

Our Mission

To improve the quality of life for individuals on local, national and international levels by sharing and disseminating vital information, improving collaborations and networking, conducting research and trainings, assisting with direct professional services, program evaluation, and consulting to promote violence-free living.

Our Vision

A world free from violence, abuse and trauma.

**Promoting Violence-free Homes,
Communities and Societies**

IVAT and FVSAI are comprehensive resource, training and professional service centers.

Through a focus on key collaborations, IVAT and FVSAI bridge gaps and help improve current systems of care on local, national and global levels.



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**Professional
Clinical and
Forensic
Services**

Low Cost Therapy Services Available

Specialty Areas

- Trauma
- Child Abuse
- Domestic Violence
- Educational & Psychological Assessment
- Children, Adolescents & Adults
- Neuropsychological Testing
- Families & Parenting
- Individual & Group Therapy
- Depression & Anxiety
- Re-unification & Supervised Visitation
- Anger Management
- Adult Survivors
- Juvenile Offenders
- Child Custody Evaluations

HISTORY

The Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute (FVSAI) was founded in 1984 by Dr. Robert Geffner to be a national resource and training institute focusing on family violence issues. In July 2005, FVSAI joined with Alliant International University to form the Institute on Violence, Abuse & Trauma (IVAT). FVSAI and IVAT work together as non-profit institutes to reduce violence, abuse and trauma across the lifespan.

Over the years, FVSAI has expanded to include child, teen and elder maltreatment as well as sexual assault issues. IVAT now encompasses multiple components that specialize in training and programs, research, disseminating information, professional services, two annual international summits, regional mini-conferences, policy issues, as well as community relations and outreach for each of its broad topic areas.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

IVAT is accredited to offer continuing education (CE) credits, training opportunities and certifications for attorneys, judges, law enforcement, military personnel, and mental health professionals in the fields of violence, abuse, and trauma. A Speakers' Bureau is also available for professional training worldwide.



SERVICES

• PROFESSIONAL

IVAT and FVSAI are training and resource centers that focus directly and specifically on violence, abuse and trauma; our goal is to respond to it and address its impact across the lifespan. We are concerned with issues ranging from child maltreatment, sexual assault, children exposed to violence, intimate partner violence, and post traumatic stress disorder (PTSD).

• FORENSIC

The forensic consulting team at IVAT serves clients who are involved in criminal, family, and civil cases involving a broad range of forensic issues (sexual or physical), including child custody, child abuse, family violence allegations, sexual assault, and trauma. Services offered include: conducting child custody evaluations, writing reports for court, observations of interactions between involved parties, psychological expert witness testimony and forensic evaluations, and providing treatment for a variety of emotional and behavioral problems.

• CLINICAL

The clinicians at IVAT provide: therapy (individual, family, and group) psychological assessment, supervised visitation, and parenting skills training.

Treatment services are provided on a sliding scale based on income.

PROVIDERS

Our clinical team consists of licensed psychologists, post-doctoral fellows, pre-doctoral interns, forensic associates and psychological assistants. Each of our clinical treatment providers has a minimum of a masters degree in Clinical or Forensic Psychology and is either working on a doctorate or has already obtained their doctorate. All of our unlicensed clinicians are supervised by one or more licensed clinical psychologists. **Services may be available in other languages.**

PRESIDENT



Dr. Robert Geffner is the Founder and President of FVSAI and IVAT, and editor of five scholarly Journals. His background includes serving as a distinguished research professor of psychology, Alliant International University, as well as a professor of psychology at the University of Texas at Tyler.

Dr. Geffner is a Licensed Psychologist and a licensed marriage & family therapist in California and Texas, and has directed four full service mental health clinics. He is the editor of the *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, the *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment and Trauma*, the *Journal of Child and Adolescent Trauma*, the *Journal of Family Violence*, and the *Journal of Child Custody*. He has a Diplomate in Clinical Neuropsychology and in Couple & Family Psychology.

Dr. Geffner has written or co-edited numerous publications, treatment manuals, and books concerning family violence, child maltreatment, sexual abuse, forensic psychology, child custody, and neuropsychology. Furthermore, Dr. Geffner's background includes being an adjunct faculty member for the National Judicial College for over 10 years, and he has been a keynote presenter for national and international conferences for over 30 years. Dr. Geffner serves or has served as a consultant or board member for several national organizations, state and national committees, and federal, state and international agencies.