Keynote Speaker

Dan Dubovsky
Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Specialist/Consultant, Philadelphia, Pa.

Dan Dubovsky has worked for more than 40 years in the behavioral health field. He has worked as a child care worker and therapist in residential treatment, and as a therapist in inpatient, outpatient, and community settings. Dubovsky has been involved in the field of fetal alcohol spectrum disorders (FASD) for more than 20 years. He has presented regionally, nationally, and internationally on FASD focusing on interventions and prevention for children, adolescents, and adults. His son Bill, who was diagnosed with fetal alcohol syndrome at age 19, has been his mentor and best teacher for this.

In addition to FASD, Dubovsky has developed curricula and provided training and technical assistance for families and professionals working in mental health, developmental disabilities, education, justice, vocational services, and substance abuse treatment on loss and grieving, psychopharmacology, child and adolescent development, violence in youth, anger management, team building, stress and burnout, transition, and life span disorders such as attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder, mood disorders, and schizophrenia. He has also co-facilitated a group for non-offending caregivers of children who have been sexually abused.

For 14 years, Dubovsky was the FASD specialist for the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) FASD Center for Excellence in the U.S. He currently works as a consultant, providing training and technical assistance to agencies, communities, states, grant programs, and provinces. Dubovsky has a keen interest in improving outcomes for individuals, families, and the providers and services that support them.

Workshop Presenters

Aditya Belwadi

In 2011, Aditya Belwadi received his Ph.D. in biomedical engineering with a focus on aortic injury mechanics from Wayne State University, Michigan and began his research career at CHOP. As a post-doctoral fellow at the center from 2011-13, he was instrumental in developing advanced finite element computational modeling capabilities.

Belwadi is an internationally recognized expert on injury biomechanics, injury causation and the effectiveness of safety products for children. His research efforts have been funded by the National Science Foundation, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, and several corporate entities in the field of automotive safety and include the biomechanics of pediatric injury for the development of new safety designs and biofidelic child anthropomorphic dummies.

Belwadi has presented both nationally and internationally, and has been recognized by the Society of Automotive Engineers (SAE) for his work. He received the prestigious Ralph H. Isbrandt Automotive Innovation Engineering Award in 2012 from SAE for his work on lumbar spine mechanics.
Shannon DePatto
Health Educator, Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, Hershey, Pa.

Shannon DePatto is currently a health educator with the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Program at Penn State Health Children’s Hospital (Hospital) and also co-coordinator of Safe Kids Dauphin County Coalition. DePatto received a Bachelor of Science in health education with a minor in maternal and child health from East Stroudsburg University in 2001. Upon completing an internship with the Pennsylvania Department of Health in the Bureau of Health Risk Reduction in 2001, she began her career in 2003 with Safe Kids Pennsylvania. In 2003, DePatto became a certified passenger safety technician and in 2007 became a certified passenger safety technician instructor. As part of this role, she also has become certified as a special needs car seat technician. In 2004, DePatto moved on to her current role at the Hospital where she coordinates the local child safety seat inspection station with three locations, as well as the car seat program for patients and special needs patients within the hospital.

Ashley Graves
Project Development Specialist, Center for Schools and Communities, Camp Hill, Pa.

Ashley Graves provides technical assistance for Safe Kids Pennsylvania. She works to bring awareness to the issue of childhood injury and serves as the state coordinator for Safe Kids Pennsylvania and interacts closely with Safe Kids Worldwide. Annually, Graves coordinates two conferences by contacting presenters, networking with various organizations and securing educational workshops to meet the needs of attendees.

Graves is a certified instructor in Lifelines™ Suicide Prevention, Pennsylvania Student Assistant Program, and Child Passenger Safety Technician. She has a bachelor’s in physical education from the State University of New York at Cortland College and a master’s degree in health education from Penn State University. Graves is a certified teacher in New York and Pennsylvania.

Polly Lamison
Director of Special Education, Eastern York School District, Wrightsville, Pa.

Polly Lamison holds a bachelor’s degree in elementary education and special education along with a master’s in special education. She has taught pre-school, private and public school in the areas of regular and special education. Lamison has been the director of special education for Eastern York School District for ten years.

Dave Maceiko
Assistant Coordinator, Southcentral Pennsylvania Highway Safety, Mechanicsburg, Pa.

David Maceiko, currently employed as the assistant coordinator of South Central Pennsylvania Highway Safety, is a retired Pennsylvania state trooper and veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving from 1985-1991. Maceiko’s main goal is networking and developing partnerships with businesses, community groups, schools, police department’s and other agencies to educate on highway safety issues. He is also a certified passenger safety technician and is available to inspect and install car seats.

Paul Mancia
Regional Director, Laurel Life, York, Pa.

