

# *The Children and Families Experiencing Domestic Violence (DV) Conference*

## **2009 PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES**

### **Mark Adams, MA**

Mark is the supervisor of the Domestic Violence Intervention Program at Family Services and has worked for Family Services over the last decade. Mark is a licensed mental health clinician and a child mental health specialist. He has extensive experience working with children and families experiencing domestic violence. Mark facilitates a specialized DV Dads parenting program for men who batter, which focuses on increasing awareness of the impact of DV on children, learning how to be accountable to children in an age-appropriate way, and maintaining a respectful parenting relationship with their children's mother. For the past several years Mark has been a much valued member of the King County Domestic Violence and Child Protective Services Collaboration Project and has helped to develop the King County DV and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Guideline. He often serves as a consultant in cases where families are experiencing child maltreatment and domestic violence. Mark has a Master of Arts degree in Psychology from Seattle University.

### **Kathryn Barnhouse, JD**

Kathryn Barnhouse has served as a CASA-Dependency Program Attorney for the past 18 years. In her first position as an attorney she was the municipal prosecutor in Bremerton and then Longview, where she was first exposed to DV issues. This was the mid 1980's when reforms in the statutes were being implemented statewide with regarding to DV arrests, and no contact orders. Along with the CSO in Longview, Kathryn initiated a program in the police department where volunteers contacted victims in pending DV cases to offer support and referrals. After leaving municipal law, she became a volunteer with DAWN, a DV survivor support organization in south King County. Kathryn first worked on DAWN's hotline and then, after a couple of years, she completed training as a support group facilitator. She co-facilitated weekly DV survivor support groups for nearly three years, where she earned firsthand the many ways that DV impacts women and their children. In Kathryn's work with CASA, she has seen the devastating affects of DV on children, as well as their parents, and she is aware of the many challenges that DV presents in the dependency system.

Kathryn was awarded her Juris Doctor degree from the University of Washington, School of Law.

### **The Honorable Bobbe J. Bridge, Retired Washington State Supreme Court Justice**

Justice Bobbe Bridge is the Founder, President, and CEO of the Center for Children & Youth Justice, which is a private non-profit agency dedicated to reforming the juvenile justice and child welfare systems. She was appointed to the Washington State Supreme Court by Governor Locke in 1999 and retired in 2007. During this time she chaired the Domestic Violence/Child Maltreatment Statewide Protocol Project which led to the development of domestic violence and child maltreatment coordinated response guidelines in regions across the state. Before serving on the Supreme Court, Justice Bridge served as a King County Superior Court judge for ten years and as Presiding Judge of the 51-member Court for two years. She was the Chief Judge of King County Juvenile Court from 1994 to 1997 and the President of the Superior Court Judges' Association in 1999. Justice Bridge was instrumental in the introduction of King County's Unified Family Court and Juvenile Drug Court models.

Recognized statewide and nationally as a leading advocate for foster care reform, domestic violence victims, truancy prevention, juvenile justice reform and a host of other issues, Justice Bridge also serves the community as a dedicated volunteer and philanthropist. She has been a member of the Boards of many nonprofit organizations, including YouthCare and the YWCA. In 1999, she helped establish and fund the Pacific Northwest's first court-based child care center at the Regional Justice Center in Kent, offering a safe place for parents and guardians with business before the court to leave young children.

In honor of their lifelong commitment to community service, Justice Bridge and her husband, Jon, were jointly awarded the 2006 Isabel Colman Pierce Award for Excellence in Community Service by the YWCA of Seattle-King-Snohomish County. Her long list of other awards include the 2003 David W. Soukoup "Speak Up for a Child" Award from the Washington State Association of Court Appointed Special Advocates and Guardians ad Litem, the 2001 Distinguished Alumna Award from the University of Washington School of Law, the 2001 Jurist of the Year

Award from the Washington State Bar Association Family Law Section, and the 1999 Judge of the Year Award from the King County Bar Association.

