Protection Training Center, Violence Intervention and Prevention Summit
- “Child Sexual Abuse: Answering 8 Crucial Questions”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference

2018:

- “Child Torture: A New Category of Child Maltreatment”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference
- “Brain-Based Play Interventions for Traumatized Children”. Ohio Children’s Alliance Annual Conference
- “The Separation of Immigrant Families: A Form of Child Maltreatment”. 25th International Colloquium of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children.

2017:

- “Suicide Assessment and Intervention: Complex Childhood Trauma”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference.

2016:

- “Attachment: Theory, Disorders, and Interventions”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference.

2015:

- “Trauma-Informed Care in Homeless Service Settings”. NASW Ohio Annual Conference

2005:

- “Aristotle, Arendt, and a New Feminism”. Philosophy and Culture Annual Conference, Transylvania University

BOARD SERVICE AND AFFILIATIONS

- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC):
 - Current active member of the Amicus & Public Policy Committee, serve as liaison between Amicus Committee and Child Maltreatment Policy Resource Center
 - Formerly served on the Immigrant Children Task Force, Children’s Attorney Task Force, Nominating Committee. Regular speaker and trainer. 2018-present.
- National Association of Social Workers (NASW):
 - Current active member of NASW, also active with NASW Ohio, 2015-present
 - 2016-2020, served two terms as NASW Ohio Board Member
 - 2016-2020, served two terms as Regional Director, Southwest Ohio
 - 2020-2022, received several awards, including at state level (see “Honors/Awards”)
 - 2015-present, regular speaker and trainer for Social Work Continuing Education
- University of Cincinnati School of Social Work (UCSSW):
 - Currently active with mentoring program for students in their final year of MSW program, 2018-present
 - Focus on finding appropriate job placement for outstanding students, to promote retention in the field of social work
 - Immediately after graduation, my students have:
 - Placed in a top 5 Children’s Hospital in the U.S.,
 - Founded a city homeless shelter and provided Executive Administration
 - Dedicated themselves to providing psychotherapy to Medicaid recipients only
 - Advanced to supervisory and executive leadership
 - Moved quickly to independent licensure
 - Completed PhD programs in a variety of helping professions
- Coalition for Responsible Home Education (CRHE):
 - Child Maltreatment Consultant to the CEO and Board of Trustees
 - Worked to prevent the use of homeschooling to conceal child maltreatment in families, including intrafamilial child torture. 2020-2022.

- National Coalition on Children at the Border:
 - Consultant on children's mental health and childhood trauma emergency occurring at the U.S./Mexico border- migrant children detained by immigration authorities in cages, separated from their parents and families.
 - Co-wrote a Congressional Briefing Book, provided consultation on childhood trauma and mental health to U.S. Senate and U.S. House of Representatives as part of a joint Congressional Briefing, also provided expert information to 2020 Presidential Candidate Kirsten Gillibrand. 2018-2019.
- University of Cincinnati School of Social Work Alumni Board
 - Former board member, was liaison between UC School of Social Work and NASW. 2017-2019.
- Greater Cincinnati Food Policy Council
 - Former board member, was liaison between the council and Children's Justice Project, NASW Ohio, UC School of Social Work.
- Churches Active in Northside (goes by CAIN)
 - Board member of poverty alleviation agency, 2018-2020
 - Services include self-shop food pantry, community meals, emergency cash assistance, case management
- Association for Play Therapy
 - Former member, 2012-2013, 2015-2019, organization published the leading play therapy journal

CERTIFICATIONS AND SELECT TRAINING

- 2020- Certified psychotherapist in Trauma & Body-Based Interventions, studied with creator Dr. Bessel van der Kolk, The Trauma Research Foundation
- 2018- Certified psychotherapist in Trauma-Informed Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. Studied one-to-one with Dr. Judith Cohen, creator of TF-CBT. Allegheny Health Network, National Therapist Certification Program. Involved supervision over 1-2 year period and passing a challenging exam.
- 2018- Certified Trauma Practitioner. The National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children.
- 2015- 3 day intensive training in Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics with creator Dr. Bruce Perry, The ChildTrauma Academy, held in Akron, Ohio.
- 2015- 1 day training with Bruce Perry on diagnosis and assessment using neurosequential model

- 2014- Level I Theraplay trained. The Theraplay Institute provided 4 day intensive training in Indianapolis, IN.
- 2013-2014- roughly 100 hours training in Child-Centered Play Therapy, PCIT/CARE, Attachment-Based Play Therapy provided by employer

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Honored with the 2023 Distinguished Alumni Award for contributions to the study of child welfare; College of Allied Health Sciences, Department of Social Work, University of Cincinnati.
- 2022- Nominated by colleagues for Social Worker of the Year, for having a global impact in child protection work; Award is given by NASW Ohio.
- 2021 and 2022- Honored with Certificate of Appreciation for service to APSAC
- 2020- Award for Outstanding Service to Social Work, NASW Ohio, state-level award, voted by peers throughout the state of Ohio
- 2019- Award Outstanding Service to Social Work by NASW Ohio, Region 6, voted by peers in Southwest Ohio
- 2019- Honored by invitation to give the Hennon-Joseph Memorial Lecture at Miami University
- 2018- Honored with Certificate of Award for providing Outstanding Trainings on Child Sexual Abuse, Lighthouse Youth Services
- 2018- Honored for leadership in the field of Social Work, featured in Union Leader Spotlight article, Union Institute and University
- 2018- Honored with invitation to speak as distinguished alumnus of the Department, Miami University Department of Philosophy
- 2017- President's Award for Regional Director of the Year, for leading an outstanding continuing education program, National Association of Social Workers Ohio
- 2015, 2012- Capital Pro Bono Honor Roll for donating 50+ hours of free legal services to low-income clients, D.C. Access to Justice Commission
- 2015- Honored with nomination for Social Worker of the Year for creating the first internal mental health department at a homeless shelter in the state of Ohio, NASW Ohio Region 6
- 2006-2008- President's List at U.C. for having 4.0 GPA for the term, awarded several terms for MSW program
- 2007-2009- Dean's list at U.C. College of Law, 2 semesters

- 2008- Honored with appointment to attend Women's Leadership Conference based on contribution to the university community as Founder and President of Advocates for Children, U.C. Office of Graduate Programs
- 2007- Honored with a rare Graduate Assistantship: one of three highest achieving MSW students to receive full tuition scholarship, U.C. School of Social Work
- 2005- Bergstrom Fellowship: honored with selection as one of the highest achieving law students in the nation in child welfare law, \$5,000 award and 5-day intensive training provided at University of Michigan College of Law, program overseen by Prof. Frank Vandervort
- 2005- Moritz Merit Scholarship: highest and most prestigious award given by the Ohio State Moritz College of Law. Award is based on academic merit and leadership potential, full tuition scholarship plus \$10,000 stipend.