

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Andrew Garner, MD, PhD, FAAP is a product of Swarthmore College, the Medical Scientist Training Program at Case Western Reserve University, and the Pediatric Residency Training Program at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. He is a Clinical Professor of Pediatrics at Case Western Reserve University, and he has practiced primary care pediatrics with University Hospitals Medical Practices in Cleveland since 2000. Dr. Garner is an active member of the American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP), serving as the President of the Ohio Chapter and as a member of three national AAP leadership workgroups on Epigenetics, Poverty, and Early Brain and Child Development. As a member of the AAP's Committee on Psychosocial Aspects of Child and Family Health, Dr. Garner co-authored the Academy's Policy Statement and Technical Report on Childhood Toxic Stress. Dr. Garner is also co-author of the book, *Thinking Developmentally: Nurturing Wellness in Childhood to Promote Lifelong Health*.



Matthew Sandusky, Founder and Executive Director of Peaceful Hearts Foundation, was a victim of childhood sexual abuse from the age of 8 to 17 at the hands of his adopted father, Jerry Sandusky. Matthew is working to turn his traumatic personal experience into a mechanism to prevent childhood sexual abuse and help other survivors heal. Through his work with Peaceful Hearts, Matthew, raises awareness around child sexual abuse in local communities, supports the life-saving work of children's advocacy and sexual assault treatment centers, and advocates for legislative changes. Matthew works with researchers, clinicians, the media, politicians, social workers, and child protection professionals to raise awareness and improve the quality and availability of services to survivors nationwide. In addition to his advocacy work, Matthew is committed to empowering and educating children to use their voices and help protect them against abuse. He is working with other advocates to implement an in-school curriculum to empower children to use their voices as a first line of defense, along with parents and teachers. Matthew is also an accomplished author, chronicling his years of abuse in his memoir, *Undaunted: Breaking my silence to overcome the trauma of child sexual abuse*, which sheds light on the truth about abuse and the healing journey that a victim goes through to become a survivor. As an internationally recognized spokesperson, on the topic of child sexual abuse, Matthew is asked regularly to comment on breaking news. He has done a one-on-one interview with Oprah Winfrey, been featured in two documentaries, *Happy Valley* and *Invisible Scars*, and is regularly published in major newspapers across the country. Matthew attended Penn State University, studying Business. He along with his wife and children currently reside in State College, PA. Through his work with Peaceful Hearts Foundation, Matthew Sandusky has moved from victim to survivor of child sexual abuse.

Presenter Biographies

Rachel Berger, MD, MPH, Division Chief

Child Abuse Pediatrician, Child Advocacy Center, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
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Rachel Berger, MD, MPH is Professor Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh, chief of the division of Child Advocacy at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and the director of child abuse research at the Safar Center for Resuscitation Research at the University of Pittsburgh. She attended medical school at Columbia University and completed her pediatric internship and residency and a fellowship in general academic pediatrics at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She also completed a Master's in Public Health at the University of Pittsburgh School of Public Health. Her current clinical research focuses on improving identification and evaluation of suspected physical abuse. She has received funding from multiple sources including National Institutes of Health, the Patient-Centered Outcomes Research Institute and the Hillman Foundation.
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Jennifer Clarke, MD

Child Abuse Pediatrician, Child Advocacy Center, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh
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Dr. Clarke is a member of the Division of Child Advocacy at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC. She is an assistant professor of Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She received her medical degree from SUNY Upstate Medical University in Syracuse, NY. She completed her residency in Pediatrics at Westchester Medical Center in Valhalla, NY and fellowship in Child Abuse Pediatrics at University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio, TX.
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Susie Balcom, MSW

Victim Advocate, PAAR

Susie Balcom holds a BSW from Saginaw Valley State University in Michigan and a MSW from the University of Pittsburgh, with certifications in macro practice social work and gender/sex studies. She has worked at Pittsburgh Action Against Rape for four years as a Victim Advocate, specializing in Title IX advocacy and crisis counseling. In her free time, she enjoys house projects of all sizes and practicing her American Sign Language.