Justice Bridge is a Phi Beta Kappa and a Magna cum Laude graduate of the University of Washington with a BA in Political Science; M.A. and PhC in Political Science from the University of Michigan; and J.D. from the University of Washington School of Law.

### **Larry Cohen, MSW**

Larry Cohen is the Prevention Institute founder and Executive Director. He has been an advocate for public health and prevention since 1972. The Prevention Institute has provided national web-based training on the primary prevention of violence against women for local, state, territorial, national and tribal agencies and organizations since 2004. Through a mix of didactic web conferences and interactive online 'dialogues,' the Institute has covered topics such as changing norms, community-wide approaches, improving collaborative work, engaging men and boys, changing organizational practices, local policy, workplaces, the healthcare sector, and the intersection of oppression and violence against women.

### **Honorable Judge Joan DuBuque**

Judge Joan DuBuque has served on the bench since 1984. She initially served as a Family Law Commissioner with King County Superior Court from 1984 to 1989. In November 1989, Governor Booth Gardner appointed her as a King County Superior Court Judge. She has served as the Chief Criminal Judge and has been a member of the court's Executive Committee for over a decade. Judge DuBuque was named the Champion of Justice in 2005 by the Washington State Bar Foundation and Judge of the Year in 2003 by the Washington Women Lawyers for her work in Unified Family Court. Since 2004, Judge DuBuque has been the Chair of the King County Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Project. Additionally, she is an active member of the "Supporting Early Connections Project" which provides mental health and support services to infants and toddlers involved in dependency proceedings. She regularly trains locally and nationally on issues of family law, domestic violence, and child maltreatment for judicial officers, attorneys, advocates, and social workers. Judge DuBuque is a 1977 cum laude graduate of the University of Puget Sound, School of Law, and she was admitted to practice in the State of Washington in 1977.

### **Professor Jeffrey Edleson, Ph.D.**

Jeffrey L. Edleson, Ph.D., is Professor and the Director of Research at the University of Minnesota School of Social Work and Director of the Minnesota Center Against Violence and Abuse. Professor Edleson's research, policy and practice interests have earlier focused on research on batterer intervention programs. In recent years, his work has focused primarily on the impact of adult domestic violence on children and how social systems respond to these children. He is the Co-Principal Investigator with Dr. Roger Roffman on the Men's Domestic Abuse Check-Up project funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse and being implemented at the University of Washington. Professor Edieson is the Co-Principal Investigator on a project focused on Hague Convention cases involving domestic violence funded by the National Institute of Justice and jointly being conducted with Dr. Taryn Lindhorst at the University of Washington. He is the Co-Principal Investigator overseeing the Violence Against Women Online Resources website.

He is one of the world's leading authorities on children exposed to domestic violence and has published over 100 articles and 10 books on domestic violence, groupwork, and program evaluation. Prof. Edleson is the co-author with the late Susan Schechter of *Effective Intervention in Domestic Violence and Child Maltreatment Cases: Guidelines for Policy and Practice* (1999, co-authored with Susan Schechter, NCJFCJ). Better known as the "Greenbook", this best-practices guide has been the subject of six federally-funded and numerous other demonstration sites across the country.

Professor Edleson is an Associate Editor of the journal *Violence Against Women* and has served on the editorial boards of numerous journals. He is Co-Editor of the Oxford University Press book series on Interpersonal Violence. His most recent books are entitled *The Sourcebook on Violence Against Women* (2001, co-edited with Claire Renzetti and Raquel Kennedy Bergen, Sage Publications, 2nd Edition forthcoming), *Domestic Violence in the Lives of Children: The Future of Research, Intervention, and Social Policy* (2001, co-edited with Sandra Graham-Bermann, American Psychological Association Books) and *Violence Against Women: Classic Papers* (2004, co-edited with Claire Renzetti and Raquel Kennedy Bergen, Allyn & Bacon). He has recently published a new book entitled *Parenting by Men Who Batterer: New Directions in Assessment and Intervention* (co-edited with Oliver J. Williams, Oxford University Press) and has completed the two-volume *Encyclopedia of Interpersonal Violence* (2008, co-edited with Claire Renzetti, Sage Reference).

