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Ms. Russell currently serves as staff attorney for the National Child Protection Training Center, located in Winona, Minnesota, and provides professional training on a national and international level. Ms. Russell also serves as a pro bono attorney for children in dependency court in central Minnesota. She obtained her B.A. from Hope College, her MEd in counseling from Western Illinois University and graduated *magna cum laude* from SUNY Buffalo Law School with her J.D. Ms. Russell is a nationally certified counselor, and has worked with victims of violence and trauma in several capacities, including extensive counseling and support work with child victims of abuse; director of victim services and counselor for survivors of homicide victims; victim/witness coordinator in a U.S. Attorney's office; and executive director of two children's advocacy centers. In addition, she has served as an independent contractor for UNICEF on child abuse and trafficking issues in Kosovo, and has interviewed over a thousand children. Ms. Russell has conducted independent research on vicarious trauma in child abuse attorneys, and authored numerous articles, including Best Practices in Child Forensic Interviews: Interview Instructions and Truth-Lie Discussions, published in the Hamline Journal of Public Law and Policy by Hamline University School of Law; Out of the Woods: A Case for Using Anatomical Diagrams in Forensic Interviews, published in APRI Update by the National District Attorneys Association, National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse; several CenterPiece articles published by the National Child Protection Training Center; and co-authored The CornerHouse Forensic Interview Protocol: RATAC® published in the Thomas M. Cooley Journal of Practical and Clinical Law by Thomas M. Cooley Law School. Ms. Russell is a member of several professional societies, including the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and the National Association of Forensic Counselors (NAFC).

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Ann Goodall, LBSW is a Social Work Specialist with Social and Rehabilitation Services, Dept of Children and Family Services, in Topeka, KS. She received her bachelor's degree in Social Work from Washburn University in Topeka, KS. She has 14 years of experience in child welfare and specializes in Forensic interviewing and investigating allegations of child sexual abuse. Ann has worked in both Kansas and Virginia serving children from all ends of the child welfare spectrum as a child protective service's investigator, family stabilization specialist and foster care case manager. Her work experience also includes three years as a Children and Family Services Supervisor. In her current position, she is often called upon by peers, supervisors and other community professionals to conduct the more difficult Forensic interviews. She serves as a well-respected member on the Shawnee County, "Safe Talk" multi-disciplinary team. Ann continues her extensive training in child forensic interviewing and direct services to child and adult victims of maltreatment and sexual abuse. Ann is frequently called upon by Washburn University to serve as a guest speaker in Social Work and Human Service undergraduate and graduate classes. In 2009, Ann was nominated as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In April 2010, Ann was awarded the Child Advocate of the Year honor from the LifeHouse Child Advocacy Center in Topeka, KS. Ann is the mother of two beautiful children, ages 9 and 6, who keep her very busy and grounded in her commitment to helping child victims. In 2009, Barbara was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing.

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Barb is the Forensic Interviewer for The Children's Advocacy Center in Saginaw, MI, where she has been employed full time as such for 5 years. Before coming to the CAC, Barb taught preschool for five years and her early childhood education knowledge brings a child development and cognition knowledge to the MDT that is advantageous in many cases. She attended the Forensic Interview Training at the National Advocacy Center in Huntsville, AL in February 2006. Since then, she has completed an additional 300 hours of advanced forensic interview training and has conducted over 1,400 interviews at the Child Advocacy Center. She has also received special recognition among Saginaw County's investigators and was asked to attend training in Jacksonville, FL focusing on responding to child abductions and the special services she could provide as an interviewer in the event of a child abduction or recovery. Barb is frequently the requested interviewer by Saginaw's investigators and her commitment to providing 24/7 interviews on an as needed basis has aided many cases in quick and successful outcomes. She is a recognized expert witness in both civil and criminal courts in Saginaw and surrounding counties. In her infrequent downtime, Barb assists the Child Abuse and Neglect Council of Saginaw County in conducting prevention education programs aimed at elementary school students. Barb shares her background and expertise with various local colleges and secondary schools during Career Fair events, drawing positive attention to the field of forensic interviewing and child welfare. She additionally serves as a Community Representative for the Saginaw County Department of Human Services Permanency Planning Conferences (formerly Team Decision Meetings) and is a member of the Saginaw Social Services Club.