Carmen Coombs, MD

Assistant Professor Pediatrics, Division of Emergency Medicine, Child Advocacy Center

Dr. Coombs is an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh and holds a joint appointment in the Divisions of Emergency Medicine and Child Advocacy. She completed medical school, a pediatrics residency, chief residency and Master of Public Health degree at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore, MD and then completed her fellowship in pediatric emergency medicine at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh. She practiced at Seattle Children's Hospital in Seattle, WA and the IWK Children's Hospital in Halifax, Nova Scotia before returning to Pittsburgh to join the faculty 2 years ago.

Brian Dempsy

Intelligence Research Specialist, DEA

Twenty-eight years with DEA, I have worked in Newark, NJ; Atlanta, GA; & have been in Pittsburgh since 2004. Recipient of the 2017 FBI Director's Award for Support to the Law Enforcement Community. Recipient of the 2019 Excellence in Public Awareness Award from the National Healthcare Anti-Fraud Association. Provide support to Federal Drug Investigations and investigations on diverted pharmaceutical products.

Jennifer DiGiovanni, Esq

Deputy District Attorney, Allegheny County

Jennifer DiGiovanni is a Deputy District Attorney at the Allegheny County District Attorney's Office. She received her B.A. from Hofstra University in 1992 and her J.D., Cum Laude, from Duquesne University School of Law in 1996. Immediately following her graduation from law school, Ms. DiGiovanni spent two years as a law clerk on the Pennsylvania Superior Court where she assisted in drafting appellate court decisions in both criminal and civil matters. Thereafter, Ms. DiGiovanni joined the Office of the Allegheny County District Attorney. Ms. DiGiovanni serves as a Deputy District Attorney and currently supervises the Child Abuse and Crimes against Persons Units. In that capacity, Ms. DiGiovanni supervises the prosecution of all cases in which children are the victims of physical and/or sexual abuse and all cases in which adults are victims of sexual abuse and serious physical assaults. In addition to her supervisory duties, Ms. DiGiovanni also continues to try criminal cases. Prior to becoming a Deputy, Ms. DiGiovanni spent eight years as an Assistant District Attorney in the Child Abuse Unit where she prosecuted hundreds of cases involving the physical and sexual abuse of children. Ms. DiGiovanni also serves as a member of the Pennsylvania District Attorneys Institute Education and Training Committee. The Education and Training Committee provides educational materials and training seminars for District Attorneys throughout the Commonwealth.

Adelaide Eichman, MD

Child Abuse Pediatrician, Child Advocacy Center, UPMC Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Dr. Eichman joined the Division of Child Advocacy at Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in 2013 after completing her pediatric training at Children's. She received her medical degree from the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, having an area of concentration in Women's Health. Her main interest is providing medical care for unserved children.

Emma Fornari

Victim Advocate, PAAR

Emma Fornari has been a Victim Advocate with PAAR for two and a half years. Emma received a BA from Clarion University in 2009 with a concentration in Sociology and a minor in Social Work. For the past ten years, Emma has primarily worked in social services providing support and advocacy for various populations including working with people with disabilities to find gainful employment, and providing service coordination to people identified as homeless. In Emma's work at PAAR she provides support and advocacy to survivors of all ages and their families. Emma's work includes assisting survivors in navigating the criminal justice system, helping them understand their rights as victims and advocate to have their voices heard. In Emma's personal time, she likes to try new foods from restaurants all over Pittsburgh and enjoys drying flowers and finding new uses for them.

Jessica Gahr, MA

Treatment Clinician, Western Psychiatric Hospital - SAFE Program

Jessica Gahr is the senior treatment clinician at the Services for Adolescent and Family Enrichment (SAFE) program. She received her undergraduate degree in psychology from the University of Arkansas. Jessica attained her Master of Arts degree in clinical psychology from the University of Toledo in 2012. Jessica has been working with the SAFE Program, providing evidence-based treatment to children and adolescents adjudicated of a sexual offense by the Allegheny County Juvenile Court

since 2014. Prior to working with children and adolescents with problematic sexual behaviors, Jessica provided trauma-focused treatment at the Promedica Toledo Children's Hospital, The Cullen Center.