He is a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of the University of California at Berkeley and received his Masters and Ph.D. in Social Work from the University of Wisconsin at Madison. He is a Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker in Minnesota and has practiced in elementary and secondary schools and in several domestic violence agencies.

### **Seth Ellner, MSW, LICSW**

Mr. Ellner has worked in the domestic violence field for the last sixteen years. During this time, he has co-directed a state certified domestic violence perpetrator intervention program with his colleague Joan Zegree. He has also maintained a private practice where he specializes in the effects of domestic violence on children as well as working with women on Post-Traumatic effects of domestic violence. Mr. Ellner frequently provides therapeutic services to court ordered families and provides therapy for the parents and children involved in domestic abuse cases. He also selectively takes on domestic violence evaluations, and he serves as an expert witness in civil court cases.

Mr. Ellner has served on many community DV advisory boards including the Department of Social and Health Services, Washington State Administrative Code Advisory Board; the Asian and Pacific Islander Women and Family Safety Center; and the Men's Network Against Domestic Violence. Mr. Ellner has provided numerous trainings for the city of Seattle, King County, local agencies, and hospitals on varied topics of domestic violence intervention. He has also provided intensive trainings in Antwerp and Brussels, Belgium and consulted with governments and organizations from Japan, South Korea, Australia, Holland, England and New Zealand. Mr. Ellner has written curriculum for children who have witnessed domestic violence. He is a consultant to Family Services for their King County Domestic Violence Program. Mr. Ellner received a Master of Social Work Degree from the University of Washington in 1990.

### **Emily Emerson, MA**

Emily Emerson attended Rollins College in Winter Park, Florida and studied philosophy and psychology. After graduating college, she received her Master of Philosophy with an emphasis in Feminist Theory and Ethics from the University of Memphis in Memphis, Tennessee. Emily then pursued a career in social services first as an educator and professional trainer for Planned Parenthood of Middle and East Tennessee and then as a school-based program coordinator for the Domestic Violence Intervention Center. She moved to Seattle, Washington in 2002 and managed the youth development department for Ruth Dykeman Youth and Family Services. Emily is currently the Social Change Program Director for New Beginnings, a Seattle based domestic violence agency. Emily has over 12 years of experience in implementing prevention efforts in sexual health, substance use, and violence prevention fields.

### **Anne L. Ganley, Ph.D.**

Anne L. Ganley, Ph.D. is a psychologist in private practice, and a Clinical Associate Professor in psychology at the University of Washington. For 20 years Dr. Ganley was the coordinator of Domestic Violence Programs at two Veterans Administration medical centers, which provided intervention groups for perpetrators as well as support groups for victims of domestic violence.

Dr. Ganley is nationally known for her consultations, trainings, program supervision, and publications in the field of domestic violence for judges, probation officers, health care professionals, mental health professionals, child welfare workers, Guardian Ad Litem and CASA specialists, clergy, educators, law enforcement officers, lawyers, the military, and victim advocates. She has served on a variety of national and local advisory boards addressing specific issues related to domestic violence for agencies such as: the Center for Disease Control Injury Prevention Unit, Family Violence Prevention Fund, US Department of Justice, US Marines, US Department of Defense, and US Department of Veterans Affairs. She served on the Family Violence Prevention Fund Advisory Committee, which developed cultural competency guidelines for health care providers responding to domestic violence victims.

Her Family Violence Prevention Fund publications include: *Trainer's Manual: Improving the Health Care Response to Domestic Violence* (Ganley, 1998), *Domestic Violence: A National Curriculum for Child Protective Services* (Ganley & Schechter, 1996), *Domestic Violence: A National Curriculum for Family Preservation Practitioners* (Schechter & Ganley, 1995), and *Improving the Health Care Response to Domestic Violence: A Resource Manual for Health Care Providers*. (Warshaw & Ganley, 1995).

