



## WORKING GROUP BIOGRAPHIES



### **Ms. Lianna McDonald, Co-chair of Working Group**

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Lianna McDonald is the Executive Director of the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. The Canadian Centre assists in the location of missing and sexually exploited children, provides education programs on child personal safety and develops awareness on issues surrounding child victimization. Over the past 15 years, Ms. McDonald has worked closely with governments, law enforcement, educators and the private sector to advocate for the safety of Canadian children. Ms. McDonald worked with Attorneys General across the country to establish what is now Canada's luring legislation and oversaw the development and implementation of Cybertip.ca — Canada's tipline for the public reporting of online child sexual exploitation as part of Government of Canada's *National Strategy for the Protection of Children from Sexual Exploitation on the Internet*.



### **Ms. Michelle (Collins) DeLaune, Co-chair of Working Group**

SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT, CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER OF THE NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN (NCMEC)

Since 1984, NCMEC has operated under U.S. Congressional authority to serve as the national resource center and clearinghouse on missing and exploited children. As COO of NCMEC, Ms. DeLaune oversees the center's federal grants. These grants help fund the organization's most critical work: its mission of bringing missing children home, stopping child sexual exploitation and assisting law enforcement. In addition, she is responsible for operational matters pertaining to NCMEC services provided to families, child-serving professionals and law enforcement.

During her 17-year career at NCMEC, she was responsible for establishing NCMEC's extensive program of work and policies responding to the explosion of online child sexual exploitation. Under her leadership, the CyberTipline has received more than seven million reports regarding the sexual exploitation of children and currently makes critical information available to more than 100 countries around the globe.



## **Ms. Karyn Kennedy**

PRESIDENT AND CEO OF BOOST CHILD AND YOUTH ADVOCACY CENTRE

Karyn Kennedy is the President and CEO of Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre, a multi-disciplinary agency with a mandate to coordinate a community response to child abuse. Boost Child & Youth Advocacy Centre is a creative community response to child abuse investigations. It is a partnership among local community and government agencies and brings together more than 65 professionals from nine organizations in one location. As CEO, Karyn is responsible for overseeing all aspects of the centre. She supervises the management staff at the centre and is actively involved in the development and implementation of new programs and services for children who have been victimized and their families. She has worked at Boost since 1992.



## **Professor Tink Palmer**

CEO OF THE MARIE COLLINS FOUNDATION (MCF)

Tink Palmer has been in the social work practice since 1973 and gained her professional qualifications in 1975. Since that time she has participated in numerous post-graduate training courses including counselling, family therapy and forensic investigation. In the past 25 years she has specialized in child sexual abuse and is an experienced clinical and forensic practitioner, manager, trainer, policy maker and strategist.

In consultation with police, children's services, education, health and NGO personnel, Ms. Palmer and the MCF team have developed a ground breaking model for intervening with children and their families when online sexual abuse is an issue. She is a member of numerous government steering groups, committees and boards that aim to raise public awareness, to improve service provision and to ensure that best practice ensues on a national and international basis. In 2014, Ms. Palmer accepted the role of Visiting Professor at University Campus Suffolk.



### **Dr. Deborah Lindsay**

PEDIATRICIAN, MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Dr. Deborah Lindsay was appointed to the Canadian Centre for Child Protection Board of Directors in September 2010. Dr. Lindsay is a pediatrician trained in both Manitoba and Alberta. She also holds a Graduate Certificate in Sports Medicine from the University of New South Wales. She has been in practice since 1984, both in private practice and hospital-based settings, and has provided consultative services to a number of health care agencies including the Manitoba Adolescent Treatment Centre (MATC), Mount Carmel Clinic, the Manitoba Youth Centre and Boundary Trails Health Centre. She is currently the Director of the Child Protection Centre in Winnipeg.



### **Ms. Corinne Dettmeijer-Vermeulen**

DUTCH NATIONAL RAPPOORTEUR ON TRAFFICKING IN HUMAN BEINGS AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE AGAINST CHILDREN

The Rapporteur is independent and has a statutory basis. The Rapporteur's main task is to report to the Dutch government on the nature and extent of human trafficking and sexual violence against children in the Netherlands, and on the effects of the government policy pursued. The reports contain information on relevant regulations and legislation, as well as information on prevention, criminal investigations, prosecution of perpetrators and victim support. They also contain policy recommendations aimed at improving the fight against human trafficking and sexual violence against children, including child pornography.

After finishing her law degree at Leiden University, Corinne Dettmeijer started her career as a public prosecutor in Rotterdam. Ms. Dettmeijer has for many years been a judge at the district court of The Hague. The Dutch magazine *Opzij* elected Ms. Dettmeijer in 2014 as one of the most powerful women in the Netherlands working on justice and public policy.



## Mr. James Marsh

LAWYER, MARSH LAW FIRM

A University of Michigan Law School graduate, Mr. Marsh represents victims of sex abuse in schools, colleges, churches, government and military institutions, campus sexual assault and rape, online sexual exploitation, child pornography, sextortion and revenge porn.

His case on compensation for victims of child pornography in federal criminal restitution proceedings was recently decided by the United States Supreme Court. That case, *United States v. Paroline*, led to the Amy and Vicky Child Pornography Victim Restitution Improvement Act which was recently passed by the Senate 98-0 and is pending in the House. He now leads Marsh Law Firm in New York, which is recognized worldwide for its work helping sexually abused victims obtain justice and rebuild their lives with dignity and respect.



