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Speakers are listed in alphabetical order.

Dianna Aideuis, RN, BSN, MSW, LCSW, C-ACYFSW

Current employment: New Hope Counseling Services
Greenville, NC

Expertise: Ms. Aideuis has been a nurse for nearly 30 years. She has a Master's degree in Social Work from East Carolina University and has had extensive training in working with children with attachment and trauma disorders.

Christopher Alexander, PhD

Current employment: Child Psychologist, Private practice, Rio Rancho, NM

Expertise: Dr. Alexander offers a variety of diagnostic and treatment services. He works primarily with children and families affected by adoption, foster care, trauma, abuse, and neglect. Dr. Alexander is also on the Board of Namaste Child and Family Development Center.

Theresa Anderson, MA, LPC

Current employment: Mountain Pathways Counseling, Burnsville, NC

Expertise: Ms Anderson has maintained a private counseling practice for 15 years with a strong focus on treating families with children who have experienced trauma and attachment disruptions. She is a parent of

three, one by birth, two by adoption.

Paula Andree, LISW-S

Current employment: Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

Expertise: Ms. Andree has 20 years of experience working with children, adolescents and their families. She has been specializing in trauma and attachment work for the last ten years. She is also an adoptive mother.

Arthur Becker-Weidman, PhD

Current employment: Director of Center for Family Development, Williamsville, NY

Expertise: As Director of Center for Family Development, Dr. Becker-Weidman consults with department's of social services, residential treatment centers and mental health clinics throughout the U.S., Canada and internationally. His work has focused on the evaluation and treatment of adopted and foster children and their families, Complex-Post Traumatic Stress Disorder, and Alcohol Related Neurological Dysfunction. Dr. Becker-Weidman currently serves on the Board of Directors of ATTACH and is co-editor of the book *Creating Capacity for Attachment*.

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James (Mick) Borgeson, MFT

Current Employment: Clinical Director of Kids and Families Together, Ventura, CA

Expertise: Mr. Borgeson is a therapist who has been working with children for 28 years.. He is clinical director at Kids and Families Together, providing attachment based therapy to adoptive, kinship, and foster families.

Hannah R. DuVon, MFT

Current Employment: Orphan Baby, Clover SC

Expertise: As a Marriage and Family Therapist, Ms. DuVon specializes in the institutional care of foster and orphan children and is internationally certified through GGK for institutional training. She trains in orphanages all over the world. Through Orphan Baby, an international nonprofit, she is presently part of a team of experts developing an international curriculum for treating attachment disorders within orphanages and baby houses. Ms. DuVon also trains adoptive parents, mental health professionals, and pediatricians in the U.S. on the signs and interventions of attachment disturbances.

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Lois Dvorak, RNC, LCPC

Current Employment: Clinical Counselor in Private Practice

Expertise: Ms. Dvorak has been a Clinical counselor for 12 years, specializing in attachment issues, PTSD, bereavement, and anxiety/depression issues in children. She is a

Certified Psychiatric Nurse who has worked in child psychiatry for 25 years. In January and February of 2008 she was a consultant to an orphanage in Uganda. With experience both as a nurse and as a therapist, she is able to integrate biological and social modalities.

Lois Pessolano Ehrmann, PhD, LPC/NCC, CAC/CCS

Current employment: Counseling Alternatives Group, State College, PA

Expertise: Dr. Ehrmann has been working with attachment challenged traumatized children and substance abusing adolescents and their families for over 18 years. She is a Clinical Director at the agency she co-owns. Dr. Ehrmann also does research and teaches at Penn State University. She is a certified clinician in EMDR and a registered ATTACH clinician.

Sebern Fisher, MA, BCIA

Current employment: Private practice, Northampton, MA

Expertise: Ms. Fisher is a clinician in private practice whose area of specialty is the integration of psychodynamic therapy and neurofeedback. She is an internationally known author, trainer, and consultant. She pioneered the use of neurofeedback in the treatment of attachment disorders.

Heather T. Forbes, LCSW

Current Employment: Clinical Director of Beyond Consequences Institute, LLC, Orlando, FL

Expertise: Ms. Forbes is the co-founder of the Beyond Consequences Institute. She has been training in the field of trauma and attachment with nationally recognized, first generation attachment therapist since 1999. Ms. Forbes is an internationally published author. She lectures, consults, and coaches throughout the U.S. and U.K. with families struggling with children with attachment challenges. She is the mother of two adopted children.

Ken Frohock, LMHC, LRC

Current employment: Therapist at Attachment Institute of New England, Worcester, MA

Expertise: Mr. Frohock brings his extensive clinical experience in the fields of Domestic Violence and Addictions to the team at AINE. He is a regional

manager of Adoption Journeys Program offering support to adoptive families at risk for disruption. Along with being a counselor since 1988, Mr. Frohock is also the adoptive father of three children.