Dr. Ganley is co-author of the *Washington State Domestic Violence Manual for Criminal and Civil Court Judges 1992, 1993, 1997, 2001, 2006*, produced by the Washington State Gender and Justice Commission. She has co-authored national curriculums for civil and criminal court judges. Dr. Ganley has received multiple awards and honors for her work in the field of domestic violence. In 2007, she received a Lifetime Achievement Award at the National Domestic Violence and Health Conference, which was held by the Family Violence Prevention Fund in

San Francisco. Dr. Ganley received her Ph.D. in Psychology from the University of Oregon in 1976, her Counseling Psychology degree from the University of New Mexico in 1969, and a Bachelor of Arts in English degree from Bates College, Maine in 1966.

**Alicia Glenwell, BA**

Alicia serves as the Director of Community Programs for the Domestic Abuse Women's Network (DAWN), where she manages a team of community advocates, the volunteer program and crisis line. For the past several years Alicia has been a valued member of the DV and CPS Collaboration Project and helped to develop the DV and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Guideline. Alicia has worked diligently with Child Protective Services to provide DV training and support to their social work staff. She actively participates in the development of DV training curriculum and programs and has given hundreds of presentations on domestic violence to groups all over King County. She often provides consultation to schools, social service agencies communities and businesses in King County striving to serve and protect families affected by domestic violence. Alicia has a Bachelor of Arts Degree in psychology from the University of Washington.

**Rebecca Goldberg, BA**

Rebecca Goldberg grew up in Seattle, Washington. She started working in the domestic violence field as a volunteer on the New Beginnings help line in the spring of 2005. As a *JustServe* AmeriCorps volunteer, she helped to start the youth prevention education program in the New Beginnings Social Change Program. She has been the Prevention Educator at New Beginnings since 2007, and works with adolescents around issues such as healthy relationships, healthy communication, and gender stereotypes. Rebecca received her BA degree in Political Science from Wellesley College in 2004.

**Jana Heyd, JD**

Jana Heyd is the assistant director at Society of Counsel, one of the public defense agencies in Seattle, Washington where she has worked for almost seventeen years. Jana has been involved primarily in the dependency practice area, working with children and families in the foster care system. Jana has represented youth and parents who have been involved with domestic violence. Jana has represented non-offending partners, perpetrators, and children who have been exposed to domestic violence, and she is familiar with the many ethical and social issues that arise in this practice area.

Jana is currently the co-chair of the state's Children's Justice Interagency Task Force. She participates in the Immigrant Child Advocacy Project, the Family Treatment Court advisory board, and the Child Youth and Family Advisory Council for Washington State. Jana is the co-chair elect of the new juvenile law section of the Washington State Bar Association. Jana volunteers at the Bi-lingual Legal Aid Clinic that provides pro bono legal services to Spanish speaking individuals. Jana is also involved with the National Voice committee, through the Chief Defenders organization of the National Legal Aid and Defender Association (NLADA.)

Jana has a Bachelor of Arts degree from the University of Oregon (1979) from the school of Community Service and Public Affairs. Jana's Juris Doctor is from the University of Puget Sound (now Seattle University) from 1990.

**Sheri L. Hill, PhD, MEd, CCC-SLP**

Sheri L. Hill, PhD is an Early Childhood Policy Specialist working as a private consultant on a variety of early childhood issues from an infant mental health perspective. Dr. Hill was formerly Faculty Lead on Policy for the UW Center on Infant Mental Health and Development, and Assistant Director of Washington Kids Count. Prior to moving into policy she worked for over a decade as a Speech-Language Pathologist.

Dr. Hill has extensive public speaking experience, and has trained well over 1,500 court-related personnel since 2005. She serves on the Advisory Board for the American Bar Association's "Improving the Understanding of Maternal and Child Health Project" and has been published in their Child Law Practice Journal. Additionally, she is a ZERO TO THREE Leaders for the 21st Century Graduate Fellow.

