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# **Protecting our Children: Clinical, Legal, and Scientific Perspectives on Child Maltreatment**

**Fourth Annual Conference on Trauma and Victimization**

**Featured Presenters:**

**Paul Fink, M.D.; Joyanna Silberg, Ph.D.; Lenore Walker, Ed.D.**

**Fort Lauderdale, Florida • March 6–7, 2004**

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## Fourth Annual Conference on Trauma and Victimization

This conference will explore multiple perspectives on child maltreatment, with an eye towards examining how new clinical, legal, and academic approaches might improve our society's response to child maltreatment. The presenters will explore legal, clinical, and system barriers that may interfere with child protection goals and explore new creative solutions for helping children caught in the cycle of intergenerational violence and abuse. Presenters will examine misinformation in the media, academia, and the courtroom about child maltreatment that may impede child protection goals and highlight scientific evidence concerning the physical and emotional consequences of child maltreatment. The conference will end with a panel discussion that will empower practitioners to think creatively about new directions for dealing with child maltreatment in their own locality.

### ABOUT THE PRESENTERS

**Paul J. Fink, M.D.**, is a prominent psychiatrist, psychoanalyst, and speaker and is a past president of the American Psychiatric Association, as well as the founder and current president of the Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence. He is a professor of psychiatry at Temple University School of Medicine and was chairman of the American Psychiatric Association's Task Force on the Psychiatric Aspects of Violence. He is currently a senior policy consultant for the School District of Philadelphia and a consultant to the city of Philadelphia's Department of Human Services, Division of Community-Based Prevention Services. Fink is a member of a number of committees in the city of Philadelphia that deal with the issues of youth violence.

**Joyanna Silberg, Ph.D.**, is the executive vice-president of the Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence and coordinator of Trauma Disorder Services for Children and Adolescents at Sheppard Pratt Hospital. Her psychotherapy practice specializes in children and adolescents suffering from dissociative symptoms and disorders, and her forensic practice specializes in child sexual abuse. She is the recipient of the 1992 Walter P. Klopfer Award for her research, and the 1997 Cornelia Wilbur Award for clinical excellence.

**Lenore E. Walker, Ed.D.**, is a professor of psychology at Nova Southeastern University and coordinator of the forensic psychology concentration in the doctoral programs. From her pioneering classic *The Battered Woman* to the revision of *The Battered Woman Syndrome*, Walker has distinguished herself as the expert's expert in the field of domestic violence. Frequently testifying in courts of law, she provides information on cases in which battered women kill in self-defense, the prosecution of domestic violence offenders, child abuse and child custody cases, and civil tort actions by battered women.

**Frances Waters, D.C.S.W., LMFT**, a clinical social worker and licensed marriage and family therapist, has specialized in the field of child abuse for over 25 years. She is an internationally recognized educator, trainer, consultant, and clinician in the area of childhood trauma and dissociation, and has presented nationally and internationally in this field. She conducts forensic evaluations and is an expert witness in child abuse cases.

**Stephanie Dallam, R.N., M.S.N.**, is a family nurse practitioner and a research associate for the Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence. Prior to working with the Leadership Council, she worked in pediatric intensive care for ten years at the University of Missouri Hospital and Clinics. She is also a former nursing instructor at the University of Missouri—Columbia. She has written numerous articles on issues related to the welfare of children.

**Toby Kleinman, J.D.**, is the general manager and litigator for the Adler & Kleinman firm in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She has broad experience in advocacy, both as a lobbyist and as a litigator dealing primarily with battered women and abused children. She is also experienced in dealing with the misuse of PAS in the courtroom. Kleinman is considered a trailblazer in the use of marital tort law to protect battered women and children, and has guest-lectured at national conferences and trainings. Kleinman was recently appointed to the board of advisers of the International Forensic Psychological Institute.

**Phyllis T. Stien, R.N., M.S.N.**, has more than 30 years of experience working as a child and family therapist, infant mental health specialist, educator, and consultant. She currently works as a supervising therapist and a mental health consultant to early childhood education programs. She also presents workshops and seminars on the psychology and biology of child development, the effects of traumatic stress on the brain, behavior problems in children, and childhood disorders.

