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BEST PRACTICES FOR INTERVIEWING VICTIMS
OF INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

ROBIN SCHLAFF
Director, Office for Women
JOHN R. BEFUS, MA

John Befus is currently Deputy Commissioner for Child Welfare, Adult Protective, and Child Care Services for the Westchester County Department of Social Services, leading a team of more than 400 staff in promoting the health, safety and well-being of children, families, and adults throughout the County. In his 11-year career with Westchester County, he has also headed up the Housing and Finance offices. He began his career in public service more than 31 years ago as a counselor in a teaching home for children with development disabilities; became a diagnostian in the Colorado Division of Youth Corrections, assessing youth committed to the state’s juvenile justice system; and dedicated 10 years as the Statewide Juvenile Justice Division Director for Medical, Psychological, and Substance Abuse Services, designing and implementing health, mental health, and substance abuse treatment facilities and services for high risk youth throughout the State.

Since coming to New York in 2001, he has been a senior executive in the nonprofit sector, directing upstate operations for a large residential substance abuse treatment provider and managing a 160-bed residential treatment facility. John joined Westchester County in 2006, as a Social Services Program Deputy. He was also the Finance Deputy for the Department between 2008 and 2010, managing a budget of more than $575 million.

He continues to be committed to the lives of children, families, and adults in Westchester County by working in partnership with staff, law enforcement and the District Attorney’s office, the Courts, the State, local providers, and communities in the delivery of innovative and effective services.

John holds a Master of Arts with Distinction in Health Services Management; a certificate in Nonprofit Administration and addictions counseling; and a Bachelor of Science, Summa Cum Laude, in Human Services, with an emphasis in counseling.

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JENNIFER CANTER, MD

Jennifer Canter MD, MPH, FAAP is board certified as a General Pediatrician and subspecialty board certified in Child Abuse/Forensic Pediatrics. Dr. Canter is a Professor of Pediatrics at New York Medical College. Since 2002, Dr. Canter has been the director of clinical and academic programs for forensic/child abuse pediatrics at New York Medical College, The Maria Fareri Children’s Hospital at WMCHealth (Westchester Medical Center) and the Westchester Institute of Development’s Child Advocacy Center (CAC).

Under her leadership, the clinical programs expanded from a local sexual abuse clinic to a regional clinical and academic leader in the state - covering six counties within the Hudson Valley Region of New York with four CAC sites. Dr. Canter has assessed over 7,000 children, adolescents and adults with disabilities with concerns for physical abuse, sexual abuse, neglect and unexpected fatalities.

Dr. Canter also serves as medical director of the sexual assault forensic program at WMCHealth; a program evaluating hundreds of adults, adolescents and children presenting with acute forensic needs. Dr Canter is the forensic pediatrician for the three regional Child Fatality Review Teams and participates in the investigative and preventive aspects phase of unexpected fatality assessments.

Dr. Canter is an avid researcher and has published in the areas of infant fatality prevention, abusive head trauma, sexual abuse, physical abuse, safe infant sleep, and missed child abuse. She regularly trains child protective service professionals, attorneys, judges, law enforcement professionals, teachers, and medical providers. Dr. Canter participates on regional, state and national levels in policy development in various areas of child abuse and
sexual assault. Dr. Canter has well-rounded expert witness testimony experience in domestic and international criminal, family and civil proceedings in cases involving abuse and neglect issues.

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**ERIC FISCHER**

Detective Lieutenant Eric Fischer is a 28 year veteran of the White Plains Police Department and currently the Commanding Officer of the Criminal Investigation Division. He oversees General Investigations, Narcotics, Intelligence and the Crime Pattern Units. Before becoming a supervisor, Lieutenant Fischer spent five years as a Detective assigned to the Special Victims Unit, where he actively investigated sexual offense and child abuse cases.

Lieutenant Fischer is a certified NYS General Topics Instructor. He instructs throughout the year at the Westchester County Academy at both the recruit and supervisor level, in such topics as domestic violence, child abuse investigations, and interview/interrogation techniques. Most notably, Lieutenant Fischer has been the co-lead instructor at Train-The-Trainer seminars on the proper Identification, Preservation and Collection of DNA Evidence, sponsored by the New York State Regional Community Policing Institute and John Jay College.

He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Community and Human Services and an Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice and an MPA from Marist College.

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**AMY FLEISCHAUER**

Amy Fleischauer, LMSW is the Director of Survivor Support Services at the International Institute of Buffalo (IIB) and supervises a team of case managers and advocates working with survivors of human trafficking and domestic violence. Ms. Fleischauer currently serves as the co-facilitator of the Western District of New York’s Anti-Trafficking Task Force, a position she has held since its inception in 2007. In addition, Ms. Fleischauer serves as the Quality Support Specialist for the USCRI Trafficking Victim Assistance Program, providing training and technical assistance for nearly 200 organizations administering direct care to foreign-born survivors of human trafficking across thirty-four states. She has recently been appointed to the New York State Office of Victim Services Advisory Counsel.

Ms. Fleischauer has represented the immigrant victim services perspective on the New York State Domestic Violence Fatality Review Team, a position she was appointed to by Governor Cuomo in 2012. She also testifies as an expert witness on domestic violence-related trauma for state-level criminal cases. She serves on the board of Freedom Network USA and is an active member of the New York Anti-Trafficking Network.

