

2017 CICAMH Distinguished Keynote Speakers



Janet Rosenzweig, PhD makes life safer for children, easier for parents, and more rewarding for professionals who have dedicated their careers to serving children and families. From juvenile jails to suburban classrooms, from rural child abuse investigations to statewide service systems, Dr. Rosenzweig has served children and families from a host of perspectives. She combines the expertise developed through impeccable academic credentials with boots-on-the ground experience to offer practical and inspirational insights into child welfare, sex education, child protection, and juvenile justice. She has diverse experience in every form of child safety and welfare, combined with impeccable credentials

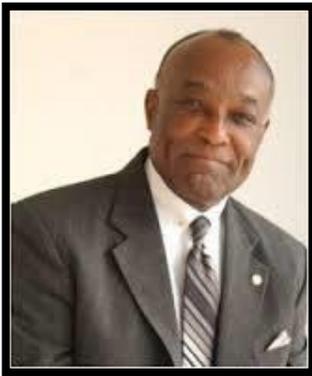
including a PhD in social work, an MPA from Harvard's Kennedy School of Government, a MS in health education, and a BS in family studies. Dr. Rosenzweig currently serves a national constituency as Vice President for Research and Programs for Prevent Child Abuse America and as a member of The National Coalition to Prevent Sexual Abuse and Exploitation of Children. *Dr. Rosenzweig will be speaking about **Sexting, Texting and Social Media — the New World of Teen Communications***

Lisa Boesky, PhD is a Clinical Psychologist, National Speaker, Expert Witness, Consultant, and Author of several books, including *When to Worry: How to Tell if Your Teen Needs Help—and What to Do About It*. She has been interviewed by Anderson Cooper, Bill O'Reilly, CNN, CNN International, NPR, 20/20, Fox News and in print by USA Today, US News & World Report, and People Magazine among others. Dr. Lisa specializes in Suicide among teens and has worked with challenging and dangerous youth in psychiatric hospitals and juvenile justice facilities. In addition to providing high-energy and content-filled presentations to professionals across the country, Dr. Lisa consults on issues related to Suicidal young people, and serves as an Expert Witness on legal cases related to Suicidal youth. Find out more at TroubledTeenExpert.com. *Dr. Boesky will be speaking about **Children, Teens, & Suicide: Who Is Most at Risk and 10 Ways We Sometimes Get It Wrong***



Kara Bagot, MD is a Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and Assistant Professor in the University of California, San Diego Department of Psychiatry. She received her psychiatric and clinical research training at Yale University Child Study Center. Dr. Bagot is a clinician and researcher with expertise in treatment interventions for adolescent Substance Use Disorders, and has authored and presented several manuscripts in this field. Her research focuses on understanding psychosocial, biological and psychiatric factors that contribute to the developmental trajectory of substance use in adolescents, and development of efficacious treatment interventions that can be implemented in naturalistic settings. *Dr. Bagot will be speaking about **Substance Abuse, Relationships and the Family***

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Cecil Steppe has long been a leading figure in the San Diego human services arena with extensive presence in both public sector and in the non-profit community. He has held leadership positions within the County of San Diego managing child welfare, juvenile probation and health and human service agencies. On the not-for-profit side, he has served as President and CEO of the Urban League. Mr. Steppe presently serves as Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Gompers School and serves on the board of directors for numerous agencies including Mental Health America, San Diego and the Vista Hill Foundation (chair). *Cecil Steppe will be speaking about **Organizing Communities for Success: Lessons Learned at Gompers School***

Tasreen Khamisa is a respected administrator and social justice leader with a BA in Sociology. She has seventeen years of administrative experience in program management, daily operational oversight, staffing and supervision, fiscal control, and board development. In 1995, her life changed forever when her brother was murdered during a gang-involved robbery. Her family saw victims on both ends of the gun and chose to forgive the fourteen-year-old assailant. Her father, Azim Khamisa, founded the nonprofit Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF) to stop youth violence. In 1998, Tasreen relocated from Seattle to join him in creating an organization dedicated to teaching peace and forgiveness to transform the lives of children. As Executive Director, Ms. Khamisa has been instrumental in the advancement of TKF's restorative educational programming teaching health social-emotional development with vulnerable, at-risk youth populations. Currently she plays an active role within the California Restorative Schools Coalition that is driving the expansion of restorative practice programs in schools across the state. *Tasreen Khamisa will be co-presenting with **Benita Page** about **Twenty One Years of Teaching Restorative Thinking and Peace Through Forgiveness in Schools***



Benita Page has an MS in Education and thirty years of professional experience implementing youth development programs. As an administrator, she has managed juvenile justice programs, youth mentoring interventions, mental health programming, and school-based educational services. She is a knowledgeable and enthusiastic public speaker experienced in teaching restorative practice concepts. Since 2008, Ms. Page has served as the Program/Operations Director at the Tariq Khamisa Foundation (TKF). She has been instrumental in the development of TKF's Safe School Model, which is a continuum of proven effective interventions built on restorative principles. She has developed programming, curriculum, and training modules for students, parents, and educators with a goal of safer schools and communities. She is an active collaborator with schools, community organizations and law enforcement and frequently partners with university faculty to evaluate

TKF's efficacy in transforming at-risk youth. *Benita Page will be co-presenting with **Tasreen Khamisa** about **Twenty One Years of Teaching Restorative Thinking and Peace Through Forgiveness in Schools***

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Maya Salameh is a junior at the San Diego High School of International Studies and the 2016 National Student Poet representing the Western Region. As part of her year of service as a poetry ambassador, she was invited to read at the White House where she was honored by First Lady Michelle Obama and has taken on a community service project endeavoring to bring poetry to second generation American youth. Maya is the founder and president of her school's Psychology Club and has dreams of becoming a psychologist or diplomat. She is her high school's Student Equity Ambassador as well as the Co-President of both her Model United Nations and UN Activism Initiative. She is fluent in French, as well as proficient in Spanish and Arabic, and staunchly believes that words are

to become the primary weapons of her generation. ***Maya will lead a panel discussion about Youth Perspectives on Challenges and Opportunities of Growing Up. Her co-presenters will be Jacob Allan Dadmun and Lillian Shallow.***