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Dr. Barbara Craig is a retired NAVY Captain and a pediatrician who sub-specializes in the field of forensic pediatrics (evaluation of suspected child abuse). She is the founder and director of the Armed Forces Center for Child Protection, located at the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda, Maryland. In this capacity she serves as the senior medical consultant for the Department of Defense on issues related to child maltreatment world-wide - interviewing and examining patients, providing training to multidisciplinary professionals, performing medical-legal case consultations and expert testimony. Dr. Craig received her BS in Biology and Chemistry from the University of Miami in 1974. She was an early admission student and began her degree program at age 16. Dr. Craig completed her Doctor of Medicine in 1978 at the University Of Miami School Of Medicine. In 1979, she attended her pediatric internship and residency at the Naval Regional Medical Center in Oakland, California. Dr. Craig established and now serves as the first Director of the Armed Forces Center for Child Protection located at the National Naval Medical Center (NNMC), Bethesda, MD, supervising the other physicians, nurse practitioners, social workers, and support staff. Dr. Craig also established the first training program in the U.S. military to educate physicians and nurse practitioners in the complete evaluation of child physical and sexual abuse cases. Dr. Craig also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI).

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Ben received a BS with a major in Social Sciences from Auburn University, Auburn, AL and an MEd in Administration with a concentration in the exceptional child from the University of Montevallo, Montevallo, AL. After 4 years in public education, Ben worked for 20 years in residential childcare, 16 years with the United Methodist Children's Home of Alabama and 4 years with the Florida United Methodist Children's Home. His tenure with the United Methodist Children's Homes includes positions in social work, program development, supervision, and administration. For the last 20 years, Ben devoted his career to child abuse investigations and treatment in the children's advocacy center arena. Ben is the founding director of the first children's advocacy center in Florida, The Children's Advocacy Center of Volusia and Flagler Counties (CACVFC) as well as the founding president of the Florida Network of Children's Advocacy Centers. In 1990, Ben implemented an in-house training program for the staff who interviewed children regarding allegations of physical and sexual abuse at the CACVFC. Ben also began video recording forensic interviews that same year. Staff from CACVFC attended the first APSAC forensic interviewer training and the first forensic interviewer training offered by National Children's Advocacy Center in Huntsville. While serving as Executive Director of CACVFC, he also served on the Governor's Task Force for Children's Justice Act for Florida and was a part of forming a training program for staff of the Florida Child Protection Teams who interviewed children. In addition to my work with CACVFC Ben served as the Executive Director of the children's advocacy centers in Birmingham, AL and Miami, FL. While in Birmingham, he also served as a reviewer for the NCAC Forensic Interviewer Training. For 6 years, he was the Executive Director of the Ohio Network of Children's Advocacy Centers (ONCAC). Under his direction ONCAC developed a two-tiered forensic interviewer training, Beyond the Silence, that continues to train CPS workers, law enforcement officers and CAC staff. Dr. Erna Olafson, University of Cincinnati Medical School, Department of Pediatrics served as a content consultant for this project. Ben also served as Project Director for the Western Regional Children's Advocacy Center for 3 years. In this position, he developed training and technical assistance for all disciplines involved in child abuse investigations and treatment. Ben is presently retired from the Western Region effective November 15, 2010.

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Carolyn is currently employed as a specialized Investigator with the Alberta Government in Edmonton Alberta, Canada. Carolyn works at the Zebra Child Protection Center (ZCPC). Carolyn is a member of a multidisciplinary team of Social Workers, Law enforcement, Crown Prosecutors, medical staff, and child advocates. The ZCPC is affiliated with the National Children's Alliance (NCA). Carolyn has conducted over 1700 forensic interviews. Carolyn is a facilitator of the Team Investigation of Child Sexual Assault, teaching to the RCMP across Alberta. Carolyn is viewed as a subject matter expert in the field of Child Forensic Interviewing.