**Notable special guest Ginger Lerner-Wren, J.D.**, was appointed to administer and preside over the nation's first Mental Health Court in June 1997. This innovative, specialized court was established to address the complexities of mentally ill offenders arrested for nonviolent misdemeanors and to improve the administration of justice for those with serious mental and psychiatric disorders. Receiving numerous honors and much recognition, the court and Lerner-Wren have been featured in countless news media throughout the country. Hailed as a "Best Practice," the mental health court became the model for recent federal legislation passed by Congress in 2000 in the comprehensive Mental Health Act to promote mental health courts nationwide.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT THIS WORKSHOP OR FUTURE**

## PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

Participants will be able to

- identify physical and emotional sequelae of child maltreatment
- identify examples of misinformation in the media, courtroom, and academia that have achieved acceptance to the detriment of child victims of abuse
- conceptualize new legal solutions for maltreated children's therapeutic needs
- generate new legal-, clinical-, or research-oriented ways to enhance protection of children in their own work

## PROGRAM AGENDA

### Saturday, March 6, 2004 Assessing the Problem

**8:30–9:00 a.m.**

Registration and Refreshments

**9:00–10:00 a.m.**

Violence and Inner-City Youth as a Problem of Abuse and Neglect

Paul Fink, M.D.

**10:00–11:00 a.m.**

The Ten Biggest Mistakes Made in Family Court

Joyanna Silberg, Ph.D.

**11:00–noon**

The Media Looks at Child Abuse: For Children or Against Them?

Stephanie Dallam, R.N., M.S.N., FNP

**Noon–1:30 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:30–3:00 p.m.**

Does Child Maltreatment Damage the Brain?

Phyllis Stien, R.N., M.S.N.

**3:00–4:30 p.m.**

Has Academia Misrepresented Child Abuse?—Sexual Abuse and the Male Victim

Stephanie Dallam, R.N., M.S.N., FNP

### Sunday, March 7, 2004 New Perspectives

**8:30–9:00 a.m.**

Registration and Refreshments

**9:00–9:45 a.m.**

Empowering Mothers to Protect Children Exposed to Domestic Violence

Lenore Walker, Ed.D.

**9:45–10:45 a.m.**

The Importance of Domestic Violence—Sensitive Language in the Courts

Toby Kleinman, J.D.

**10:45–noon**

Looking at Maltreatment from a New Diagnostic Perspective

Frances Waters, D.C.S.W., LMFT

**Noon–1:30 p.m.**

Lunch

**1:30–2:30 p.m.**

Ethical Binds and Ethical Solutions in Custody Battles Where Abuse Is Alleged

Joyanna Silberg, Ph.D.

**2:30–3:30 p.m.**

Therapeutic Jurisprudence

Ginger Lerner-Wren, J.D.

**3:30–4:30 p.m.**

Protecting Children in the 21st Century: Where Do We Go from Here?

Panel Discussion

## PROGRAM LOCATION

### Fort Lauderdale ■ March 6–7, 2004

Nova Southeastern University

Maltz Psychology Building

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# Registration Form

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## Continuing Education Information

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## About the Sponsors

**The Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal Violence** (formerly known as the Leadership Council for Mental Health, Justice, and the Media) was founded in 1998 by professionals concerned with the treatment of victims of trauma, both in professional circles and by the legal system. The Leadership Council is a nonprofit, independent, scientific organization composed of respected scientists, clinicians, educators, legal scholars, journalists, and public policy analysts. Its mission is to support justice, protect victims of violence, and promote responsible research. The council is committed to providing the public with accurate, research-based information about children and interpersonal violence and to preserve society's commitment to protect its most vulnerable members.

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**The Institute on Trauma and Victimization (ITV)** was founded by NSU to create a focus of interest in the area of trauma and victimization and to form a network for collaboration between students and colleagues from both within and outside of the center. The mission of the institute is to stimulate research and sponsor training and service delivery in the field of trauma and victimization, and to develop and evaluate innovative interventions for those exposed to trauma. The activities of the institute include maintaining a colloquium series on trauma and victimization; establishing links with relevant groups, organizations, and colleagues in the local, national, and international community; and involving students in existing CPS trauma-related programs that share a three-fold mission: 1) provision of specialized psychological services to a particular population of clients exposed to trauma; 2) doctoral level clinical training in the provision of psychological services to that population of traumatized clientele; and 3) execution of an ongoing program of research on that population of traumatized clientele.

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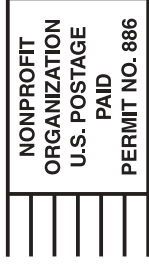
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