



MASSACHUSETTS CHILDREN'S ALLIANCE

**8th Annual Statewide Conference**  
**Healing, Hope and Justice: An Advanced Conversation**

**Doing What Works: Overview of Evidence-based Treatments and Innovations in Children's Advocacy Centers**

*Presenter: Kelly Kinnish, Ph.D.*

Evidence-based mental health treatments (EBTs) are a requirement for accreditation, but effective implementation and sustainability in Children's Advocacy Centers is often challenging. This workshop will provide an overview of EBTs and the rationale for their use, as well as a brief description of EBTs most commonly employed in CACs (TF-CBT, CFTSI, AF-CBT, PSB-CBT, etc.). There will be a particular focus on considerations for selecting EBTs for use in a CAC or by community partner providers, innovations of EBTs to address special populations, strategies for overcoming barriers to implementation and sustainability commonly experienced in CACs, and resources to support such efforts.

**Mental Health Services Response to the Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children: Trauma-focused, Evidence-based Treatment and Provider Training**

*Presenter: Kelly Kinnish, Ph.D.*

The Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children is a severe and complex form of child sexual abuse that represents a particular challenge for mental health professionals. This workshop will describe Project Intersect, an initiative of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network specifically focused on the applications of trauma-focused treatment (TF-CBT) with commercially sexually exploited children and their families, as well as the training of a network of mental health providers in Georgia to serve CSEC clients. The workshop will describe specific treatment and training approaches, strategies for building on existing CAC resources and capacities, and client- and provider-level outcome data.

**Presenter Bio: Kelly Kinnish, Ph.D.**



Kelly Kinnish, PhD, is the Director of Clinical Services at the Georgia Center for Child Advocacy in Atlanta, GA, where she oversees the Center's clinical service programs to sexually abused and traumatized children and children engaging in problematic sexual behaviors. She is also the Director of Project Intersect, a SAMHSA-funded program of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network that targets the mental health needs of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children. Project Intersect supports clinical services to CSEC-identified clients at the Georgia Center and also supports the training of a network of providers throughout the state in trauma-focused evidence-based practices. Dr. Kinnish received her PhD in Psychology (Clinical-Child), from the University of Utah and completed her internship and post-doctoral training at the University of Miami (FL). She has worked with maltreated and at-risk children and families for over 20 years in clinical, research, and administrative capacities.