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Ms. Copland is a front-line child Forensic Interviewer with over 13 years of direct practice experience. Her career began in 1998 at a Children's Advocacy Center in Illinois. In 2007, Ms. Copland relocated to Tennessee where she continues to practice as a child forensic interviewer. Ms. Copland has conducted over 2500 Child Forensic Interviews and has testified in hundreds of criminal and civil court cases. Ms. Copland has documented over 1100 hours of advanced and relevant training related to child abuse investigations. Her training includes; Finding Words Protocol, NCA Advanced Interviewing course and the Childhood Trust Protocol. Ms. Copland is a past trainer for the Childhood Trust; Illinois modified protocol and Finding Words in Illinois. Ms. Copland has coordinated local forensic interviewer's peer review groups and continues to provide regional trainings as available. In 2009, Ms. Copland was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing. Ms Copland had a very active role in the development of the present certification competency examination and was appointed by the CETF as the coordinator for developing the existing NACCFI code for ethical conduct.

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Dr. DaBeth Manns is a senior educational consultant and qualitative researcher. She brings to the NACCFI Practice Analysis Task Force a decade of extensive experience in proofreading, editing, program design and evaluation. She also has significant mentoring and volunteer experience with underserved youth in the nation's capitol. Currently, she is the Chairperson of the Community Advisory Board for the Teen Alliance for Prepared Parenting (TAPP) at Washington Hospital Center. Her record of volunteer service has included the Maya Angelou Public Charter School, College Bound, Associates for Renewal in Education, and the South Washington Family Strengthening Collaborative. Dr. Manns earned a Bachelor's degree in Political Science at Wake Forest University, a Master's degree in Human Development and Services from North Carolina A&T State University, and a Doctorate degree in Curriculum & Instruction from Purdue University.

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Daryl is a current child forensic interviewer for the, Montgomery County Police Department Family Crimes Division, Rockville, MD. Daryl has 23 years of direct practice experience as a child and adult forensic interviewer and protection and advocacy professional. Daryl has extensive experience as a trainer and in program and protocol development. Her experience includes; Developing protocols for interviewing children who are in the presence of domestic violence, developed the pilot project for interviewing children who are in the presence of domestic violence in Montgomery County, wrote the Court School program for children, ages 4-18, and their non-offending caretaker(s), who are involved with the criminal justice system to understand their role and what the expectations will be of them during the “process”. Developed the protocols for “The Tree House, Child Assessment Center for Montgomery County” to administer the Court School Program, developed protocols for communications between Forensic Interviewer, Medical Doctor and Mental Health Assessor for a 1 day visit by the child to the Tree House, wrote accreditation standards for the Tree House, Child Assessment Center for Montgomery County for Forensic Interviewing, Victim Advocacy, Child-Appropriate/Child-Friendly Facility, and Case Tracking. In 2009, Daryl was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing. Barbara also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI). Daryl also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI).

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Hector is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) with 22 years of clinical practice experience. For the past 14 years, Hector has been employed by the Department of Defense as a Family Advocacy Program (FAP), Case Manager for the Marine Corps, Army, and presently the NAVY. Hector is a graduate of the ChildFirst Virginia and the NICHD Investigative Interview Protocol training given at the Army Academy of Health Science in San Antonio, Texas. Hectors first introduction to child forensic interviewing was in 1987 as a child court companion and victim advocate for the Pitt County Sheriffs Dept, Greenville NC. Hector received his Bachelors in Criminal Justice in 1986 and his MSW in 1989 from East Carolina University, Greenville NC. Hector enjoys training and has trained nationally and internationally on subjects related to the diagnosis and treatment of Post Traumatic Stress Disorders (PTSD), treating adult and child sexual abuse survivors and child forensic interview structure and protocols. Hector also participated in the training of the first Sexual Assault Victim Advocate Coordinators for the US Army, Germany. Other past professional accomplishments include; a contributing writer for the Good Sense Magazine, Adjunct faculty at East Carolina University, featured guest on the Carolina Today Show. Hector is currently certified as a mental status forensic examiner in North Carolina. Hectors most recent contribution to the field was as a member of a working group responsible for re-writing the family advocacy and clinical counseling practice manual for the NAVY Family Advocacy Program. Hector also serves as the Chairman of the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers (NACCFI) and is the Practice Analysis Task Force Coordinator for the 2011 Practice Job Analysis of child forensic interviewers.