Jennifer R. Ginsburg, MSW, LSW

Homeland Security Investigations

Jennifer Ginsburg has been a Forensic Interview Specialist at Homeland Security Investigations in Seattle, WA since January 2020. Prior to working at HSI, Jennifer was a Forensic Interviewer at the Child Advocacy Center at Children's Hospital of UPMC for approximately 8 years. Jennifer is a LSW and holds a Masters Degree in Social Work. Jennifer has worked in the field of Child Welfare for 19 years. Jennifer conducts interviews with children, teens, and adults that have been victims of exploitation, human trafficking, sexual abuse, and other crimes. Jennifer resides in Puyallup, WA with her husband and two children. Jennifer enjoys spending time with family, reading, working out and hiking.

Joanne Goodall, CRNP

Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health

Joanne Goodall is a nurse practitioner in the Center for Adolescent and Young Adult Health at CHP of UPMC. She has been with the division for over 25 years. Her hours are split between the Center and Family Links youth shelters. She has been providing gender care to transgender and gender expansive youth for 7 years. She loves the outdoors and big dogs.

Brian Kohlhepp

Detective Sergeant, Ross Township Police

Brian Kohlhepp is the Sergeant in charge of the Detective Division at the Ross Township Police Department. In this capacity, he is also in charge of the Ross Police Forensic Investigation Unit. He investigates all major criminal incidents such as suspicious deaths, sexual assaults, and child abuse. He has over 1000 hours of specialized training in various policing subjects. He has a BA from Waynesburg University in Criminal Justice and a Master of Arts in Social Sciences from California University of Pennsylvania (Summa cum Laude). Detective Kohlhepp is on faculty teaching at Duquesne University, graduate school at California University of PA, and Waynesburg University, graduate and undergraduate courses at John Jay College of Criminal Justice. He also serves as a Program Director and Instructor in numerous criminal investigation and forensic continuing education classes for attorneys and law enforcement at the Center for Law and Public Policy at California University of PA held in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia area. In addition, he regularly conducts continuing education seminars for John Jay College of Criminal Justice at their main campus in New York

Maxwell Malbouf

Forensic Interview Specialist- Homeland Security Investigations

Maxwell Malbouf is a Forensic Interview Specialist for the Department of Homeland Security since July 2020. Maxwell serves Northern California for all federal cases involving child exploitation, maltreatment, human trafficking, labor trafficking, and any other federal crime involving a minor victim. Maxwell was previously a forensic interviewer at UPMC Children's Hospital Child Advocacy Center. Maxwell lives in San Francisco, CA with his girlfriend and dog. Maxwell enjoys taking his dog for walks through the city and cooking.

Patrick McKelvey, MS, LPC

Outreach and Education Coordinator - Child Grief Specialist, Highmark Caring Place

Patrick McKelvey earned his bachelor's degree in Psychology at Rollins College in Winter Park, FL and master's degree in Counseling Psychology at Chatham University in Pittsburgh, PA. Patrick is a Licensed Professional Counselor and Nationally Certified Counselor. Patrick is currently the Outreach and Education Coordinator and a Child Grief Specialist at the Highmark Caring Place in Pittsburgh, PA, where he oversees peer support groups for grieving children and their families. Additionally, in his role as Outreach and Education Coordinator, Patrick works to heighten awareness of children's grief through consultations, presentations, and trainings for professional and community groups. Prior to joining the Caring Place team, Patrick served as a Clinical Program Manager overseeing pediatric and early childhood behavioral health programs in Western Pennsylvania, specializing in evidenced-based trauma treatments for children and families in various community and school-based settings. Patrick is a rostered Child-Parent Psychotherapy (CPP) therapist; and has a passion for developing innovative approaches to working within an interdisciplinary approach with other child-serving systems to advocate for strengthening child-centric and trauma-informed approaches to child and family supports.

