PRESENTER BIOGRAPHIES

Amy Alford

Amy Alford is a Senior Clinical Consultant for the Bureau of Autism Services (BAS). She has been supporting children, adolescents, and adults with autism for over 15 years in community, home, and school settings. She received a Master’s degree in special education and also became a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Prior to joining the clinical team in 2008, Amy was a Behavioral Specialist for a provider in the BHRS system and continues to apply principles of Positive Behavioral Supports and Applied Behavioral Analysis throughout her work at BAS.

Tim Barksdale, Psy.D.

Dr. Tim Barksdale began as a Special Education teacher and received a Masters' degree from LaSalle University. His second Masters' and Clinical Psychology doctorate degree are from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Dr. Barksdale assisted in developing the NADD Clinical Certification program and is on the NADD Board of Directors. He is a psychology professor at Arcadia University and Chairs the Public Interest Board for the Pennsylvania Psychological Association. He is currently the Senior Executive Clinical Director of Merakey overseeing clinicians across Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Virginia and California.

Tiberiu Bodea Crisan, M.D.

Dr. Tiberiu Bodea Crisan completed his residency in General Psychiatry as well as Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at Western Psychiatric Institute and Clinic in Pittsburgh. He joined Community Care in 2007 and currently holds the positions of Senior Medical Director and Medical Director for the North Central HealthChoices Program contract. One of his many roles is to provide clinical support to the Children’s Services Team. He also provides clinical consultation related to children with complex needs across the system in concert with the regional clinical staff; professional development trainings for the CSBBH teams and other children’s providers; and consultation around medication as well as other medical issues.

Gina Calhoun

Gina Calhoun is the Program Director for the Doors to Wellbeing, National Consumer Technical Assistance Center. Gina is a consumer/peer with extensive experience delivering training services to certified peer specialists (CPS); supervisors of CPS; and to peers learning to incorporate community inclusion, recovery, and WRAP® into their lives. Gina draws on her own unique lived experience being institutionalized at the Harrisburg State Hospital for several years before escaping to live on the streets. After her recovery, Gina played an instrumental role in closing Harrisburg State Hospital. Gina served as a Recovery & Community Integration Educator for the Pennsylvania Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) from 2008-2011. From 2006-2008, she held the position of CPS Coordinator/Trainer for the Institute for Recovery & Community Integration in Philadelphia, PA. In that role, Gina was one the principal trainers for the very first CPS training sessions conducted in Pennsylvania. In 2012, Gina was awarded the Timothy J. Coakley Behavioral
Health Leadership Award. This national award honors consumer and family leaders in the behavioral health field whose work is characterized by the highest degree of integrity and creativity.

**Katie Croce, Ed.D.**

Dr. Katie Croce holds a Doctorate in Educational Leadership, M.S. Ed., in Applied Behavior Analysis, a B.A. in psychology, and an Autism Certificate. Katie has worked as a behavior analyst for individuals with ASD and other developmental disabilities in homes, schools, and an in-patient crisis hospital. Katie’s expertise includes conducting FBAs, graphing and analyzing data, developing individualized BSPs, training, and program development and management. Katie has also worked in a clinic developing programs for individuals with ASD including social skills, summer camp, respite, sport, and a college support programs. Katie has experience in higher education developing and teaching undergraduate and graduate courses in ASD and ABA. In her current role, Dr. Croce is the Director of the ASERT Collaborative Eastern Region at Drexel University.

**Nicholas DeMarco, Psy.D.**

Dr. Nicholas DeMarco received his Doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. During this time, he completed advanced training in cognitive behavior therapy (CBT) and assessment, and other evidenced based treatments. Dr. DeMarco is a Licensed Psychologist in Pennsylvania and a Licensed Professional Counselor in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. Currently Dr. DeMarco is the Director of ID and Mental Health Supports at Philadelphia Coordinated Health Care (PCHC). Dr. DeMarco oversees the Integrated Health Care Review (IHCR) process and other behavioral health related initiatives across the Southeast Region. He also maintains a private practice in Southern New Jersey. Dr. DeMarco’s clinical interests include providing empirically supported treatments and assessments to individuals, teams and families with complex dual diagnosis needs.

