

STEPHANIE SUSANNE WOLF, J.D., Ph.D.
Forensic Psychologist

Education

- Virginia Commonwealth University *Richmond, VA*
• Doctor of Philosophy in Clinical Psychology – 2013
- Virginia Treatment Center for Children *Richmond, VA*
• American Psychological Association Accredited Internship – July 2012 to July 2013
- University of Maryland School of Law *Baltimore, MD*
• Juris Doctor (with honors) – 2001
- University of Rochester *Rochester, NY*
• Bachelor of Arts in Psychology and Cultural Anthropology (cum laude) – 1998

Professional Experience

- Maven Psychology Group (formerly Wolf Psychology LLC) *Washington, DC*
Partner and Co-Founder – 2016 to present
- Perform child trauma evaluations and parenting capacity evaluations
 - Trauma expertise in sexual abuse and assault, impact of medical malpractice, animal bites, car accidents, kidnapping, terrorism, etc.
 - Additional subject matter expert: patterns and symptoms of child sexual abuse, disclosure of child sexual abuse, symptoms of child trauma, Autism Spectrum Disorder and child trauma, adult trauma, delayed disclosure, grooming behaviors and problematic sexual behaviors
 - Attorney consultation, review of expert work product, review of child forensic interviews, assists with direct and cross-examination of mental health expert witnesses
 - Provide therapy services to children, adolescents and adults
 - Supervise psychologists in assessment and therapy delivery
 - Lead and manage staff of five
- The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center (OUHSC) *Norman, OK*
Trainer/Consultant, Problematic Sexual Behavior Cognitive Behavioral Therapy – 2022 to present
- Participate in fulfilling grant for the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention by the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs awarded to OUHSC and Dr. Jane Silvosky, Principal Investigator
 - Provide training and technical assistance at selected sites in treating children and adolescents in the Problematic Sexual Behaviors (PSB-CBT) model for school-age children including for Children with ASD and other developmental disabilities
 - Work as a Within Agency Trainer including assisting in the initial assessment of the program site needs, designing and implementation of the training, facilitating the collaboration of care and the engagement of stakeholders
- George Washington University, Columbian College of Arts and Sciences *Washington, DC*
Adjunct Professor, Forensic Psychology Program – Winter/Spring 2024
- Designing and teaching 3-credit graduate school course, “Psychology in the Legal System I” for students seeking to complete their Psychology masters degrees
- Adjunct Professor, Department of Psychological and Brain Sciences* – Fall 2020, Winter/Spring 2023
- Designed and taught 4-credit undergraduate course, “Research Lab in Developmental Psychology” for upper-level Psychology undergraduate students

University of Maryland, College of Education College Park, MD
Adjunct Professor, Department of Counseling, Higher Education and Special Education – Fall 2021

- Designed and taught 3-credit graduate course, “Apprenticeship in Counseling & Personnel Services” for students seeking to complete their Psychology doctorate

Torture Abolition and Survivors Support Coalition Washington, DC
Clinical Supervisor – Sep. 2021 to Aug. 2021

- Supervised doctoral psychology student in trauma therapy
- Taught risk assessment, CBT concepts and cultural adaptations

The Tree House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Rockville, MD
Mental Health Director – 2016 to 2020

- Supervised delivery of evidence-based mental health services to maltreated children and their non-offending caregivers including providing and supervising intakes, intensive mental health assessments, crisis intervention, and individual, family and group therapy
- Implemented policies and procedures for clinical services provided, coordinated with multidisciplinary team
- Recruited, trained and supervised program mental health staff including psychologists, social workers, psychology post-doctoral fellows, and psychology externs, including development and implementation of training curriculum
- Testified in Family Court and Child In Need Of Assistance (CINA) hearings. qualified as an expert in MD State Courts and DC Superior Court
- Under my leadership, center added four evidence-based treatments (PCIT, PSB-CBT, CFTSI, AFCBT), created consult service for CWS and Shady Grove Pediatric Emergency Department,

Staff Psychologist – 2014 to 2016

- Provided individual and family therapy to maltreated children and their families including children with ASD and other developmental disabilities using evidenced based treatments such as Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF- CBT), Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) and Circle of Security Parenting Program
- Supervised doctoral practicum students in providing therapy and conducting intakes
- Conducted intakes, consults and comprehensive cognitive, personality, and parenting capacity psychological assessments
- Collaborated with variety of organizations including Child Welfare Services, Montgomery County Police, and the Office of State’s Attorney of Montgomery County
- Worked as Post-Doctoral Fellow supervised by Dr. Alicia Meyer until licensure