Maya Ragavan, MD

Assistant Professor of Pediatrics, Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh

Maya Ragavan is an Assistant Professor in the Division of General Academic Pediatrics at the University of Pittsburgh. Her passion for intimate partner violence (IPV) prevention has spanned nearly a decade, starting with volunteering as an IPV advocate at a community-based agency and exploring IPV prevention in India as a Fulbright scholar. She has presented on IPV nationally and internationally (including at Pediatric Academic Societies) and has 15 peer-reviewed publications in this area (18 total). She is deeply excited about working with community partners and was awarded the Anne E. Dyson Child Advocacy Award through the American Academy of Pediatrics for developing a health education intervention for IPV survivors in partnership with a transitional housing center. Maya is particularly interested in teaching best practices for supporting IPV survivors and their children using survivor-centered and trauma-informed approaches. Maya has taught about IPV prevention for the past decade to several learner groups including undergraduates, medical students, residents, pediatricians, and IPV advocates. She has facilitated a similar workshop on supporting IPV survivors institutionally during her residency and fellowship training and regionally at the APA Region 9/10 Conference in 2016.

Kimberly Randell, MD, MSc

Attending Physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine, Children's Mercy Kansas City

Kimberly Randell is an Attending Physician in the Division of Emergency Medicine at Children's Mercy Kansas City and Associate Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Missouri-Kansas City School of Medicine. She graduated from the University of Oklahoma College of Medicine in 2002, followed by a pediatrics residency at Children's Mercy and a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship and master's degree in clinical investigation sciences at the University of Louisville. Her research and advocacy focus on interventions in pediatric healthcare settings to prevent and mitigate the negative impacts of childhood intimate partner violence exposure and adolescent relationship abuse. In recognition of this work, she received the 2017 Children's Mercy Department of Pediatrics Advocacy Achievement Award and the 2016 Rose Brooks Health Services Award. She has served as Co-Chair of the Children's Mercy Council on Violence Prevention and is currently Co-Chair of the hospital's Intimate Partner Violence Work Group and Chair of the Department of Pediatrics Gender Equity Sub-Committee. Nationally, she serves as Abstract Chair for the American Academy of Pediatrics Council on Injury Violence and Poison Prevention and on the planning committee for the AAP's Trauma Informed Pediatric Provider Course.

Christine Rouse, MSW

Director and Forensic Interviewer, Children's Trust

Christina Rouse, MSW., is the CAC Program Director and Lead forensic interviewer with Children's Trust in Roanoke Virginia. Christina has been working at Children's Trust for 11 years and has conducted over 1400 forensic interviews of children. Christina has completed several nationally recognized trainings in forensic interviewing and sits on seven Multidisciplinary Teams in Roanoke and the New River Valley. Prior to her current position, Christina worked as a Child Protective Service investigator in Radford Virginia. While working at Children's Trust Christina has served on the state chapter board for CAC's in Virginia filling the seats of Treasurer and President. She is currently faculty for the ChildFirst forensic interviewing course in Virginia and has been doing so since 2012.

Clyde Schneider

Allegheny County Juvenile Probation Special Services Unit

Clyde Schneider has been a Juvenile Probation Officer in Allegheny County, Pennsylvania since 1999. He has supervised juvenile sexual offenders in Allegheny County Juvenile Probation's Special Services Unit since 2002. He currently is part of the Special Services Unit's collaboration with the Western Psychiatric Hospital, Services for Adolescent and Family Enrichment (SAFE) Program, which provides intensive community-based treatment for Juvenile Sexual Offenders who are under Court Supervision. Clyde is a 1997 graduate of Gannon University with a B.A. in Criminal Justice.

Stephanie Storino

Scientist, ACOME Forensic Lab Division

Stephanie is currently employed as a scientist in the Forensic Biology Section of the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office Forensic Laboratory Division. She has been employed by the laboratory since 2013, including time spent in the Latent Prints Section.

Michele Thames

Executive Director, SafeSpot Children's Advocacy Center of Fairfax County

Michele Thames is the Executive Director of SafeSpot Children’s Advocacy Center. Michele holds a Master’s Degree in Education from Cambridge College. She was previously the Supervisor of the Forensic Interview Program at the Children’s Hospital of The King’s Daughters Child Abuse Program in Norfolk, Virginia. Michele is a trained Forensic Interviewer that has conducted over 3,000 forensic interviews in a multidisciplinary team setting for local, state, federal and military agencies. Michele is a board member of the Children’s Advocacy Centers of Virginia and faculty for ChildFirst Virginia.

