



Speaker Biographies:

Elizabeth Hudson was appointed in February, 2014 by Wisconsin's governor to lead the Office of Children's Mental Health. The Office of Children's Mental Health was created to coordinate and integrate state agencies' activities focused on children's mental health. Prior to this appointment, Elizabeth was employed by the University of Wisconsin-Madison's School of Medicine and Public Health where she partnered with the Wisconsin's Department of Health Services to integrate trauma-informed care into state agencies and a wide range of human service settings. Prior to statewide activities, Elizabeth worked in the field of trauma prevention and treatment for 20 years as an advocate, clinician, and supervisor.

Kirsten Rindfleisch, MD, earned her medical degree from Johns Hopkins University in 2000 and completed her residency and academic fellowship at the University of Wisconsin Madison. Her specialties include preventive and family medicine, and her academic interests include health disparities and population and community health. She is the Medical Director and a practicing family physician at Wingra Family Medical Center in South Madison. As an Assistant Professor in the UW School of Medicine and Public Health, Kirsten's academic work centers on improving health care for underserved urban communities. She is Co-Director of the UW Department of Family Medicine and Community Health's Office of Community Health. Nationally, she serves as the Co-Chair of the Society of Teachers of Family Medicine's Group on Primary Care and Public Health Integration.

Walker Shapiro, MD, is a resident physician in Family Medicine at the University of Wisconsin. He works as a primary care provider at South Madison's Wingra Clinic, which serves a diverse population, including many low-income and underserved patients. His special interests include mental health and addiction.

Hugh Davis, father of four children, three of whom have mental health needs, brings a strong family perspective to his role as Executive Director for Wisconsin Family Ties (WFT). His experience navigating complex systems to secure treatment and services for his children led to a career change and his current position with WFT, and statewide parent-run nonprofit that serves families that include children with social, emotional, or behavioral challenges. Mr. Davis joined Wisconsin Family Ties following a successful 20-year corporate career, where he gained extensive experience in management, support services and organizational development. With WFT, he has been working with families that include children or adolescents with mental health needs for over 10 years. Under his direction, Wisconsin Family Ties has become recognized as the premier children's mental health advocate in Wisconsin and the organization has worked diligently to enhance public understanding of children with mental health needs and their families.



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Sharyl Kato, MS, LPC, is the Director of The Rainbow Project, a child & family counseling & resource clinic in Madison, Wisconsin. Although she has been the executive director for 29 years since it was created, Sharyl has stayed on the front lines as a child and family therapist. She is also a clinical adjunct professor in the Department of Psychiatry in the University of Wisconsin School of Medicine & Public Health, as well as a professor at Edgewood College. Her areas of specialty include: prevention, early intervention, crisis support and treatment of childhood/family trauma, including child abuse, neglect, domestic violence, child sexual abuse, community violence, grief/loss, and natural disasters. Ms. Kato also serves as chair of the Children, Youth and Families Consortium, Child Abuse and Neglect Coordinated Response Task Force, The Madison Schools Mental Health Community Partnership, Commission on Sensitive Crimes, and The Domestic Violence Task Force. Sharyl speaks nationally and internationally on a wide range of topics related to mental health and behavioral issues.

Chuck Price is the Waupaca County Health and Human Services (DHHS) Director and current Vice President of the Wisconsin County Human Service Association. Chuck has been in a Director/Deputy Director role within the County structure for the past 8 years. Along with the administrative experience, Chuck has 23 years of children and family experience. He has practiced within the Wraparound Milwaukee project and several years of supervisory experience in both the Child Protection systems of the Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare (urban) and Wood County Department of Social Services (rural). Chuck has led Waupaca County DHHS on a successful journey in becoming a Trauma Informed agency. The approach has shown success in recruitment/retention and an overall healthy agency. More importantly, the success has also been shown in successful outcomes of those being served by the agency.