Montgomery County Child Welfare and Tree House Child Advocacy Center (CAC) Rockville, MD
Program Developer and Clinical Supervisor, Transitional Trauma Therapist Program – 2016 to 2020

- Co-developed program with federal and state grants to provide short-term therapy to children upon removal from their families
- Created program format, identified treatment modalities and developed measurement and tracking system
- Worked with Child Welfare counterparts to identify and address implementation barriers and encourage referrals and success
- Hired and supervised licensed clinical social workers who provided in home services

Virginia Treatment Center for Children Richmond, VA
Intern, Department of Psychiatry – July 2012 to July 2013

12-month rotation in child/adolescent *Acute Care Crisis Stabilization* (Training Director: Julie Linker, Ph.D.)

- Served as primary therapist for child/adolescent patients, and functioned as the behavior management consultant for the nursing staff
- Provided intensive family and group therapy
- Served as Pediatric Consultation and Liaison Clinician

- Provided assessments, immediate interventions, and recommendations for inpatient (PICU, NICU, Progressive Care Unit, Pediatric General Floor) medical pediatric patients and their families experiencing a wide array of psychological problems such as anxiety, depression, grief, aggressiveness, pain management, and non-compliance with medical procedures
- Conducted assessments and provided recommendations during weekly Pediatric Craniofacial and Vascular Clinics for all patients and their families concerning development, psychosocial adjustment, and readiness for surgery
- Served on-call one day per week to the hospital's Pediatric Emergency Department to assess for safety and make recommendations concerning hospitalization
- Staffed weekly Pediatric Primary Care Walk In Clinics providing assessments, recommendations, referrals and short-term therapy addressing problems such as ADHD, nightmares, enuresis, and school bullying.

Kennedy Krieger Institute, Family Center, Johns Hopkins University

Baltimore, MD

Extern – September 2010 to April 2011

12-month practicum placement (Supervisor: Corine Hyman, Ph.D.)

- Provided individual and family therapy to children who experienced trauma with specialization of children with ASD and other developmental disabilities
- Conducted cognitive and behavioral assessments to children who experienced trauma
- Administered and scored a variety of instruments including: the Rorschach, TAT, BASC, WISC-IV, UCLA PTSD Index and others
- Participated in the Birth to Five Specialty Clinic
- Trainee of the Maternal & Child Health Bureau Leadership Education in Neurodevelopmental and Related Disabilities

Bon Air Juvenile Correctional Center

Bon Air, VA

Practicum Student – January 2010 to May 2010

6 month practicum placement (Supervisor: Celena Thompson, Ph.D.)

- Provided individual and group therapy to incarcerated female adolescents
- Received specialized training and supervision in forensic assessment and therapy
- Co-led weekly psycho-education substance abuse group
- Participated in multidisciplinary treatment teams, risk assessments, and panel meetings

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Staff Therapist, Assessment Clinic – May 2009 to May 2010

Supervisors: Rebecca Stredny, Psy.D. and Jennifer Lumpkin, Psy.D.

- Provided intellectual disability assessments monthly at the Chesterfield Community Service Board to both child and adult clients
- Completed 20 integrated assessment reports with this population
- Provided Personality and Cognitive Assessments to adult clients within the VCU Community Clinic
- Attended two-hour weekly assessment clinic didactic training and group supervision Received individual supervision as needed

Virginia Commonwealth University

Richmond, VA

Staff Therapist, Forensic Clinic and General Clinic – May 2007 to May 2009

- Provided court ordered co-parenting therapy
- Provided child, adult, family and couples' therapy
- Testified in court regarding case status
- Attended weekly forensic group supervision and individual supervision

Professional Volunteer Experience

Maryland Psychological Association *Laurel, MD*
Board Member and Chair, Legislative Committee – Sep. 2023 to present
Vice Chair, Legislative Committee – Sep. 2021 to Aug. 2023

- Lead lobbying efforts regarding legislation that impacts practice and equitable access to care
- Coordinate with Board, assist with disseminating information about relevant bills; Support and guide bills by providing oral and written testimony
- Aid in establishing and maintaining relationships with key legislators

Maryland Commission on Behavioral Health Care Treatment and Access *Annapolis, MD*
Appointee – June. 2023 to June 2027 (4-year commission)