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Ms. Anderson is currently the Associate Director at CornerHouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Ms. Anderson has conducted numerous forensic interviews of children in cases where there are allegations of sexual abuse, physical abuse, neglect or children have witnessed violent crime. Ms. Anderson co-authored the articles *The CornerHouse forensic interview protocol: RATAC®*, *Using Interpreters in Forensic Interviews* and *Forensic Interviews of Children Who Have Developmental Disabilities* and held primary responsibility for the creation of a videotape and booklet on forensic interviewing entitled, *Give Them a Voice: Forensic Interviews of Child Victims and Witnesses*. Ms. Anderson was honored to train the investigators from the International Criminal Court in a joint training session with UNICEF in the fall of 2006. Ms. Anderson has represented CornerHouse on the advisory committee for *Half a Nation by 2010* and has personally assisted the states of Georgia, Maryland, Ohio, and Arkansas in the development of their *ChildFirst* programs. Ms. Anderson regularly speaks at national conferences. Ms. Anderson comes from a professional background of social work. She earned her master of social work degree from the University of Minnesota where she was a Child Welfare Scholar. Ms. Anderson's previous experience includes facilitating support groups for child victims and abuse and violence, county social services and work serving children who have special needs and their families.

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Jenny is a current resident of Evansville, Indiana where she resides with her husband, Robert Wood and their two children (Hayden-7 and Mason – 2). In her spare time, she is an active volunteer with Easter Seals Rehabilitation Center. Professionally, Jenny was employed as an investigator with the Indiana Department of Child Services prior to becoming a forensic interviewer with Holly's House Child and Adult Advocacy Center. Jenny received her Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Eastern Illinois University. Jenny has many years' experience working with youth. She has taught elementary education and has directed programs for the Evansville youth taskforce development program. In addition, Jenny has dedicated the last ten years to working with disadvantaged adolescents and children whom have been victims of abuse. As an investigator with Department of Child Services, Jenny investigated over 700 cases of child abuse and/or neglect. Furthermore, as a Forensic Interviewer with Holly's House, Jenny has conducted over 600 interviews with children who have been victims of sexual abuse. Her knowledge and experience in the field has been utilized through expert testimony in court. Jenny's education and experience has allowed her to mentor new and upcoming Advocacy Centers across the state of Indiana. She is also not only a participant with the Warrick County Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Taskforce, she has aided in the transformation of the county's committee which has been responsible for facilitating major trainings as well as bringing a focus of Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault to the forefront of this community. Jenny is an active member of the Indiana Chapter of the National Children's Alliance and works together to provide best practices policies within Holly's House and the communities they serve. Finally, Jenny Wood has been a trendsetter for other Advocacy Centers by researching and adopting the first of its kind educational program designed for ages Kindergarten through sixth grade. This program educates students on sexual abuse prevention as well as promoting healthy behaviors, online safety, and demonstrates the benefits of personal safety. Jenny has not only been able to get these programs into the schools, camps, and other groups, with her leadership she has helped Holly's House reach over 1,200 children with this program in less than one year.

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Mrs. Joan Carter has extensive experience working with children and their families as a Social Worker and as an Attorney. Before attending law school, Joan worked as a social worker with the Dade County Florida Department of Children's Services, Alpha House, a residential treatment program for emotionally disturbed children. There she worked with the children individually and in-group settings, as well as with their families. After a move to Louisville, KY, she worked as a treatment supervisor with the Jefferson County Child Abuse Authority - Project F.I.N.D. where she implemented a treatment, evaluation, follow-up and community education program for abusive families. As an attorney with the Jefferson District Public Defenders Office, she represented neglected and abused children before the juvenile courts, as well as children accused of juvenile crimes. Joan received her Master of Social Work degree from Barry University in Miami, FL, and her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Louisville. While living in Washington, DC, and working with the U.S. Department of Justice, Joan began the George Washington University program to earn a Doctor of Psychology degree. She is presently taking a leave of absence from her studies. Joan also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI).