Karin Wickwire, DNP, AG-ACNP, SANE-A, SANE-P

**CRNP/Forensic Coordinator, Departments of Emergency & Critical Care Medicine, UPMC Hamot
CRNP/Division of Child Advocacy, Erie CARE Clinic**

Karin A. Wickwire, DNP, AG-ACNP, SANE-A, SANE-P is a nurse practitioner at UPMC Hamot with Critical Care Medicine, a nurse practitioner at the Erie CARE Clinic, and she is the coordinator of the forensic nursing team at UPMC Hamot. Karin has her Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Pittsburgh, a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Gannon University and a Bachelor of Biology from Allegheny College. Karin serves on the IAFN research committee, is a nurse expert for the Duquesne SANE grant program and serves on several different community organizations.

Shenoa Williams, CRNP, SANE-P, SANE-A

Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with the Child Advocacy Center at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

Shenoa Williams is employed as a Pediatric Nurse Practitioner with the Child Advocacy Center at UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh. She has become a nationally certified Pediatric Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner (SANE-P) in 2017 and completed the Adult SANE curriculum in 2018. Over the last year she has attended on-line and in-person training on Human Trafficking, including a train-the-trainer course through Shared Hope International called i:care A Health Care Provider’s Guide to Recognizing and Caring for Domestic Minor Sex Trafficking Victims. She is currently co-chairing the Training ACT Advocates Workgroup for the Alliance for Children in Trafficking (ACT), an important initiative of NAPNAP Partners for Vulnerable Youth.

Betsy Wisbon

Scientist, ACOME Forensic Lab Division

Betsy is currently employed as a scientist in the Forensic Biology Section of the Allegheny County Medical Examiner's Office Forensic Laboratory Division. She has been employed by the laboratory since 2010.

Steve Wize, MSW, LSW

President, Mental Fitness, LLC

Steve Wize is an author, speaker, and corporate wellness trainer who specializes in helping companies and individuals reach their full potential. After graduating with his master’s degree from Pitt, Steve went on to become a licensed clinical social worker and has spent the past five years working in private practice. During this time, Steve designed his own unique curriculum in which he has used to create his book, and his business, Mental Fitness, LLC. In addition to be the founder and president of Mental Fitness, LLC, Steve also works as a life coach in the Western Pennsylvania Area. Steve has always considered Pittsburgh his home. He is married, has five adopted dogs, and is also the author of “The Amazing Chase” series which promotes dog rescue and adoption efforts. Steve graduated from Penn State Erie – Behrend College with a degree in Psychology, and from the University of Pittsburgh with a master’s degree in Social Work—Mental Health, with a concentration on Direct Practice. He has been working in dual diagnosis and substance abuse counseling since 2010. Steve’s passion to help others struggling with substance abuse or mental health issues is fueled by his own loss growing up of a loved one to a drug overdose. In addition to offering extensive experience in opioid addiction, Steve has expanded his clientele to include adolescent, family therapy and couples counseling. Along with group and individual drug and alcohol counseling, Steve specializes in smoking cessation therapy, gambling addiction, depression, anxiety, relationship issues, stress and anger management, and overcoming grief and loss. Steve believes that every person has the potential for improvement in their lives, regardless of their backgrounds or current circumstances. By utilizing a non-judgmental, solution-focused approach, Steve helps clients to master their mental fitness achieve their full potential.

Jennifer Wolford, DO, MHP

Child Abuse Pediatrician, Child Advocacy Center, UPMC Children’s Hospital of Pittsburgh

Dr. Wolford joined the Division of Child Advocacy at the Children's Hospital of Pittsburgh of UPMC in 2011, after completing her pediatric training at Children's and serving as chief resident. She has a Master of Public Health degree at University of Pittsburgh Graduate School of Public Health, and a medical degree from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her primary interests are in the area of health care for underserved children, and she is the faculty advisor for the Pediatric training program called CORE (Community Oriented Resident Education).