Featured Presenters!



Kim Spence, Ph.D.

Dr. Kim Spence is the Clinical Director of Autism Support Services for Specialized Treatment & Assessment Resources, PA and has worked for the Center for Autism and Related Disabilities (CARD) at the University of Central Florida (UCF) since 1999 as an Autism Disorders Specialist. For the past 20 years she has lectured internationally regarding treatment supports, specialized therapeutic intervention, and the creation of specialized sexuality education programs for individuals with autism spectrum disorders (ASD). Dr. Spence began providing specialized sexuality education training for parents, teachers, and care providers of individuals with ASD in 2000 and has offered numerous trainings focused on discriminating between maladaptive sexual behaviors versus mental health issues and specialized educational and behavioral interventions to support healthy sexual knowledge for individuals with ASD across the life-span. She has been training emergency responders, law enforcement personnel, and members of the criminal justice system across the nation since 2001 and is an appointed Advisory Board Member of the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Missing Endangered Persons Information Clearinghouse (MEPIC) and serves as a consulting editor for the journal *Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities* (IDD).



Veronique Valliere, Psy.D.

Dr. Valliere is a licensed psychologist and has her doctorate in Clinical Psychology from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology of Rutgers University. She has 30 years' experience in the field and has worked in individual and group treatment with violent offenders and their victims, including domestic violence offenders, sexual offenders, violent offenders, and substance abusers. She is currently the owner and director of two outpatient treatment centers- Valliere & Counseling Associates, an outpatient treatment center for mental health, domestic violence, and victim issues and Forensic Treatment Services, an outpatient violent offender treatment program. Her program treats Federal, State, and County offenders. She also serves on the Pennsylvania Sexual Offender Assessment Board and has been reappointed since 1997. She has published on the treatment of sexual offenders and presented on the same at international, national, and local sexual offender conferences. She has trained for the FBI, DOJ, DOD, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Ontario Police, Alberta Crown Prosecutor's Office, Amber Alert, Army JAG Office, Pennsylvania State Parole, National Center for the Prosecution of Violence Against Women, and other agencies. She has been a guest presenter at many forensic and violence related conferences. She is recognized as an expert in a number of states and testified nationally and internationally. She has testified regarding sexual assault in the military to the U.S. Congress and has consulted with the Department of Defense and the U.S. Department of Justice. She has been interviewed for a number of popular magazines on sexual assault and domestic violence, including New York Times, The Atlantic, People, Self, and Good Housekeeping. She has appeared on "PBS News Hour", "CBS This Morning", and other programs and radio shows. She has her own TEDx talk about sexual assault. Dr. Valliere was used as an expert in the sexual assault trial of Bill Cosby. She is the author of a children's book and Understanding Victims of Interpersonal Violence (2019) and Unmasking the Sexual Offender (2023) published by Routledge Press.



Robert Krome, M.A.

Bob Krome has worked in the field of therapy/ behavior supports for the last 14 years. Bob has always been very passionate about his work and he enjoys helping people, especially people who have struggled to find the right supports and environments to find the best person they can be. Bob finds inspiration in helping people be at their best and believes each person deserves at least one standing ovation in their lifetime. Bob is the co-founder of New Leaf Supports. New Leaf Supports (NLS) provides solutions and supports in various forms to individuals, families, support teams, legal entities, among others, who are dealing with challenging factors. Some of these challenges may be a need for training on the topic of trauma informed care or mental illness and some of these challenges may be those of problematic sexual behaviors and/ or sex offending behaviors.

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