- Service on Criminal Justice Involved Workgroup, appointed by Governor Wes Moore
- Evaluate current landscape and provide recommendations in response to specific mandates involving access and quality of care

TRUE (Trauma, Resilience, Understanding and Education) Center *Washington, DC*
Founder, Board Member – 2020 to 2022; *Advisor* – 2023 to present

- Co-founder of 501(c)3 non-profit organization whose mission is to help underserved children and families regarding trauma through providing evidence based treatments and psycho education
- Help with start-up, forming board, drafting regulations, submission of 501(c)3 application
- Chair of Communications committee
- Assist with designing of programming and ongoing support in operations
- Board member from 2020-2022, Currently volunteer and advisory to Board

Research Experience

Virginia Commonwealth University *Richmond, VA*
Doctoral Dissertation – “*Children Who Have Experienced Trauma: An Examination of the Role of Race, Ethnicity and Cultural Factors in Presenting Symptoms and After Three Months*” (defended in April 2013)

- Dissertation Chairperson: Barbara J. Myers, Ph.D.
- Committee members: Bruce Rybarczyk, Ph.D., Scott Vrana, Ph.D., Jean Corcoran, Ph.D., E. Delores Dungee-Anderson, Ph.D.

Virginia Commonwealth University *Richmond, VA*
Project Manager – June 2009 to Dec. 2010 (Supervisor: Arnold Stolberg, Ph.D.)

- Designed and implemented all phases of study involving the comparison of 400 young adults from intact and divorced families on a variety of factors involving friendship
- Study was basis for Master of Science thesis

Virginia Commonwealth University *Richmond, VA*
Research Assistant – Spring 2007 (Supervisor: Sharon Funari, Doctoral Student)

- Worked on coding Criminal Psychological Evaluations conducted in closed Capital Murder Cases for dissertation involving offender/victim relationships and other related variables

Georgetown University, Center for Research, Women and the Law *Washington, DC*
Research Assistant – Sep. 2005 to June 2006 (Supervisor: Jennifer Woolard, Ph.D.)

- Worked on longitudinal study involving adolescence and decision-making capacity of parents with children charged with a crime
- Assisted with longitudinal study examining adolescence and police experiences in the interrogation process
- Conducted structured interviews/self-report measures to juveniles, parents, and police officers
- Administered WASI, CMR and MacCAT-CA

Professional Presentations

- Wolf, S. (May 2023). *When Victims Do Not Think of Themselves as Victims: Understanding the Dynamics and Tailoring Approaches*. Presenter, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Denver, CO.
- Wolf, S. (October 2022). *“I’m not a Victim”*: *Understanding the Dynamics and Tailoring Approaches for Successful Investigations and Prosecutions for Victims Who Do Not Think of Themselves as Victims*. Presenter, Virginia Crimes Against Children Conference (VCACC), Virginia Beach, VA.
- Wolf, S. (October 2022). *Problematic Sexual Behaviors: Understanding Best Practices for The Multidisciplinary Team and Barriers*. Presenter, VCACC, Virginia Beach, VA.
- Wolf, S. (November 2021). *Understanding Child Problematic Sexual Behaviors: Assessment, Treatment and Prevention*. Workshop at the Maryland Psychological Association’s Annual Convention, Continuing Education Course psychologists, virtual conference, MD.
- Wolf, S. (March 2021). *The Circle of Security Parenting Program: Improving Attachment Relationships for At Risk Parent-Child Dyads*. Catholic Schools, Archdiocese of Washington, three credit, Continuing Education Course for ASWB and NBCC, Washington, DC.
- Wolf, S. (February 2021). *Child Trauma and Treatment; Examination of Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TFCBT)*. University of Maryland, School of Education, School Psychology Doctoral Students Didactic, College Park, MD.
- Wolf, S. (October 2019). *Engaging Caregivers to Support Their Children’s Success, Training to Clinicians as part of Problematic Sexual Behaviors Cognitive Behavior Therapy Training*. Invited to Co-present by Director of Center of Child Abuse & Neglect, Dr. Jane Silvosky from The University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Annapolis, MD.
- Wolf, S. (May 2018). *Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy: Understanding and Utilizing The Treatment For Traumatized Youth*. Didactic Speaker to Psychology Interns, Children’s’ National Medical Center, Washington, DC.
- Wolf, S. & Bokman, C. (March 2018). *Innovations in Providing Trauma Therapy To Children Immediately After Removal; A Collaboration Between The Child Advocacy Center and Child Welfare Services Through the Transitional Trauma Therapy Program*. Workshop at the 34th International Symposium on Child Abuse, Huntsville, AL.
- Wolf, S. & Burch, B. (September 2016). *Trauma Focused Therapies For Maltreated Children*. Presentation for 17th School Community United in Partnership (SCUP) Conference, Universities of Shady Grove, Rockville, MD.
- Wolf, S. (September 2016). *Understanding The Child Advocacy Center: A case presentation highlighting the unique child centered approach, understanding the need, benefits and common pitfalls in providing quality multidiscipline care*. Workshop for Adventist Behavioral HealthCare, Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Symposium, Bethesda, MD.
- Halfond, R., Wolf, S., & Corono, R. (September 2011). *Culture and Trauma. In Using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy to Treat Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder in an Immigrant Mexican Female: A Case Study Report*. Workshop at the Latino Behavioral Health Institute Annual Conference, Los Angeles, CA.