**Jarred Ebert**

Jarred Ebert is the Statewide Transition Coordinator for the Office of Developmental Programs. He began working in the human services field as a Direct Support Professional in adolescent residential treatment facilities, where he worked with youth who have mental health diagnoses, intellectual/developmental disabilities, autism, and/or problematic sexual behavior. He went on to receive a Master's degree in Human Services from Lincoln University, and worked for a time as a Direct Support Professional, Behavior Specialist, and eventually a Clinical Manager in adult community group homes before taking a position as the Behavioral Health Coordinator at the South Central Health Care Quality Unit. Since coming to ODP, Jarred has worked with transition teams in a variety of settings, most notably supporting the transition of individuals from Hamburg Center to community providers as part of the Hamburg Center closure process in 2018.

**Julie P. Gentile, M.D.**

Julie P. Gentile is a Professor and Chair at Wright State University Department of Psychiatry and the Project Director for Ohio’s Coordinating Center of Excellence in Mental Illness/Intellectual Disability and for Ohio’s Telepsychiatry Project for Intellectual Disability, serving over 1,400 patients with intellectual disability from 75 counties utilizing telemedicine. Dr. Gentile has evaluated over 4,000 patients with IDD since 2000 and has been awarded more than $7 million for her statewide grant funded projects. She is the recipient of the American Psychiatric Association's Menolascino Award for Excellence in Psychiatric Services for Individuals with Intellectual Disability and the National Menolascino Award from the National Association for the Dually Diagnosed.
Kate Hooven

Mrs. Hooven is a consultant for ASERT (Autism Services, Education, Resources and Training). She is using her former background in PA's Juvenile Justice System, and her passion for advocating for children and adults living with autism, by training probation officers, police officers, attorneys, judges, correctional officers and others employed in the justice system to raise awareness of the impact an autism diagnosis has on those individuals involved in our juvenile and criminal justice systems. Prior to Mrs. Hooven's decision to stay home with her three children, one of whom has an Autism Spectrum Disorder, she was a Juvenile Court Consultant for the Pennsylvania Juvenile Court Judges Commission, a Home and School Visitor for Central Dauphin School District and a Juvenile Probation Officer for Dauphin County Juvenile Probation. Mrs. Hooven’s passion is in educating and raising awareness of Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as advocating for families loving a child with an ASD.

Stacey Keilman

Stacey Keilman has been working in the field of human services for 16 years. Her experience has been focused in the areas of substance abuse and mental health treatment. Stacey's various roles have included assessment, treatment planning and intervention, crisis de-escalation, case management, social work administration, community discharge planning, and forensic administration. Stacey has held several leadership positions at Torrance State Hospital including Social Work Supervisor, Social Work Manager, Forensic Unit Director and her current position of Acting CEO. She has improved and enhanced the competency restoration programming by utilizing nationally recognized evidenced based practices, decreased the average length of stay for individuals, developed a Patient Forum, introduced Tele-psychiatry, added a Forensic Certified Peer Specialist to the program's compliment, and continues to decrease the amount of time an individual is on the waitlist for admission. Stacey is a strong advocate for the individuals served at Torrance State Hospital and embraces the Recovery Model.

Jessica Lesniewski

Jessica Lesniewski has 10 years of experience working with individuals that have complex behavioral health and intellectual/developmental disabilities. She is currently the Community Hospital Integration Project Program (CHIPP) Coordinator for Westmoreland County BH/DS Office. As the CHIPP Coordinator, she works with transitioning people in and out of the State Hospital by assisting in developing new and expanded programs/services to meet the needs of those individuals. For complex cases in Westmoreland County Jessica facilitates all Services Teams for Adults in Recovery (STAR) to assure continuity of care, admission of appropriate individuals to state hospitals when needed, and diversions of individuals who can be served in the community. She also provides education on the CHIPP programs to reduce stigma and encourage community understanding and acceptance. In addition to being the CHIPP Coordinator, she provides oversight to the EAC, DDTI, and the SRTP programs and serves as a County Mental Health Delegate. Prior to her role as the CHIPP Coordinator, Jessica served as the Adult Community Mental Health Advocate, worked as a Service Coordinator for the ACT team, and was a Behavioral Health Technician on an Inpatient Child and Adolescent Unit.
Krista Lewis