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Johanna is currently the executive director and forensic interviewer for April House, Whiteside County's CAC in Morrison, IL. She has also served as a state faculty member for the "Finding Words Illinois" training, and currently provides State Police and local agency training on topics of child trauma, and how to effectively communicate with children involved in criminal investigations. She has a Master's Degree in Marriage, Family & Child Therapy and holds a National Certification as a "Diplomate of The Board -Clinical Forensic Counseling" from the National Association of Forensic Counseling & the American Academy of Certified Forensic Counselors. Johanna has provided clinical services for adults, children, & families dealing with grief & loss, trauma, & recovery from child sexual and severe physical abuse issues for over 22 years and has completed over 900-videotaped forensic interviews. She has testified as an expert witness in several states on issues common with child sexual abuse cases as observed through her clinical practice. In 2009, Johanna was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing.

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Ms. Bober's most important and cherished roles are that of being a wife and mother of three daughters. Professionally, she is the Executive Director of The Winchester Frederick County Child Advocacy Center in Winchester, Virginia. Prior to her current position, Ms. Bober was a fulltime Forensic Interviewer for The Children's Hospital of The King's Daughters Child Abuse Program where she worked for ten years. There, she completed over 2500 videotaped child forensic interviews for local investigative agencies, as well as NCIS, Army CID and the FBI. She provided training, supervision, peer review to other interviewers, and helped with the development of policies and procedures for that forensic interviewing program. Ms. Bober is involved with many different Multi-disciplinary teams and was appointed to serve on the Navy Mid Atlantic Regional Child Sexual Assault Team. She is active with the Virginia Network of Child Advocacy Centers (CACVA) and is on the state faculty for Finding Words Virginia with The Virginia Department of Criminal Justice Services. She frequently provides trainings at local, state and national conferences. Ms. Bober has been recognized as an expert in both civilian and military courts and often provides expert testimony and consultative services. She completed her Bachelor of Science Degree in Social Work at The College of Saint Rose and has completed several nationally recognized trainings in Forensic Interviewing including First Witness, National Finding Words, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Forensic (APSAC) and advanced forensic interviewing training at the National Child Advocacy Center (NCAC), and Eastern Area Health Education Center (EAHEC) as well as many additional specialized child abuse trainings and conferences. In her current role, Ms. Bober continues to interview children, in addition to program management and development. In 2009, Kelly was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing. Kelly also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI).

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Kristen is a clinical social worker and forensic interviewer at the Armed Forces Center for Child Protection, located at the National Naval Medical Center (AFCCP) in Bethesda, Maryland. Kristen provides comprehensive evaluations to children and their families referred to the AFCCP for complaints of possible child maltreatment. Her duties include conducting the forensic interviews and mental health evaluations. She also makes recommendations to manage diagnosed conditions, ensure safety planning, and improve individual and family functioning. Kristen also provides expert testimony, consultation, and training on child maltreatment related issues for the military. Her duties include conducting case reviews and evaluating forensic interviews from other requesting agencies. Kristen has been licensed as a Clinical Social Worker since 1996 and has extensive practice experience in the field of child maltreatment. She has participated in extensive postgraduate training and seminars. Some of her many accomplishments include; being selected by the governor's office of children, youth, and families as a finding words faculty. She was also appointed as an alternate member of the family advocacy headquarters review team, and she is a member of the American Professional Society on the abuse of children