Community Presentations

- Wolf, S. (February 2022). *Parents’ Guide to Trauma and Mental Health Crisis. Identification, Aftermath and Prevention*, Bethesda Chevy Chase High School, Bethesda, MD.
- Wolf, S. (March 2020). *Parent-Child Interaction Therapy Overview*. Presentation to mental health community members, 19th Northern Virginia Children Services Act Symposium. Annandale, VA.
- Wolf, S. (January 2020). *The Effects of Trauma and Common Symptoms*. Presentation to Cast and Crew of “The

Spitfire Grill”, Rockville Little Theatre, Gaithersburg Arts Barn, MD.

Wolf, S. (June 2019 and June 2023). *Preventing Child Abuse: Training for Camp Counselors*. Pinemere Overnight Camp, Stroudsburg, PA.

Wolf, S. (June 2019). *Preventing Child Abuse: Training for Camp Counselors*. Presentation to new newly hired staff, Montgomery County Summer Camps, Rockville, MD.

Wolf, S., Friedman, I. & Padilla, Y. (June 2019). *Community Service Aide Trauma Training*. Workshop to Montgomery County Maryland Child Welfare Community Service Aides, Rockville, MD.

Wolf, S. (November 2018). *Recognizing and Addressing Vicarious Trauma*. Presentation to attendees of National District Attorneys’ Association’s Confronting Mental Health Challenges Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Wolf, S. (November 2018). *Strategies and Insights To Help Work With Children Placed In Foster Care*. Presentation to attendees of National District Attorneys’ Association’s Confronting Mental Health Challenges Conference, Myrtle Beach, SC.

Wolf, S. (August 2018). *Understanding the Child Advocacy Center*. Presentation to the Ross Center For Anxiety and Mental Health Treatment, Washington DC.

Wolf, S. (May 2018). *Preventing Child Abuse*. Presentation to the Somerset Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, Chevy Chase, MD.

Wolf, S. & Kramer-Kuhn, A (February 2018). *Sexual Abuse and Problematic Sexual Behaviors; What Every School Counselor Should Know*. Presentation at Conference for Montgomery County Maryland Elementary School Counselors, Rockville, MD.

Wolf, S. et.al. (November 2017). *Child Relationships; Staying Safe and Healthy*. Presentation for Booz Allen Hamilton lunch educational series, Rockville, MD.

Wolf, S. (September 2016). *Understanding/Preventing Child Abuse For Educators*. Presentation for Temple Sinai religious schoolteachers, Washington, DC.

Wolf, S. (March 2015). *Preventing Child Abuse: What Every Parent Should Know*. Workshop for Montgomery County Public Schools’ Parent Academy at North Bethesda Middle School, Bethesda, MD.

Media/Publications

Wolf, S. (Ed.). (In Press). Springer. *Handbook of Working with Survivors of Early Childhood Sexual Abuse*. Springer Nature Publications.

Wolf, S. (9/26/2023). Interview by Corbin Boliese for story, *Ex-ABC Producer Blames War Reporting For Child Porn Habit - Trauma Defense*, Daily Beast.

Wolf, S. (August 2, 2022). *What a Child Psychologist does in a Workday*. The Washington Post, Gender and Identity Section.

Wolf, S. & DeBoard Lucas, R. (7/15/2022). Interview by Charles Phillips. *I Am Conquering Mountains*. Podcast with the TRUE Center.