Krista graduated from Bloomsburg University with a major in Early Childhood Education, a minor in Sign Language, and a concentration in Deaf Education. She continued her education at Saint Joseph’s University and graduated with a Master’s in Deaf Education. While pursuing her Master’s, Krista worked as a Teacher of the Deaf, gaining experience working with Deaf and Hard of Hearing students ranging from pre-kindergarten to twelfth grade in mainstream and self-contained classroom settings. Additionally, Krista taught at the Delaware School for the Deaf and had the privilege to gain further experience teaching Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and Deaf-Blind students. She joined the Special Populations Unit as a Deaf and Nontraditional Communication Professional in September of 2018 and loves the opportunity it provides her to support individuals and their teams.

Randall Loss

Randall (Randy) Loss worked at the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) from 2002 until 2017. While there, he supported a variety of disability populations, such as: mental health, substance abuse, brain injury, and intellectual disabilities but his focus over the past eight years has been working with individuals who are involved in the criminal justice system. During 2018 he was a national Technical Assistance (TA) consultant working with several state VR agencies nationwide to support transition services to opportunity youth. He is currently at the Office of Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (OMHSAS) promoting Employment First within this agency and providing TA to providers, MH case management, and community partners on evidence-based practices approaches to vocational services to individuals with a diagnosis of serious mental illness.

Wanda Mandell, Psy.D.

Dr. Wanda Mandell, licensed psychologist, is the Director of Psychology at Danville State Hospital. She worked primarily on the male behavioral unit for 10 years before becoming Director in 2015. She is a graduate of the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine, doing research in studying violence of inmates at the Federal Correctional Institute – Schuylkill in Minersville PA. Dr. Mandell was certified in EEG Biofeedback in 1999 and provided the combination of psychotherapy and biofeedback services while working at the Bloomsburg Psychological Center and then later at Danville State Hospital. She introduced the Biofeedback program to Danville State Hospital and is currently developing specialized programming for individuals with dual diagnoses. Dr. Mandell has recently brought Fetal Alcohol Syndrome Disorders (FASD) to a new light at the hospital, disseminating information to staff through training and Grand Rounds as well as being the point-person for helping treatment teams increase their skills in working with people with FASD.

Shelbi Moonley

Shelbi-lynn Moonley is an Outreach Advocate and Counselor with the Blackburn Center in Greensburg, PA. Shelbi earned her undergraduate degree in Psychology with a minor in Women and Gender Studies from Clarion University of Pennsylvania. As part of her experience, Shelbi has volunteered at organizations focused on supporting the needs of people with disabilities for several years such as Special Olympics and Autism Speaks. At Blackburn Center, Shelbi navigates victims of crime through the criminal justice process and connects them with other supports as well as provides trainings to professionals and community members to recognize and provide trauma informed responses to victims with disabilities.
Angela Moreland, Ph.D.

Angela Moreland, Ph.D. is an Assistant Professor at the National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center at the Medical University of South Carolina. Dr. Moreland's research interests focus on primary and secondary prevention of child abuse and risk factors for maltreatment among high risk parents of young children (i.e., substance use, teen pregnancy); as well as dissemination and implementation of evidence-based practice for victims of interpersonal violence and their families. Dr. Moreland also examines the link between victimization and high-risk behaviors, such as substance use and delinquency, among children and adolescents. Currently, her primary projects focus on prevention of maltreatment, as well as other negative consequences, among substance-using parents; as well as several projects focused on dissemination and implementation of evidence-based trauma-focused treatments.

