



David L. Corwin, MD

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Dr. Corwin is a Professor of Pediatrics at the University of Utah which he joined in 1999 to become Medical Director of Primary Children's Center for Safe and Health Families. When the Division of Child Protection and Family Health was initiated in 2002, he served as its first Chief until 2012. In 2012, he became Pediatrics' Director of Forensic Services. He is a Past President of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC, 2018-2020), the Academy on Violence and Abuse (AVA, 2014-2016), and the California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (CAPSAC, 1986-1988). Since 1986, Dr. Corwin helped found five professional societies addressing child maltreatment and interpersonal violence including the CAPSAC (1986), APSAC (1986), the Ray E. Helfer Society (1999), the Academy on Violence and Abuse (2004) and the National Health Collaborative on the Violence and Abuse (2009). He joined AACAP's Child Abuse and Neglect Committee at its inception in 1992 and chaired it from 2001 to 2007. While Chair, he led it to be renamed the Child Maltreatment and Violence Committee to include children exposed to domestic violence. He continues as its longest serving member. He is author or co-author of numerous articles, commentaries, and chapters, addressing child sexual abuse, custody disputes, childhood trauma, childhood abuse memory, professional practice addressing child sexual abuse, and the Adverse Childhood Experiences Study (ACES).

Dr. Corwin has produced four videos/DVDs addressing childhood trauma, the ACE Study, an eleven-part series illustrated with video clips describing the child maltreatment field evolution over the past 70+ years in the USA, and a film celebrating the 1986 founding of CAPSAC and APSAC. Dr. Corwin has given over 300 presentations around the world and consults, evaluates, and testifies in child sexual abuse and childhood trauma cases throughout the USA. He is a founding member of the National Initiative to End Corporal Punishment and co-chairs its Public Health and Advocacy Committee. He also serves on the Prevent Child Abuse Utah Board and other advisory councils in Utah. In January 2023, he chaired the AVA's Preconference at the San Diego Child and Family Maltreatment Conference that focused on ACEs Screening, Case Finding, and Sensitive Inquiry. That 17-part program was recently posted on the AVA's website, www.avahealth.org.

Dr. Corwin completed his training in psychiatry and child psychiatry from 1976 to 1982 at UCLA. He was the first child psychiatrist in the world trained in depth about intrafamilial child sexual abuse during his child psychiatry fellowship program. He promoted video recording of investigative/evaluative interviews with children in suspected child sexual abuse cases leading the LA Task Force on Interviewing Sexually Abused Children from 1981 to 1982 and presented it nationally (Washington D.C.) and internationally (Paris) in 1982. His long-standing interest in video recording earned him the nickname of "Captain Video" which is mentioned in the title of an article about his career by Nina Agrawal published in the APSAC Advisor (January 2023).