Dr. Hill is actively involved in a variety of court-related local, state and national system change efforts addressing issues such as court-community mental health partnerships, disproportionality, expert evaluations, and the intersection of domestic violence and child abuse and neglect. She is the lead consultant for the Supporting Early Connections project in King County.

Dr. Hill holds a M.Ed. from the University of Virginia, a Ph.D. from the University of Washington in Developmental Psychology, and a Graduate Certificate in Infant Mental Health from the University of Washington, School of Nursing.

**Lynn Fainsilber Katz, Ph.D.**

Dr. Katz is a Research Associate Professor in Child Clinical and Developmental Psychology at the University of Washington. For the past 20 years, she has been conducting research on the effects of domestic violence and marital conflict on children's adjustment. Dr. Katz has been recognized as a leading expert in the area of family relations by major mental health organizations across the country. She has received funding from the National Institute of Mental Health for her work on domestic violence and childhood aggression, and has lectured extensively on the effects of marital conflict and domestic violence on children. Dr. Katz has authored numerous publications in the area of marital conflict, domestic violence, parenting and children's adjustment. Her recent work on emotion coaching parenting skills that help buffer children from the effects of domestic violence has generated an interest in developing parenting interventions to help survivors of domestic violence and their children.

Dr. Katz received her Bachelor of Art in Psychology from McGill University in 1979, and her Ph.D. degree in Clinical Psychology from the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign in 1990.

**Timothy Jaasko-Fisher, JD**

Tim is the Director of the Court Improvement Training Academy, at the University of Washington, School of Law. He served as an Assistant Attorney General for the Washington State Office of the Attorney General from October 1996 to September 2007, where he had represented the Washington State Department of Social and Health Services in Child Welfare matters. He is a frequent speaker on issues relating to child welfare law in Washington and has presented to a wide variety of audiences including the Washington State Children's Justice Conference, Superior Court Judges Association Spring Conference, and the Washington State CASA conference.

Tim received his Bachelor of Arts degree in Government from New Mexico State University in 1993, and a Juris Doctor Degree from Seattle University in 1996 where he was selected to be a member of the Order of Barristers.

**Lyungai Mbilinyi, MPH, Ph.D.**

Lyungai was born and raised in Dar Es Salaam, Tanzania. She is a Research Assistant Professor at the University of Washington, School of Social Work. Lyungai also co-directs the Innovative Programs Research Group (IPRG) at the University of Washington. At IPRG, Lyungai oversees federally-funded intervention trials on intimate partner violence and substance abuse.

Lyungai's work has centered on violence research, violence prevention, intervention therapy, and the experience of African immigrants and refugees in the United States.

Her research interests include intimate partner violence with a focus on service effectiveness and intervention research; HIV/AIDS' impact on sub-Saharan African girls and women in the US; and the intersections of race, gender, and class among social and health issues.

Lyungai has taught research courses for Masters of Social Work students. She has published on children's exposure to DV, and marketing to and intervening with intimate partner violence perpetrators. Lyungai has a Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota; a Master's of Social Work and a Master's of Public Health, both from the University of Minnesota; and a BA in International Studies and French Literature from Macalester College.

**Gita Mehrotra, MSW**

Gita Mehrotra has been involved with domestic violence work for the past twelve years in a variety of capacities including: direct service, education/training, and program/organizational development with a focus on Asian Pacific Islander and queer communities. She is currently a consultant with Asian Women's Shelter, in San Francisco, CA and she is a doctoral student at the University of Washington, School of Social Work. She is collaborating with the Men of Color project with Lyungai Mbilinyi and Carl Maas. Gita is also a research assistant on the Hague Domestic Violence Project. Her current research and teaching interests include: domestic violence in South Asian and queer communities, anti-oppression/social justice education, critical theory and social work, and qualitative, community-based research.