Michele O'Toole

Michele O'Toole is the Regional Program Manager for the Office of Developmental Programs, Western Region, a position she has held for the last six years. Michele began her career as a Direct Support Professional, has worked as a Behavior Specialist and worked in a County MH/ID Program for over a decade before joining ODP. Michele's focus has been supporting people with co-occurring MH/ID diagnoses, transitioning individuals from institutional to community environments and developing capacity in the community to support individuals throughout the lifespan. She has served on Human Rights Committees at the State Center, Provider and County levels. Michele has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Scranton and over 38 years of experience working with and on behalf of individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities.

Asia Pecora

Asia Pecora has worked as the Adolescent Dual-Diagnosis Support Coordinator at Lancaster County's Behavioral Health and Developmental Services (BHDS) for over seven years. Ms. Pecora helps individuals, as well as their families, make transitions from facility-based models of care to community-based models of care by developing and coordinating individual support plans which are formed by the principles of Everyday Lives. Prior to her work at BHDS, Ms. Pecora provided direct support to students identified with developmental and behavioral health needs in the School District of Lancaster for three years. Asia has a BA in Sociology from Lebanon Valley College. Asia finds and shares personal and professional inspiration through her interests in Recovery and Wellness and Waldorf Education.

Lu Randall

Lu Randall, Executive Director of the Autism Connection of PA, received her Masters of Rehabilitation Counseling degree from Wright State University. She learned so much from a vast range of people facing extreme challenges in her early work overseeing a women's shelter, then directing a day program for adults with multiple disabilities. She started in the autism field in 1994 as a Mobile Therapist, co-founding Spectrum Charter School in 1999. She began teaching families and professionals in 2001, and is certified by the PA State Police as a Civilian Instructor. She currently serves on the Victims Services Advisory Committee, is an advisor for PA Adult Protective Services, and has been on ODP’s Information Sharing and Advisory Committee since 2015.
Teri Stanley

Teri Stanley joined Community Care as a Clinical Manager in 2013. She currently holds the position of Director of Autism Disabilities and Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities Services. In this position she serves as a consultant and trainer across Community Care Contracts, specific to service delivery for individuals being served with a diagnosis of Autism and/or Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Prior to joining Community Care, Teri’s work primarily focused on in-home mental health services in Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services and Family Based Mental Health levels of care. She also has experience working with children with Autism, and their families, in home, school and community environments doing ABA programming. She is trained in the TEACCH Method, holds a license in professional counseling with a marriage and family focus, and is a Board Certified Behavior Analyst. Upon graduation from Penn State, with a Master’s Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, she obtained the Certification in Rehabilitation Counseling and began working in a preschool setting for children with special needs. In 2014, she completed the first level of training in Internal Family Systems Model (IFS).

Paul Turcotte

Paul Turcotte works with ASERT as a data analyst and currently, data director. He participates in Mental Health Justice Advisory Committee (MHJAC), Forensic Interagency Task Force (FITF), and other state initiatives addressing justice system issues and autism and other disabilities. Has experience in examining healthcare use, primarily in Medicaid claims data, and has done other program evaluation in conjunction with the PA Department of Human Services.

Mahmood (Mike) Usman, M.D.

Dr. Usman attended the University of Massachusetts, New York Medical College and Carnegie Mellon University. His post-graduate training included a year of medicine at Allegheny General Hospital in Pittsburgh, followed by a residency in psychiatry and a fellowship in Behavioral Neurology at the University of Pittsburgh. With thirty years of experience in psychiatry and neuropsychiatry, Dr. Usman has worked in a dementia research clinic, a state hospital, outpatient mental health, residential programs, ACT teams and a dual-diagnosis team. Most recently, he was the Regional Medical Director for Merakey Behavioral Health before becoming the Medical Director at OMHSAS in 2018.

Dr. Usman is board certified in psychiatry and holds additional certifications in community and public psychiatry, medical management and disaster medicine.