

KEYNOTE SPEAKERS



Leigh Ann Davis is Director of Criminal Justice Initiatives at The Arc of the United States and directs The Arc's *National Center on Criminal Justice and Disability*®. With over 20 years of experience in the intellectual/developmental disability (I/DD) and criminal justice fields, Ms. Davis has worked with both disability and criminal justice professionals and agencies, as well as people with disabilities, to build stronger lines of open communication and understanding between these two worlds to ensure that people with I/DD have access to accommodations in the criminal justice system, whether suspect, offender, victim or witness. She has authored numerous publications, including curricula, scholarly articles and other publications on a broad array of criminal justice topics and provides presentations and training at state, national and international conferences to enlighten others about the unique issues faced by people with I/DD in the criminal justice system. Ms. Davis was invited

by the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights to provide testimony on the delivery of law enforcement services, program and activities to people with developmental disabilities under Title II of the ADA.

She co-directed an Office for Victims of Crime project to create materials for victim assistance agencies nationwide on how to provide effective services to crime victims with disabilities, and was invited to prepare and present a paper for The National Academy of Sciences in response to a Congressional request in the Crime Victims with Disabilities Awareness Act of 1998. She provided a keynote address at the first international conference of its kind in the U.K. on disability and criminal justice issues in Preston, England, and presented recommendations regarding child victims of abuse with disabilities at a United Nations conference in Canada. In 2013, she worked with The Arc to secure funding from DOJ's Bureau of Justice Assistance to create *NCCJD*®, the first national center of its kind that assists both suspect/offenders and victims with disabilities, and continues to oversee the development of NCCJD's signature training: *Pathways to Justice*®. As The Arc's subject matter expert related to criminal justice and disability issues, she is regularly interviewed by national media outlets and has provided guidance to White House officials and other government agencies regarding criminal justice and disability issues. Ms. Davis serves as a consultant for The Office for Victims of Crime (OVC) Training and Technical Assistance Center and the Vera Institute of Justice. As an incest survivor, she intuitively understands the complexities inherent in the criminal justice system for both victims and suspect/offenders, and is compelled to educate others about people with I/DD in the criminal justice system who often remain an invisible and forgotten segment of society. She holds a B.S.W (Bachelors of Science in Social Work), M.S.S.W. (Masters of Science in Social Work), and M.P.A. (Masters of Public Administration) from the University of Texas at Arlington.

Wesley B. Maram, PhD

Dr. Maram is a Licensed Psychologist and the founder and clinical director of Maram Psychological Services, an outpatient sex offender treatment program in Orange County, California serving hundreds of parole and probation and intellectually disabled clients with a history of sexual misconduct. This program has provided evaluation and treatment services for thousands of adult and juvenile offenders since 1984. Additionally, he is Psychological Consultant for numerous Regional Centers throughout southern California conducting risk assessment and competence evaluations.

Dr. Maram has been an expert witness in Federal and State Courts and has conducted approximately 2000 forensic examinations. He is a leading expert in the field of psychophysically assessment of sexual abusers and has conducted research studies involving phallometrics. He recently contributed a chapter on the subject (Maram, W. B., Penile Plethysmograph, Viewing Time, and Polygraph. In *Sex Offenders: Assessment & Treatment*, H. Hoberman & A. Phenix, eds., New York: Springer Publications, 2016).

Dr. Maram has presented at numerous conferences and taught at a number of universities, and currently is a volunteer Assistant Professor, University of California, Irvine, in the Psychiatric Forensic Fellowship Program.

He has also been an active board member of the California Coalition on Sexual Offending for 15 years and has held positions as Board Chair & Vice-Chair, and Orange County Regional Chair.

In May 2012, Dr. Maram received the prestigious Faye Honey Knopp Award presented by CCOSO in honor of his contributions to the field of sex offender evaluation and treatment.