Kelduyn Garland, PhD

Current Employment: Executive Director of Innerconnections, Lakeland, FL

Expertise: Dr. Garland has over four decades of professional experience working nationally and internationally as a psychotherapist, consultant, & educator, working in early infancy/child and family development, grief and loss, reproductive, pre & perinatal loss, adoption and attachment and bonding dynamics, for over 35 years. Dr. Garland has also held the positions of adjunct professor, guest faculty, and guest lecturer in universities and colleges in the states of CO, NC, FL, and in Southeast Asia. She is a co-founder of ATTACH and is also an adoptive parent.

Danielle Goldberg, MSW,

LICSW Current employment: Post Permanency Family Center, Washington, DC

Expertise: Ms. Goldberg is Clinical Director of Post Permanency Family Center, and also has a small private practice. She specializes in attachment, addiction, and trauma.

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Steven Gray, PhD

Current Employment: Gray Neuropsychology Associates, P. C., Colorado Springs, CO
Expertise: Dr. Gray is a board certified Pediatric Neuropsychologist who specializes in working with complex special needs children, many of whom have a history of early maltreatment and attachment issues. Besides his 24 year private practice, he has served as Clinical Assistant Professor at the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center since 1988. He is the author of two books.

Ed D. Hamlin, PhD

Current employment: Clinical Director of Institute of Applied Neuro-science and the Center for the Advancement of Human Potential, Asheville, NC
Expertise: Dr. Hamlin is a Psychologist and the Clinical Director at the above mentioned Institute. He has also taught at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and at Duke University. He currently holds adjunct faculty appointments at East Tennessee State University Medical Center and Western Carolina University.

Wendy Haus Hanevold, PhD

Current employment: Private practice, Roswell, GA
Expertise: Dr. Haus Hanevold is a licensed Clinical Psychologist who specializes in working with families who are undergoing major life transitions. She uses an Attachment Focused, Family Centered treatment approach with children, and families struggling with attachment and other disorders related to complex developmental trauma. She is also an adoptive parent of two.

Daniel A. Hughes, PhD

Current Employment: Private Practice, Lebanon, PA
Expertise: Dr. Hughes is a Clinical Psychologist specializing in the treatment of children and youth with severe emotional and behavioral problems. Working primarily with foster and adopted children, he borrowed heavily from attachment theory and research to develop a model of treatment that he calls Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy. Dr. Hughes is the author of a number of articles and two books. His current passion is providing therapist training in the DDP model.

Linda M. Ikeda, RN, MFT

Current Employment: Hope Counseling Center of Silicone Valley, San Jose, CA
Expertise: Ms. Ikeda worked in Pediatric and ICU nursing for 15 years before going back to school to earn an MA in counseling in 1989. She has worked in private practice since 1995 and has specialized in attachment issues and Complex PTSD since 2000. Ms. Ikeda has traveled extensively internationally to teach attachment concepts to those providing care to orphaned and traumatized children in second and third world countries.

Arleta James, PCC

Current Employment: Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor at Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, Cleveland, OH
Expertise: Ms. James has been an adoption professional for 12 years. For the past eight years

she has been a therapist providing services for attachment disturbances, childhood trauma, and issues related to adoption. She was 1999 Pennsylvania Adoption Professional of the Year.

Bernadine Janzen, MS, LPC

Current employment: Director of The AllState Treatment and Training in Attachment Center (TATTAC), Laredo, TX
Expertise: Ms. Janzen has worked the last ten years in the field of attachment, as a group home foster parent, group home counselor, adoptive parent and therapist. She was a co-founder and CEO of the Alaska Attachment & Bonding Associates.

Gregory C. Keck, PhD

Current Employment: Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, Cleveland, OH
Expertise: Dr. Keck founded the Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, which specializes in the treatment of children and adolescents who have experienced developmental interruptions. Serving on the staff of Parma Community Hospital in Parma, OH, he is certified as a Diplomate and Fellow by the American Board of Medical Psychotherapy and is a Diplomate in Professional Psychotherapy. Dr. Keck is currently teaching in the School of Social Work at the University of Akron. He is involved in training and consulting in the U.S., the U.K., Australia, and New Zealand. Dr. Keck is the co-author of two books.

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Vicky Kelly, Psy.D., LCSW, MHA

Current Employment: Director of Clinical and Prevention Services for Children and Families First of Delaware, and Adjunct Professor at Widener University in PA.

Expertise: Dr. Kelly is a nationally known trainer and consultant in attachment, trauma, and child welfare. She is the author of the “*Theoretical Rationale for Attachment-Focused Therapy*” and currently serves as the President of ATTACH.