**Helena Nguyen**

Helena is a senior student at Garfield High School. She has served as a Teen Peer Advocacy Program (TPAP) Advocate throughout her high school experience.

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**Ankita Patel, JD**

Ankita Patel is the Fatality Review Specialist at the Washington State Coalition Against Domestic Violence. The Fatality Review convenes community groups to examine domestic violence related deaths, and makes policy recommendations to improve the community response to domestic violence. Ankita received her Juris Doctorate from Seattle University School of Law. Ankita has a commitment to defending the rights of women and children, and has experience working with victims of human trafficking, and addressing policy issues that affect trafficking victims.

**Leana Pastores, MSW**

Leana is a Youth Counselor and Teen Peer Advocate Program Coordinator for Asian Counseling and Referral Service. She is a former Teen Peer Advocacy Program (TPAP) advocate from Franklin High School, as well as a former volunteer and MSW intern for TPAP. Leana has experiences in social services, working with Asian/Pacific American youth especially in the areas of sexual assault and dating violence. Leana is a recent graduate of the Master of Social Work program from the University of Washington.

**Laura Porter, BA**

Laura Porter currently serves as the Staff Director for the Washington State Family Policy Council. She manages the operations of the Council, including leadership support, policy development, and implementation of the Council's mission and statutory responsibilities. As a part of her work with the Family Policy Council, she is responsible for the development of an effective statewide system of special purpose organizations through the Community Public Health and Safety Networks. Currently Laura provides leadership and guidance for 39 Community Networks which engages tens of thousands of Washington residents in helping families to thrive by reducing the rates of child abuse and neglect, children/youth dropping out of school, youth violence, and other major social problems that affect families.

In 1990, Laura was elected County Commissioner. Under her leadership, Mason County developed a service-oriented approach to water quality assurance that secured family wage jobs in the shellfish industry and an inter-jurisdictional approach to criminal justice that provided for prevention, facilities and system improvements. In 1991, Laura authored a public transportation plan which won voter approval and created the Mason County Transportation Authority. She served on its Board for two years while Mason Transit became the first transit system in the state with all routes and services fully ADA accessible. At the same time, she served on the Washington Counties Risk Pool Board of Directors and the Washington State Association of Counties Legislative Steering Committee. Laura holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from The Evergreen State College.

**Kellie Rogers, BA**

Kellie has worked for ten years as domestic violence advocate. She was instrumental in the development of the YWCA's Children's Domestic Violence Program, a ten-week educational counseling and advocacy home visiting model. Through this program she has worked with over 600 children and their parents to process, reflect on, and recover from their traumatic DV experiences. Additionally, Kellie began to serve families experiencing DV in 2003 through the Safe Havens Supervised Visitation Project in Kent where she provides supervised visitation to DV perpetrators and their children. Kellie is currently a member of the DV/CPS Best Practices workgroup. She also is a member of the newly funded Children's DV Response Team, which is a collaborative project with Sound Mental Health, DAWN and the South King County YWCA, and provides a wrap around mental health and DV advocacy model for families experiencing DV. Kellie has also published the "Through Their Eyes" booklets for Catholic Community Services and the YWCA, and in 2008 published a Violence Against Women Journal article, *Danger Zone: Battered Mothers and their Families in Supervised Visitation* with Tracee Parker, Meghan Collins, and Dr. Jeffrey Edleson.

**Sarah Sena, BA**

Sarah serves as Director of the Community Advocacy Program for the Eastside Domestic Violence Program (EDVP). For the past several years Sarah has been a valued member of the DV and CPS Collaboration Project, and helped to develop the DV and Child Maltreatment Coordinated Response Guideline. Sarah works on numerous committees and projects in King County. She diligently strives to ensure the safety of DV survivors and their children, and that they receive the understanding and the support needed to heal and recover from their traumatic domestic violence experiences.

In 2002 Sarah was awarded her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Fine Arts from Goshen College, and she will be beginning her Master of Fine Art program in Arts and Leadership at Seattle University this June.