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Leslie Vassilaros resides in Pennsylvania and works in West Virginia where she is the founding Executive Director of Harmony House, Children's Advocacy Center. Leslie has a Bachelor of Business degree, a Master of Science degree in Community Health Administration, and over 20 years experience in providing services to victims. She is a licensed social worker, a graduate of the National Victim Assistance Academy, a member of the United States Attorney's Office Northern Division Crimes against Children Task Force, and a member of the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewers' Competency Exam Task Force. Leslie is a trained child forensic interviewer having conducted over 700 child forensic interviews and having supervised/peer reviewed over 460 child forensic interviews. She has completed the following forensic interview trainings: National Children's Advocacy Center, APRI Finding Words, Cornerhouse Advanced Forensic Interviewing, Beyond Finding Words, and the National Children's Advocacy Center Extended Forensic Interviewing. She currently is co-chair of the West Virginia Child Advocacy Network –state coalition of CACs. Leslie has a strong background in direct victim services using a multi-disciplinary team approach including assessment, investigation, intervention, and treatment. She provides expert testimony in criminal, child abuse and neglect, and family courts. Her areas of expertise are child sexual abuse, child forensic interviewing, and the field of forensic interviewing for the purpose of the assessment process in determining whether a child fits the profile of a sexually abused child. Past accomplishments include being a member of the West Virginia Sex Offender's Registration Advisory Board, developing and researching the WV Foundation for Rape Information and Services standards of service, and participating as a presenter on victim issues including the United States Department of Justice's New Directions: Victim Advocate Role Training and the West Virginia State Police Sex Offender Community Notification meetings. In 2009, Leslie was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing.

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Lisa A. Mitton is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the state of Idaho and has been licensed in Oregon and Utah. She received her undergraduate degree in Sociology, with a minor in Child Development/Family Relations from Brigham Young University and subsequently attended the University of Utah, School of Social Work, where she completed her MSW with an emphasis in clinical social work and marriage and family therapy. Ms. Mitton has been employed in acute health care settings and hospice, as well as consulting in long-term care. For the past eight years she has been providing forensic interviews in a satellite office of the St. Luke's Magic Valley CARES program, providing services to eastern rural counties of the Magic Valley in an eight-county service region, including the Fort Hall/Shoshone-Bannock Reservation. She serves on a multi-jurisdictional MDT, participates regularly with training provided through the Idaho Network of CACs, and has participated in numerous trainings related to child sexual abuse, forensic interviewing and child trauma. Ms. Mitton has been a clinical supervisor for social work students for Brigham Young University, the University of California-Sacramento, and Boise State University. She is currently an Adjunct Faculty member of the School of Social Work, Boise State University. In 2009, Lisa was appointed as a member of the NACCFI Competency Examination Task Force (CETF). In that role, she received advanced training in the science of examination specification development and item writing. Barbara also sits on the Certification Board for the National Association of Certified Child Forensic Interviewer (NACCFI).

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Rita Johnson has 10 years of experience working with child abuse investigations as a forensic interviewer and founding Executive Director of a Child Advocacy Center. In her role as chief administrator and fundraiser for the center, Rita admits that her role as a forensic interviewer of child abuse victims is her “true passion.” After graduating from Ball State University with a degree in Secondary Education Rita began teaching in secondary and post-secondary classrooms. While raising her two sons in Fishers, Indiana, Rita held various leadership positions throughout the community. In July of 2000, Rita undertook the challenge of opening Chaucie’s Place. The combination of her roles as Executive Director and as a forensic interviewer naturally led Rita to become involved with state and national organizations in the field of child abuse. Rita currently serves as the Forensic Interview Specialist of NCPTC at Northwest Arkansas Community College. Rita manages the ChildFirst Arkansas program and the development of advanced training courses and programs for forensic interviewers. Rita has conducted more than 1,000 child interviews, testified in many court cases and has trained for the ChildFirst program in Indiana since 2002. Rita began training nationally in 2006 on many child-abuse related topics and has authored “Forensic Interviewer’s Perspective on Digital Recording of Children” which appeared in the ChildFirst newsletter in 2009. Most recently, Rita worked with Child Advocacy Centers nationally for Word Systems, Inc...combining her experience as an interviewer and administrator with the ever-changing world of technology. As a public speaker, she continues to champion the cause of child advocacy by addressing local agencies, schools, and universities on child-related topics. In addition to participating as a faculty member for the ChildFirst, Indiana program, Rita served as a board member for the Indiana Coalition of Child Advocacy Centers. She is a member of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and serves on numerous councils, task forces, and boards in the areas of child abuse and domestic violence. Rita was presented with the U.S. Attorney General’s award for “Outstanding Service to Victims of Crime” by the U.S. Attorney General of Indiana and is the recipient of the “Champion for Children” award from the Cornerhouse Interagency Child Abuse Evaluation and Training Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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