Ms. Fleischauer has a master’s degree in social work from Columbia University and a certificate in Trauma Counseling from the University of Buffalo. She has specific expertise in program planning, and provides training to national audiences on the implementation of trauma-informed care within victim services programs.

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**FREDRIC I. GREEN**

Fredric I. Green is a Second Deputy District Attorney and the Chief of the Special Prosecutions Division of the Westchester County District Attorney’s Office and in that capacity supervises the prosecution in Westchester of all domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse cases as well as human trafficking cases involving children and trafficked victims of domestic violence.
Prior to his current assignment in Special Prosecutions which began in January 2015, Mr. Green was the longtime Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau of the Superior Court Trial Division, where he served as Chief for 14 years. Prior to that, Mr. Green spent five additional years in the Sex Crimes Bureau including two years as Deputy Chief of the Sex Crimes Bureau. Since joining the D.A.’s Office in 1987, Mr. Green has tried numerous cases involving rape and other sexual assaults of adults and children, sexual assault homicide cases, child abuse and domestic violence homicides, non-sexual assault homicides, child physical abuse cases, CODIS cases and cases of domestic violence. During his 30 year career, Mr. Green has also presented hundreds of cases to the Grand Jury, argued before the Appellate Division and responded to scores of homicide and sexual assault crime scenes. Mr. Green reviewed or supervised the prosecution of almost every adult sex crimes case in Westchester County between 1999 and 2015, and has been an advocate for countless victims of sexual assault and other violent crimes. Mr. Green has served in every division of the District Attorney’s Office including serving 3 years as Deputy Chief of the of the Special Prosecutions Division/Deputy District Attorney from 2002 to 2005.

Mr. Green has trained police officers, detectives, judges, nurses, prosecutors, rape crisis hotline workers, victim’s advocates, educators and probation officers on behalf of the District Attorney’s Office in the investigation and prosecution of sexual assault cases and on the intricacies of sexual assault law, as well as on domestic violence, child abuse, elder abuse and human trafficking laws and issues, trial techniques, Megan’s Law, and New York’s civil confinement law, the Sex Offender Management and Treatment Act. He is a regular lecturer for many years at the Westchester County Police Academy and also at the New York State Prosecutors Training Institute. Mr. Green has also lectured at the New York State Judicial Training Institute, the New York County District Attorney’s Office, Victim’s Assistance Services, the Westchester County Department of Probation, New York University Medical Center, Westchester Medical Center, the Westchester Council on Crime and Delinquency, the Westchester County, White Plains and New Rochelle Bar Associations, the Westchester Hispanic Coalition and on behalf of the New York State Office of Court Administration, the Westchester County Office for Women and the Pace Women’s Justice Center on issues related to the prosecution of all types of special victims cases. Mr. Green has also spoken before the New York State Assembly Sex Offender Task Force and the Editorial Board of the Journal News.

Since 1997, Mr. Green has been an Adjunct Professor at Purchase College at the State University of New York where he teaches classes in the areas of sexual assault law and the criminal justice system. Since 2010, he has been an Adjunct Law Professor at the Elisabeth Haub School of Law, formerly known as Pace Law School. Mr. Green has also lectured at many Westchester high schools and colleges (Iona, Pace, Mercy, Manhattanville, Monroe, the College of Westchester and Purchase), Pace Law School and at civic, PTA and other community organizations throughout Westchester County.

Mr. Green is a member of the Westchester County Child Fatality Review Team, and a member of its safe-sleep sub-group. He is also a member of the Westchester Child Advocacy Center Planning Committee, and is a Co-Chair of the Westchester Anti-Trafficking Task Force. For more than 20 years, Mr. Green has been a member of the sub-committee on Sexual Assault and Family Violence of the New York State District Attorney’s Association and he is a past member of the Steering Committee of the Purchase College Community Coalition to End Violence against Women.

Mr. Green is a member of the Westchester Elder Abuse Multi-Disciplinary Team and in 2015 was appointed by Deborah Kaplan, the Statewide Coordinating Judge for Family Violence Cases, to the New York State Elder Justice Working Group. He also is the Chairperson of that working group’s Education Sub-Committee. Mr. Green is a frequent participant in Westchester’s Senior Law Day seminars.

Mr. Green was appointed in 2015 -by the Westchester County Executive, and approved by the Westchester County Board of Legislators- to sit on the Westchester County Domestic Violence Council.
Mr. Green is a contributing author/editor to the New York Prosecutor’s Training Institute’s Sexual Assault Prosecution Manual, 2014 edition.

Mr. Green is a graduate of the Horace Mann School, Clark University and Pace Law School.

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GLENNA LUNN

Glenna Lunn is a Detective of the Westchester County Police Department, General Investigations Unit, Special Victims Investigation Team. She has been employed as a Police Officer for 30 years and for 26 years in the Detective Division. Detective Lunn specializes in investigating Special Victim cases such as Adult Sexual Assault, Child Sexual and Physical Assault, Domestic Violence, Elder Abuse, Pet Abuse and Sexual and Physical Abuse of the Mentally Disabled and Mentally Disturbed Population as well as all other types of cases. She is also a Certified Juvenile Officer and oversees the Westchester County Animal Abuse Registry.