

### Dr. Ira Chasnoff, M.D. – President, UTI Upstream

Ira J. Chasnoff, M.D., an award-winning author, researcher and lecturer, is president of NTI Upstream and a Professor of Clinical Pediatrics at the University Of Illinois College Of Medicine in Chicago. He is one of the nation's leading researchers in the field of child development and the effects of maternal alcohol and drug use on the newborn infant and child. Dr. Chasnoff received his medical degree from the University Of Texas Health Science Center at San Antonio. He has authored eleven books; his most recent book, *The Mystery of Risk*, explores the biological and environmental factors that impact the ultimate development of alcohol- and drug-exposed children and presents practical strategies for helping children reach their full potential at home and in the classroom.

### Dr. Lynne Katz, Ed.D. – Director, University of Miami, Linda Ray Intervention Center

Dr. Lynne Katz is a Research Associate Professor in the Departments of Psychology and Pediatrics at the University of Miami. She is the Director of the University's Linda Ray Intervention Center for high-risk children ages 0-3 who were born prenatally drug exposed and/or were victims of child maltreatment. Since 1993, she has coordinated the program's comprehensive early intervention services for over 1,000 infants and toddlers and their families. She was the early childhood partner who assisted in the development and ongoing implementation of Miami's Dependency Drug Court services for children and parenting and has worked extensively with NDCI training of new Family Drug Courts. She was elected to the Wall of Honor of the Miami Juvenile Court for her work, as well as being a recipient of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit Leadership Award and the Regional Child Welfare Outstanding Community Partner Award for leadership in early childhood and parenting program collaborations and research with the Juvenile Court. She is co-author of *Child-Centered Practice for the Courtroom & Community: A Guide to working effectively with young children and their families in the child welfare system*. The program at the University of Miami is featured in the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare website video on promising practices.

### Hon. Cindy Lederman, J.D. – Judge, Miami-Dade Juvenile Court

Judge Cindy S. Lederman has served in the Miami-Dade Juvenile Court's since 1994, including 10 years as the court's Presiding Judge. Elected to the Miami-Dade County Court in 1988, before her elevation to Circuit Court in 1994, she was a leader of the team that created the Dade County Domestic Violence Court and served as the court's first Presiding Judge. Judge Lederman's interest in bringing science and research into the courtroom results from her 10-year involvement with the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine at the National Academy of Sciences. Judge Lederman was a member of three National Research Council Committees: Family Violence Interventions; Juvenile Crime, Treatment and Control; and Crime Trends. She served from 1996 to 2004 on the Board of Children, Youth and Families of the National Research Council and Institute of Medicine. In 1999, Judge Lederman was awarded a Fellowship from Zero to Three: The National Center for Infants, Toddlers and Families in their Leaders of the 21st Century Initiative. The Council of State Governments has awarded Judge Lederman a 2002 Toll Fellowship. Judge Lederman served on the American Academy of Pediatrics Task Force on Foster Care and was a member of the Healthy Foster Care America Initiative until 2008. Judge Lederman has published more than 40 articles on child welfare and other legal issues. Judge Lederman's recent book is entitled "Child-Centered Practices for the Courtroom and Community: A Guide to Working Effectively with Young Children in the Child Welfare System" written with Lynne Katz Ed.D and Joy Osofsky Ph.D. is available from Brookes Publishing Co. Additionally in 2011, Judge Lederman was appointed as Vice Chair of the Early Learning Coalition of Miami-Dade County. Judge Lederman has received numerous honors including the 2014 CASA National Judge of the Year, the 2009 Gavin K. Letts Outstanding Jurist of the Year Award from the Florida Chapter of American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers, the Distinguished Service Award from the

National Center for State Courts in 2002, the William E. Gladstone Award in 1999 and she has been chosen as a 2015 Legal Legend. Judge Lederman graduated with high honors from the University of Florida in 1976 and Departmental Honors in Political Science, and received a Juris Doctor degree from the University of Miami Law School in 1979. She is licensed to practice law in the states of Florida and New York.

### [Dr. Mishka Terplan, M.D. – Professor, Obstetrics and Gynecology and Psychiatry, Associate Director of Addiction Medicine, Virginia Commonwealth University](#)

Dr. Terplan is professor in Obstetrics and Gynecology and Psychiatry and Associate Director in Addiction Medicine at Virginia Commonwealth University. He is dual board certified in obstetrics and gynecology and in addiction medicine. His clinical, research and advocacy interests lie along the intersection of reproductive and behavioral health. He attended medical school at the University of California, San Francisco; completed his residency at the University of Southern California, and a research fellowship at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. He is the Addiction Medicine Consultant for the Virginia Department of Medicaid Services and a consultant for the National Center on Substance Abuse and Child Welfare. Dr. Terplan has published over 60 peer-reviewed articles with recent emphasis on health disparities, stigma, and women's access to intervention/treatment centers. He has active grant-funded research projects and represents the American Congress of Obstetricians and Gynecologists and the American Society of Addiction Medicine on various federal taskforces and committees including the AMA's Taskforce to Reduce Opioid Abuse.

### [Hilary Kushins, J.D., M.S.W. – Drug Court and Training Program Manager, Dependency Advocacy Center](#)

Hilary Kushins is currently the Drug Court and Training Programs Manager at Dependency Advocacy Center, a non-profit corporation that represents indigent parents in child abuse / neglect cases in Santa Clara County.

### [Sally Borden, M.Ed. – Executive Director, KidSafe](#)

Sally started her work with KidSafe in 1998, and has served as the Executive Director since 2001. In this role, she leads community initiatives to improve child maltreatment prevention and response, conducts training for mandated reporters on child maltreatment, and convenes community child protection teams including the Children and Recovering Mothers (CHARM) team. Sally co-chairs Vermont's federally CAPTA-mandated Vermont Citizens Advisory Board, and serves on the Vermont Kin as Parents advisory board. Sally brings over 30 years' professional experience in the fields of domestic violence and child abuse services and victim/witness assistance. Sally's work to improve our community's response to child maltreatment has been recognized with the Vermont Agency of Human Services Community Award, the US Health & Human Services, Administration for Children & Families Commissioner's Award, and the Queen City Police Foundation Antonio B. Pomerleau Medal of Honor. Sally is a proud mother of two; her family lives in South Burlington.