Regina Kupecky, LSW

Current employment: Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

Expertise: Ms. Kupecky has worked in the field of adoption for over thirty years. She currently works with children with attachment disturbances and their families. In 1990, Ms. Kupecky received the “Adoption Worker of the Year” Award from the Ohio Dept. of Human Services. She has co-authored two books and a chapter in the book, *Clinical and Practice Issues in Adoption*.

Mary-Jo Land, BA, CPT

Current Employment: Certified Child Psychotherapist and Play Therapist, Private Practice since 1998, Cambridge, ON Canada

Expertise: Ms. Land offers individual and family therapy. Her primary focus in therapy is resolving early childhood trauma and facilitating secondary attachment of children to their foster and adoptive parents. Ms. Land has co-authored a series of 16 stories that are being used as part of the national Peace

Education curriculum in the schools of Afghanistan.

Katherine Leslie, PhD, CFLE

Current employment: Owner/Operator, since 1996, of Brand New Day Counseling, Snow Camp, NC

Expertise: Dr. Leslie has a Doctorate in developmental psychology. Her areas of expertise include child development, parenting education, parent-child relationships, and abnormal socio-emotional development of abused/neglected children. In addition, she is the mother of four special needs children.

Terry M. Levy, PhD, PA

Current employment: Clinical Psychologist/co-director at Evergreen Psychotherapy Center, Attachment Treatment & Training Institute, Evergreen, CO

Expertise: Dr. Levy has been a psychotherapist, trainer, supervisor, and consultant for over thirty years. He was a co-founder and past president on the board of ATTACH. He is co-author of the books, *Attachment, Trauma & Healing* and *Healing Parents: Helping Wounded Children Learn to Trust and Love*, and was editor of *Handbook of Attachment Interventions*.

Forrest Lien, LCSW, ACSW

Current employment: Executive Director at The Institute for Attachment and Child Development, Littleton, CO

Expertise: As the Executive Director of The Institute for Attachment and Child

Development, Inc. Mr. Lien coordinates all clinical training and research projects. He received his Master’s degree in Social Work from the Univ. of Nebraska/Omaha in 1983. Mr. Lien has presented over 100 workshops all over the U.S. and Canada on behaviorally disordered children.

Joseph Lyons, Psy.D.

Current employment: Co-Director/Clinical Psychologist at Attachment Institute of New England, Worcester, MA

Expertise: Dr. Lyons has been a mental health clinician since 1988 and has specialized in social skills training for children with special needs. He is EMDR Level II Certified and has been providing attachment therapy to children and their families since 1996.

Joanne May, PhD, LP, LMFT

Current employment: Founder of Family Attachment and Counseling Center, Deephaven, MN

Expertise: Dr. May has over 50 years of experience working with children/adolescents and their families in a variety of settings. She founded Family Attachment and Counseling Center (FACC), which is a leader in the treatment of children with attachment disorder utilizing a unique methodology called Family Attachment Narrative Therapy. (FANT) She has co-authored *Parenting with Stories: Creating a Foundation of Attachment for Parenting Your Child*.

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Pamela G. McCloskey, M.Ed.

Current Employment:

Licensed Psychologist at McCloskey Counseling Center, Milesburg, PA

Expertise: Ms. McCloskey has provided therapy to children and adolescents who have been abused, since 1980. She has received specialized training in the areas of forensic interviewing, sexual victimization issues and sexual acting-out behaviors. She consistently uses Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy to more effectively meet the needs of children in foster care and adoption services areas.

Carol McFall, M.Ed., LPC, CAC

Current Employment: Counseling Alternatives Group, State College, PA

Expertise: Ms. McFall has been working with troubled families struggling with attachment issues and substance abuse for over 18 years. Her experiences include the direction of Family Programs and Adolescent Residential Programs as well as direct service and front line counseling with this population. She also works with children and adolescents and their family members at the Meadows Psychiatric Center.

Sarah Moore, MA

Expertise: Ms. Moore is currently a Doctoral Student in Counselor Education at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte.

Margaret Meinecke, LCSW

Current employment: Private

Practice Clinician, Littleton., CO

Expertise: Ms. Meinecke specializes in areas of addictions and attachment issues. She received her Master's degree in Social Work from the University of Denver in 1993. She has worked with children at The Institute for Attachment and Child Development as part of their clinical team since 1993.

Melissa Nichols, MA, LMFT

Current Employment: Family Attachment and Counseling Center, Deephaven, MN

Expertise: Ms. Nichols is a lead therapist at Family Attachment and Counseling Center. She holds graduate degrees in Theology and Counseling in Psychology. She is the lead author of *Parenting with Stories: Creating a Foundation of Attachment for Parenting Your Child*.

Barbara Nicholson, M.Ed

Current employment:

Co-founder and President of the Board of Directors of Attachment Parenting International, Nashville, TN

Expertise: Ms. Nicholson has a Master's of Education specializing in learning disabilities. As a founding member of Attachment Parenting International Ms. Nicholson speaks to various groups and conferences about parenting as a prevention model for societal violence.