Wolf, S. (July 2022). Interview by Samantha Nazzi for story, *The Difference Between Emotional Neglect and Emotional Invalidation (And How They Affect Children)*. Lifehacker. Parenting.

Wolf, S. (11/20/2018). Interview by Kate Ryan for story, *How to Talk to Kids About Hazing*. WTOP Washington News Radio 103.5, Hubbard Radio, Washington DC.

Wolf, S. (Spring 2018). *Stopping Sexual Harassment Before It Starts, Teaching Children the Sexual Behavior Rules*. “The Maryland Psychologist”, 63, 1; Maryland Psychological Association.

Licensures

- Licensed Psychologist: Florida (telehealth), Maryland, Virginia, Washington DC, PSYPACT
- Active Bar memberships: Maryland, Washington DC

Specialized Certifications/Trainings

- Litigation and Evaluation Involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases* Completion
Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma, November 3-5, 2023 (20 hours) –Miami, FL
Trainers: Robert Geffner, PhD, Joyanna Silberg, PhD, Stephanie Dallam, PhD, Sujata Warriar, PhD
- Reconsolidation of Traumatic Memories Protocol* Completion
September 20-22, 2023 (21 hours) –Virtual
Trainer: Robin Hampton
- American Professional Society in the Abuse of Children* Completion
Child Forensic Interviewing Clinic, May 2022 (33.5 hours) – Virtual
Trainers: Patti Toth, J.D. and Julie Kenniston, M.S.W
- Problematic Sexual Behavior - Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT)* Certified Trainer, 2020-present
Model for School-Age Children
University of Oklahoma, November 3-5, 2023 (20 hours) – Oklahoma City, OK
- Problematic Sexual Behavior - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (PSB-CBT)* Certified Provider, 2018-present
University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center
March 1-2 2018; August 23-24, 2018; and September 20-22, 2018 – Oklahoma City, OK
Trainers: Jane Silvosky, PhD and Jimmy Widdifield Jr., M.A.
- Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFSTI)* Provider, 2017-present
September 24-26, 2017 – New Haven, CT
Trainer: Dr. Steven Marins and Carrie Epstein
- Completed one year of bi-monthly phone supervision, to meet fidelity for model
- Circle of Security Parenting Program (CSPP)* Certified Provider, 2015-present
September 8-11, 2015 – Rockville, MD
Trainer: Co-creator Dr. Bert Powell
- Alternatives for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AFCBT)* Provider, 2017-present
University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine, June 5-7, 2017 – Pittsburgh, PA
Trainer: Dr. Barbara Baumann
- Completed one year of bi-monthly supervision
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)* Provider, 2016-present
March 17-18, 2016 – Pittsburgh, PA
Trainer: Co Creators- Judith A. Cohen, MD and Anthony Mannarino, Ph.D.
- Completed bi-monthly consultation calls, May 2016 to December 2016
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT)* Certified Provider, 2016-present
University of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, August 10-15, 2016 – Cincinnati, OH
Trainer: Robin Gurwitch, Ph.D. and Erica Pearl Messer, Ph.D.
- Completed one year of bi-monthly supervision and submitted recordings of therapy sessions for fidelity checks, leading to certification
- University of Cincinnati Children’s Hospital, November 16, 2018 – Cincinnati, OH
- Completed one year of monthly supervision and trained one trainee to fidelity as well as submitted training sessions for fidelity check

Jurisdictions Qualified as an Expert

- California: Alameda County Superior Court
- Indiana: Marion County Circuit Court
- Maryland: Baltimore City Circuit Court Family Division, Bais Din Baltimore, Montgomery County Circuit Court, Montgomery County District Court, Montgomery County CINA Proceedings
- Virginia: Circuit Court for the City of Chesapeake, Circuit Court of Orange County
- Washington: King County Superior Court
- Washington, DC: Superior Court

Forensic Work Jurisdictions

- U.S. States: Arizona, California, District of Columbia, Florida, Iowa, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, Utah, Virginia, Washington DC, Washington, West Virginia
- U.S. Military: Military Court Martial, Andrews Airforce Base

Editorial Positions

- Ad Hoc Reviewer, *Journal of Traumatic Stress* – 9/15, 1/15, and 10/16 editions

Professional Organizations

- American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
- American Psychological Association
- District of Columbia Psychological Association
- Maryland Psychological Association