

Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute

# FVSAI

Celebrates 30 Years



Our CFC identification number is 11965.

## Our Mission

To improve the quality of life for individuals by sharing and disseminating vital information, providing direct services, improving networking among professionals, and assisting with program evaluation, consultation and training that promotes violence-free living.



## History

The Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) founded in 1984 by Robert Geffner, Ph.D., was established to address the need for a national resource and training center that focused directly and specifically on family violence issues. In 1991, FVSAI became a non-profit 501(c)(3) organization.

FVSAI relocated to the west campus of the California School of Professional Psychology at Alliant International University, based in San Diego, California, in 1999. FVSAI then joined with the Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT) at Alliant International University in 2006 to provide the services below.

## Goals:

- ☞ Disseminate vital information on local, national and international levels to those working in the family violence, child maltreatment, elder abuse and sexual assault fields.
- ☞ Provide direct professional clinical & forensic services to children, adults, families, and agencies. Doctorate students in Clinical or Forensic psychology are included in FVSAI and IVAT's training and internship program.
- ☞ Develop treatment and prevention programs for spouse/partner and child maltreatment, sexual assault & trauma in cooperation with crisis centers, agencies, universities, organizations and clinics.

## Services:

- ☞ FVSAI Serves as a consultant to various agencies and organizations, providing program development, technical assistance, evaluation and research on all aspects of family violence, child abuse, aggression, sexual assault and trauma.
- ☞ Conducts conferences, workshops and professional trainings on all aspects of family violence, child maltreatment, sexual assault, interpersonal aggression, forensic issues and trauma.
- ☞ Increase research and education in the areas of family violence, youth violence, child & elder maltreatment and sexual assault.

## Professional Journals

The FVSAI works with Taylor & Francis Publishers and Springer Publishers to edit and publish the following professional journals:

### Taylor & Francis Publishers:

- ☞ *The Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*
- ☞ *The Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma*
- ☞ *The Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment Trauma*

### Springer Publishers:

- ☞ *Journal of Family Violence*

Editing is coordinated by FVSAI & IVAT staff and overseen by Robert Geffner, Ph.D.



## International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma

Each year the Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) and the Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT), co-hosts the International Conference on Violence, Abuse and Trauma in San Diego, California. The Conference holds open proposal and submission processes for interested presenters. Conference goals are to coordinate efforts, bridge gaps and comprehensively examine strategies that prevent violence, abuse and trauma. FVSAI, together with IVAT, bring together international and national leaders, consumer-survivors, researchers, practitioners as well as those working on the front lines with children, families, adult victims and offenders. The event includes numerous topic tracks for all levels of experience and expertise. We examine controversial and current issues. The event is unique in its large array of networking opportunities, its strong emphasis on collaboration, and the integration of researchers, practitioners and policy makers. *Information about this Conference can be found at: [www.fvsai.org](http://www.fvsai.org)*

## Professional Services

The Family Violence & Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) focuses directly and specifically on violence and abuse, responding to it and addressing its impact across a wide social spectrum. We are concerned with issues ranging from child/teen/elder maltreatment, sexual assault, children exposed to violence, intimate partner violence, and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). The Professional Clinical & Forensic Services consulting team serves clients who are involved in criminal, family and civil cases involving a broad range of forensic issues. We also provide counseling, evaluation, and crisis intervention to victims, survivors of trauma, children, families & others on a sliding fee basis.



### Professional services offered include:

The treatment of a variety of emotional and behavioral problems, psychological testing, writing reports to the court, conducting forensic evaluations (including child custody), and conducting observations of interactions between involved parties.

### Additional direct services include:

Individual, family, reunification and group therapy; supervised visitation; and parenting skills training. Therapy is provided to individuals with a variety of presenting problems. Treatment providers have a minimum of a Master's degree in Clinical or Forensic Psychology and are working towards a doctorate or are a post-doctorate fellow. In addition, all treatment providers have been trained in assessment, child custody evaluations, trauma and intimate partner violence. Supervision of clinical staff is provided by licensed psychologists.

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