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Chiara Nuzzo, PhD

is a licensed psychologist and a mental health consultant for early childhood-family programs in Philadelphia. Dr. Nuzzo is the founding president of the Delaware Valley Group/World Association of Infant Mental Health and is a graduate fellow of ZERO TO THREE. She coordinates The Post-Graduate Center's certificate program in Early Childhood Mental Health.



Linda Knauss, PhD, ABPP

is an associate professor and Director of Internship Training at Widener University's Institute for Graduate Clinical Psychology. She has served as a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Ethics Committee, and as Co-chair of the Philadelphia Society of Clinical Psychologists' Ethics Committee. Dr. Knauss has taught courses in ethics at Widener University, Immaculata College, and the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She has authored several book chapters and journal articles on ethics, and has taught many continuing education workshops on a variety of ethical issues. Dr. Knauss is the recipient of the 2002 Ethics Educators Award presented by the Pennsylvania Psychological Association's Ethics Committee, and the recipient of the 2004 Pennsylvania Psychological Association Distinguished Service Award. Dr. Knauss also maintains a private clinical practice where she sees children, adolescents, adults, and families.



Constance C. Pelesh, MS, LPC, NCC

is a licensed professional counselor with over 25 years of therapeutic experience treating sexual abuse and trauma survivors. As a staff member at Family Support Line for the past 18 years, she has provided psychotherapy, co-led support groups for adolescent girls, and served as a consultant in the prevention programs. She has received specialized training in dissociative disorders through the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, and is trained in EMDR. She maintains a private practice in Media, PA.



Anthony Goldsmith, MA, BCETS

is a licensed psychologist with over 30 years of experience in the mental health field. In addition to his present position as Clinical Director with Family Support Line, he has an active private practice of psychotherapy with children and families. His areas of specialty include recovery from trauma and sexual abuse, evaluation, and treatment. Past professional experiences include clinical and administrative positions in foster care, community mental health, and sexual abuse treatment. He is the former Chief Operating Officer of the Joseph J. Peters Institute in Philadelphia. Mr. Goldsmith is also a member of the Pennsylvania Psychological Association and is a Board Certified Expert in Traumatic Stress.



Mary Hove, MS

is the director of education and training at Family Support Line, where she plans and implements child sexual abuse prevention programs for children, professionals, and parents. She also co-facilitates a group for non-offending parents. Mary has over 25 years of experience in the counseling and training fields. At the Domestic Abuse Project, she provided counseling to victims, prepared legal petitions, trained volunteers, and conducted in-services. As a college counselor, she provided crisis counseling, taught credit and non-credit courses, coordinated the peer counseling program, and implemented workshops for students around personal and career issues.



Elizabeth Bogado Briganti, PsyD

is a licensed psychologist developing a specialty in infant mental health/parent-child interactions. Dr. Briganti is a graduate of the Certificate Program in Infant Mental Health affiliated with Chatham University. She is a board member of the Delaware Valley Group/World Association of Infant Mental Health, founder of the Infant Mental Health Peer Supervision Group of Philadelphia, and co-leader of a parent-toddler group offered by the Psychoanalytic Center of Philadelphia. Dr. Briganti has given talks and workshops at local preschools on child development. She has a particular interest in infant-parent psychotherapy and infant developmental assessment, and is building a private practice in Rosemont, PA.