Michael Orlans, MA, BCFE

Current employment: Ever-

green Psychotherapy Center, Attachment Treatment & Training Institute, Evergreen, CO

Expertise: Mr. Orlans is an internationally renowned author and trainer who has taught throughout the U.S., Canada, U.K., and Japan. He is a certified Master Therapist with over 32 years of clinical experience working with children, adults, and families in public mental health, the criminal justice system, and private practice. He has co-authored two books, *Attachment, Trauma & Healing* and *Healing Parents: Helping Wounded Children Learn to Trust and Love*.

Linda Orick, LISW

Current employment: Attachment and Bonding Center of Ohio, Cleveland, OH

Expertise: Ms. Orick has worked with children, adolescents, and families for 14 years. Eleven years ago, she began specializing in the treatment of trauma..

Lysa Parker, MS, CFLE

Current employment: Co-founder of Parenting International, Madison, AL

Expertise: Ms. Parker has a Master's of Science in Human Development and Family Studies. She is a trained facilitator for the Nurturing Parenting Program. She speaks to various groups and conferences about parenting as a prevention model for societal violence.

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Cindy Mitchell Perkins, LCPC

Current Employment:

School Counselor at Pond Cove School and Private Practice
Expertise: Ms. Perkins has been in private practice specializing in families with adopted children for the last 10 years, at the same time she works as a school counselor in public education. She has trained with Dan Hughes since 1999 and is a frequent presenter at ATTACH conferences.

Kathy Petefish, MS, LPC

Current employment:

ANASAZI Foundation, Mesa, AZ

Expertise: Ms. Petefish is a child and family therapist specializing in incorporating experiential learning techniques in the treatment of attachment and trauma difficulties. She has a Master's degree in Psychology from the University of Florida.

Sally D. Popper, PhD

Current Employment: Clinical Psychologist/ Owner of Chrysalis Center for Family Development, Kansas City, MO

Expertise: Dr. Popper is owner of Chrysalis Center for Family Development, a private practice psychotherapy group focused on treatment with families with children who have experienced loss, trauma, and/or abuse. She is the principle investigator on the research project, *Presenting Symptoms and Behaviors in Children Who Have Experienced Attachment Disruptions in the First Years of Life*. She also serves on the Board of directors of ATTACH.

Phyllis Post, PhD, LPC, NCC, ACS, RPT

Current Employment:

University of North Carolina, Charlotte, NC

Expertise: Dr. Post is a full Professor in the Dept . Of Counseling at the Univ. of NC. She teaches courses in play therapy and has founded the Center for Play Therapy Training at UNCC. She supervises students conducting play therapy and conducts research in the area.

Blair Robertson, MA

Current Employment: Therapist Intern at Thompson Child and Family Focus, Matthews, NC

Expertise: Ms. Robertson received her Masters at Community Counseling and a certificate in Expressive Arts Therapy from Appalachian State University. She is doing her internship at Thompson Child and Family Focus where she conducts expressive arts groups.

Phyllis B. Rubin, Psy.D.

Current employment: Clinical Psychologist and speech and language pathologist, Private Practice, Oak Park, IL

Expertise: Dr. Rubin has a private practice and is also affiliated with The Theraplay Institute in Chicago. She is co-author of *Play With Them: Theraplay Groups in the Classroom*. She has presented on Theraplay and Group Theraplay nationally and internationally.

Deborah Shell, MA

Current Employment: North-western Counseling and Support Services, Inc., Albans, VT

Expertise: Ms. Shell is a Licensed Clinical Mental Health Counselor currently treating families and children in an outpatient setting, specializing in the treatment of children with trauma-attachment problems. She is co-editor of the book, *Creating Capacity for Attachment*.

Lawrence Smith, LCSW-C

Current employment: Private Practice, Silver Spring, MD

Expertise: Mr. Smith has 31 years of experience working with children, adolescents, and their families. Since 1993, he has specialized in working with children with Attachment Disorders. He co-authored with a parent, as part of a statewide project in Maryland, *The Coping Skills Manual*, which is a guidebook for parenting children with serious emotional and behavioral difficulties.

Robert Spottswood, M.A.

Current Employment:North Star Counseling Services, Inc., Springfield, VT.

Expertise: Mr. Spottswood directs and has owned North Star Counseling Services, Inc, since 2000. There he offers Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy for wounded children from several states. He is also a contributing author to two books, *The Bean Seed* and *Creating Capacity for Attachment*.

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Dave Verhaagen, PhD, ABPP
Current employment: Psychologist at Southeast Psychological Services, Charlotte, NC
Expertise: Dr. Verhaagen is a licensed Psychologist who has served as clinical director for three mental health agencies. He is currently the only psychologist in North Carolina to be certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology as a Diplomate in Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology. He is the author or co-author of five books.