## Ms. Warren Binford

LAW PROFESSOR, WILLAMETTE UNIVERSITY

Warren Binford is an international children's rights scholar and advocate whose work has a heightened focus in recent years on child pornography victims. She is a frequent speaker and writer on these issues and represented the Dutch National Rapporteur on Human Trafficking and Sexual Violence against Children as an amicus curiae in the U.S. Supreme Court case, *Paroline vs. U.S.*, regarding restitution for child pornography victims. Professor Binford was selected in 2015 as the inaugural Fulbright Canada-Palix Foundation Distinguished Visiting Chair in Brain Science and Child and Family Health and Wellness at the University of Calgary, where she has proposed the largest multidisciplinary longitudinal study of child sex abuse victims ever conducted. She is Associate Professor of Law and Director of the Clinical Law Program at Willamette University College of Law, and holds a J.D. from Harvard Law School and a B.A., summa cum laude with distinction, and an Ed.M. from Boston University.



## **Dr. Sharon W. Cooper**

FORENSIC PEDIATRICIAN

Sharon Cooper is the CEO of Developmental and Forensic Pediatrics, PA. She works regularly with numerous national and international investigative agencies on Internet Crimes against Children cases.

Dr. Cooper spent 21 years in the Armed Forces retiring as a colonel, and has, for the past several years, worked in both the civilian and military arenas in child abuse and developmental pediatrics. She holds a faculty position at the University of North Carolina Chapel Hill School of Medicine and the Uniformed Services University of Health Sciences in Bethesda, Maryland. She is an instructor at the Army Medical Education Department Center and School at Ft. Sam Houston, Texas, where she provides multidisciplinary training in all forms of child maltreatment to health care providers, law enforcement, attorneys, judges, therapists, chaplains and social workers. Dr. Cooper has provided training and published chapters and articles for medical professionals regarding the age estimation of children depicted in sexual abuse images.



## **Ms. Carol Hepburn**

LAWYER

Since 2008, Carol Hepburn has represented victims of child pornography crimes in civil and criminal restitution proceedings in America and Canada. She began her law practice in 1978 as a state prosecutor in Seattle, Washington, where she prosecuted juvenile sex crimes, fraud and street crime at trial and on appeal. In private civil practice, she focused on sexual harassment in maritime and professional negligence cases and brought the first third-party sexual harassment case in the region before any reported cases established the cause of action. Ms. Hepburn is alum of the Gerry Spence Trial Lawyers College in Wyoming, an invitation-only college which teaches trial techniques and strategies. She has also served as an instructor with Justice Advocacy Africa, a non-profit organization that promotes the rule of law in Africa by providing education and training in ethical and professional advocacy to African lawyers.



## **Ms. Julia von Weiler**

PSYCHOLOGIST

Julia von Weiler studied Psychology at New York University and the Free University, Berlin. During her studies in New York, she interned at the 'Children's Safety Project' in New York City, where she provided support for abused children. From 1992 to 1994, she worked as a pedagogue in the 'Mädchenvilla', the first residential project of its kind in Germany for abused girls aged four to 14.

From 1999 to 2002, Julia von Weiler provided counselling for sexually abused girls and boys as well as their guardians in a counselling drop-in centre in Cologne. She then headed a diagnostic and therapeutic institution for providing in-patient treatment for abused children aged three to 12 until 2007.

Since 2003, she has been director of 'Innocence in Danger e.V.', the German section of an international network, which is particularly committed to fight child sexual abuse by means of digital media, i.e., preventing the spread of child abusive images through the Internet ([www.innocenceindanger.de](http://www.innocenceindanger.de)).



## **Dr. Paul Arnold**

DIRECTOR OF THE MATHISON CENTRE FOR MENTAL HEALTH RESEARCH & EDUCATION

Dr. Arnold is the inaugural Director of the Mathison Centre for Mental Health Research & Education and an Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychiatry and Medical Genetics at the University of Calgary. He is also a child and adolescent psychiatrist, working at the Alberta Children's Hospital. Dr. Arnold holds the Alberta Innovates Health Solutions (AIHS) Translational Health Chair in Child and Youth Mental Health.

His medical and graduate training took place at the University of Toronto, and subsequent to this he was a faculty member at U of T and the Hospital for Sick Children from 2006 to 2015. His research focuses on genetics and neurobiology of childhood neuropsychiatric disorders and risk and resilience factors in childhood mental health. His work has been funded by major external grants from the Canadian Institutes of Health Research (CIHR), the National Institutes of Health (NIH) and the Ontario Brain Institute.



### **Ms. Christy Dzikowicz**

DIRECTOR OF THE CHILD SAFETY AND FAMILY ADVOCACY DIVISION,  
CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Christy Dzikowicz is the Director of the Child Safety and Family Advocacy Division for the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. The Canadian Centre assists in the location of missing and sexually exploited children, provides education programs on child personal safety and develops awareness on issues surrounding child victimization. Prior to joining the Canadian Centre in 2007, Ms. Dzikowicz worked for two years for Manitoba Justice in Victim Services and spent the nine years before that with child protective services, including six years with the Child Abuse Investigation Unit. She is an outspoken advocate for families of missing and exploited children and is currently working with partners across Canada to improve services available for children and families.



### **Ms. Karen Chymy**

DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS, CANADIAN CENTRE FOR CHILD PROTECTION

Karen Chymy is the Director of Operations at the Canadian Centre for Child Protection. The Canadian Centre assists in the location of missing and sexually exploited children, provides education programs on child personal safety and develops awareness on issues surrounding child victimization. In her role with the Canadian Centre, she is involved in the operations of two of the Canadian Centre's national programs, [Cybertip.ca](http://Cybertip.ca) (Canada's tipline for reporting the online sexual exploitation of children) and the Child Safety and Family Advocacy Division. She plays a central role in advancing innovative solutions to better protect children from sexual exploitation and harm. Prior to joining the Canadian Centre in 2008, Ms. Chymy worked in child protective services, including six years with the Child Abuse Investigation Unit, as well as at other child-serving organizations providing programming and services to at-risk children.