Paul Mancia has been providing direct care and program supervision at Laurel Life since 2005. He currently manages programs within York and Adams Counties including Brief Treatment, Transitional Classrooms, JUMP/RISE programs and Transition Classrooms in Franklin and Dauphin Counties. Trauma Informed Care and Brain Science Resiliency are passions of Mancia’s. Much of his focus within the organization is to implement engagement strategies and training procedures in Evidence Based Practices that work.
Emmy Sasala
Health Educator, Penn State Hershey Children's Hospital, Hershey, Pa.

Emmy is currently a health educator in the Pediatric Trauma Injury Prevention Program at Penn State Health Children's Hospital (Hospital) and a co-coordinator of the Safe Kids Dauphin County Coalition. She received a Bachelor of Science in health and physical education with a minor in nutrition from Marywood University and a Master of Education in health education from Penn State University. She previously worked as a health educator and instructional designer at the Susan P. Byrnes Health Education Center located in York, Pa. In January of 2015, Sasala started her current role in injury prevention with the Hospital. Shortly afterwards she became a certified child passenger safety technician and instructor. She is assisting in the implementation of an improved Safe Sleep Policy at the Hospital. Sasala is also working to expand the injury prevention messaging to patient waiting areas in the outpatient clinic locations and to develop injury prevention education and resources for children with special health care needs.

Fritzi Schreffler
Safety Press Officer, Pennsylvania Department of Transportation District 8, Harrisburg, Pa.

Fritzi Schreffler has served as the safety press officer for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation (PennDOT) District 8 since September 2001. Her responsibilities are media relations and public education in the areas of driver behavior, which includes DUI, aggressive driving, seatbelts, child passenger safety and anything else involving a motor vehicle. Schreffler has formed good working relationships with the media in her eight counties and is respected for her honesty and straight-forward manner in dealing with various issues that involve PennDOT. She shares her insights as a press officer in helping not only PennDOT news to get to the public, but also how she assists various committees she serves on and groups to which she belongs in getting their message to the public as well. Schreffler graduated from Shippensburg University.

Stephanie Seiffert
Trauma Injury Prevention and Outreach Coordinator, Reading Hospital Trauma Center, Reading, Pa.

Stephanie Seiffert received a bachelor’s degree in emergency medical services from Drexel University and is currently working at Reading Health System as the trauma outreach and injury prevention coordinator. A strong advocate for prevention funding and legislation, tackling root causes of trauma and community coalition building, she engages her health system colleagues in addressing key trauma prevention initiatives. Her professional interests focus on senior fall prevention, distracted and impaired driving and interpersonal violence. Her current projects include Stop the Bleed education, improving fall risk screening tools utilized in the outpatient setting, and implementation of the Trauma Survivors Network at her institution.

Seiffert is also a certified critical care flight paramedic, pursuing her MPH at Drexel University, and a member of the Pennsylvania American Trauma Society and Pennsylvania Trauma Systems Foundation Injury Prevention Committee.

Teresa Stewart

Teresa Stewart holds a master’s degree in child development from Wheelock College, and maternal and child health from Boston University School of Public Health. She is an infant-child sleep consultant, trained as a childbirth educator, and is certified through the American Heart Association as a CPR instructor. Stewart recently earned a post-graduate certificate in Postpartum Depression: Assessment, Treatment, and Clinical Practice through the Postpartum Stress Center. She is also in the process of completing a post-graduate program in birth psychology through the Association of Prenatal and Perinatal Psychology and Health.

In addition to her solo practice, Stewart is the director of parenting education for the International Maternity and Parenting Institute, and the continuing education director for the Association of Professional Sleep Consultants. She is also a board member of the Massachusetts Association for the Education of Young Children. Stewart is a member of Safe Kids Boston, MassPinn (Massachusetts Prevents Injuries
Kelly Whitaker

Kelly Whitaker is the north central regional coordinator with the Pennsylvania Traffic Injury Prevention Project. In this capacity, it is her responsibility to provide 13 counties in the central part of Pennsylvania with trainings and programming pertaining to traffic injury prevention with a focus on child passenger safety. Prior to working with Traffic Injury Prevention Project, Whitaker worked for Pennsylvania's Department of Transportation District 9 for seven years. She served as both their safety press officer and district quality coordinator. Whitaker holds a Bachelor of Science degree in public relations from West Virginia University.

Andrea Wilson
Support and Education Coordinator, Cribs for Kids, Inc.®, Pittsburgh, Pa.

As the support and education coordinator, Andrea Wilson provides infant safe sleep education to parents, communities, public health and medical professionals, and social service agencies. She also facilitates a support group for parents that have experienced the death of a child or infant due to sleep-related tragedies and coordinates individual support resources for anyone experiencing grief from these deaths. Wilson earned her bachelor's degree in social work from Carlow University and received her master of social work degree at the University of Pittsburgh, with a concentration in children, youth and families.