

LEFCC 2024 Trainers



Robert Geffner, PhD, ABN, ABPP
Founder/President; Family Violence
& Sexual Assault Institute, dba
Institute on Violence, Abuse and
Trauma

Dr. Bob Geffner is the Founding President of the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) dba the Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT). He has a Diplomate in Clinical Neuropsychology from the American Board of Professional Neuropsychology, and is Board Certified in Couple & Family Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology. Dr. Geffner is a licensed clinician (Psychologist in CA and TX, and MFT in CA) and has been a researcher, trainer, practitioner, and consultant for over 40 years.



Joan Meier, JD
Professor of Clinical Law and Director;
National Family Violence Law Center,
George Washington University Law
School

Joan Meier, Esq., is a leading expert on domestic violence and the law, has dedicated nearly two decades to advocating for adult and child victims of abuse in the U.S. Supreme Court and state appeals courts. Her extensive work involves training legal and non-legal professionals on best practices in domestic violence cases and publishing cutting-edge research. In her role as a Professor of Clinical Law at GW Law, Professor Meier also launched and led the Domestic Violence Legal Empowerment and Appeals Project (DV LEAP) from 2003-2019, contributing to numerous Supreme Court and state appellate cases and providing appellate representation and amicus briefs for survivors of domestic violence.



Joyanna Silberg, PhD
Executive Vice President;
Leadership Council on Child Abuse
and Interpersonal Violence

Dr. Joyanna Silberg is a clinical child psychologist with a specialty in sexual abuse and dissociative disorders. Her psychotherapy practice specializes in consultation for children and adolescents suffering from dissociative symptoms and disorders, supervision of clinicians, and her forensic practice specializes in child sexual abuse. Dr. Silberg has served as an expert witness in 27 states. She has presented nationally and internationally on child abuse, psychotherapy, and protecting abused children in family court and has received numerous awards for her research and clinical excellence.



**Sujata Warrier, PhD
Chief Strategy Officer;
*Battered Women's Justice Project***

Dr. Sujata Warrier is the Director of Training and TA for the Battered Women's Justice Project, where she trains and provides technical assistance to professionals in various criminal justice systems. She has also trained extensively at the local, state, national and international levels on the issue of cultural competency for various professionals and has delivered numerous keynotes on the issue of culture, competency, relativism, and violence against women.



Anadelle Martinez-Mullen, JD
***Director of the National Legal Center
on Children and Domestic Violence;
Battered Women's Justice Project***

Ms. Martinez-Mullen has been working in the field of violence against women for more than 20 years. She began her work in this field as an advocate assisting victims of intimate partner violence. Upon graduating law school, she practiced family law. Before coming to BWJP, she represented victims of violence in civil protection order actions. Ms. Martinez-Mullen has also served as an Adjunct Professor at Florida Coastal School of Law.



Jessica Silsby, PsyD
Director of Clinical Training;
Institute on Violence, Abuse &
Trauma

Dr. Silsby is the Director of Clinical Training at IVAT for Professional Clinical and Forensic Services. She graduated with a Doctorate in Clinical Forensic Psychology and has gained expertise working with individuals who have extensive trauma. Dr. Silsby maintains a private practice focusing on Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Prolonged Exposure for trauma, and working with gender-expansive youth and adults. Passion for addressing and reducing trauma exposure in clients, community, and future psychologists guides her focus.



Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA
Chief Executive Officer;
Institute on Violence, Abuse and
Trauma

Sandi Capuano Morrison, MA, is the Chief Executive Officer for the Institute on Violence, Abuse and Trauma (IVAT). She is a certified domestic violence and sexual assault advocate. Sandi has worked with victims/survivors and offenders of domestic violence, sexual assault and child abuse for the past 24 years in CO, CA and MA and has provided training nationally and internationally on these issues.



Stephanie Dallam, PhD
Co-founder;
Leadership Council on Child Abuse
& Interpersonal Violence

Dr. Stephanie Dallam is a co-founder of the Leadership Council on Child Abuse and Interpersonal Violence a nonprofit organization that seeks to ensure that legislative, public policy and legal decision-makers have access to the best psychological science available on issues surrounding child abuse and interpersonal violence. She has written numerous articles and book chapters on issues related to child abuse, and lectured on and conducted trainings on child custody situations involving allegations of abuse throughout the country.



Tracy Shoberg, JD
Deputy Director of National Legal
Center on Children and Domestic
Violence;
Battered Women's Justice Project

Tracy Shoberg, Esq. serves as the Deputy Director of the National Legal Center on Children and Domestic Violence with the Battered Women's Justice Project, where she has provided training to numerous legal practitioners on improving their domestic violence practice. Before joining BWJP, Tracy previously represented victim-survivors of domestic violence in family law matters. When Tracy is not busy training legal professionals, she can be found at the dog park with her spouse and two Doodles.



Viola Vaughan-Eden, PhD, MSW, MJ, LCSW
Professor & PhD Program Director;
The Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social
Work, Norfolk State University

Dr. Viola Vaughan-Eden is a Professor and the PhD Program Director at the Ethelyn R. Strong School of Social Work at Norfolk State University. She is also the President and CEO of UP For Champions, a non-profit in partnership with The UP Institute, a think tank for upstream child abuse solutions. As a clinical and forensic social worker, she serves as a consultant and expert witness in child maltreatment cases – principally sexual abuse. Dr. Vaughan-Eden lectures nationally and internationally on child and family welfare to multidisciplinary groups of professionals.

