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Joan M. Neveski is a licensed clinical social worker and the current Clinical Manager for the Charlotte Hungerford Hospital/Center for Youth and Families (CYF). CYF is a licensed out-patient clinic and Accredited Child Advocacy Center in Torrington, Connecticut. She has a 27 year history of clinical work with children, teens, families, and adults in various levels of care and treatment modalities. At the beginning of her career in social work, she worked with adjudicated youth at Long Lane School in Middletown, Connecticut. Early in her career with CYF, while practicing as a Psychiatric Social Worker, she initiated and completed the process for CYF to achieve, and maintain, accreditation as a Child Advocacy Center. Prior to this, CYF was a licensed outpatient clinic only. She is a trained child forensic interviewer and the founder/previous coordinator of the Child Abuse Investigation Team of Northwest Connecticut. She was a member of the Governor's Task Force subcommittee for child abuse multidisciplinary teams for 10 years. This committee was tasked with creating the guidelines and standards used to ensure all child abuse investigation teams functioned the same way. Joan left CYF for a number of years to pursue other clinical interests, and then returned to complete what she started years prior with the expansion of the services and facilities offered to the surrounding community. In her current position as Clinical Manager at CYF, she also provides clinical and administrative oversight and supervision to her staff and masters level students.

Joan has extensive training in various trauma models including TF-CBT, CFTSI, ARC, and MATCH. Due to her own experience with secondary trauma, self-care for staff and clinicians is a strong focus within the culture of the agency. If self-care is part of the culture, all can benefit and there is a strong healing environment. She believes that the larger agency should hold the experience of the leader and the leader should hold the experience of the staff so the staff can, in turn, hold the parents who hold the children. Trauma impacts the lives of all those around, whether victim, parent, or helping professional. The ultimate goal is to create a sensitive environment where health and healing is at the forefront. All programs at CYF work through a trauma lens and strengths perspective in order to achieve this goal.