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Presenter Bios

Dorthy Stucky Halley, LMSW, is co-founder of Halley Counseling Services, P.A., and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative Program, a trauma-focused battering intervention program. She is the past director of the Victim Services Division of the Kansas Office of the Attorney General (2007-2020). Her development of a motivation typology for those who batter has opened the door to a new understanding for judges, prosecutors, law enforcement, advocates, battering intervention providers, and others in the domestic violence field. She led the state efforts to develop standards and certify battering intervention programs throughout Kansas. She has served as an expert witness in domestic violence cases for the past 33 years.

Dorthy has served victims in various capacities since 1986. She was the Executive Director of Safehouse, Inc. for over a decade, and previously served as a Crime Victim Compensation Board member. She was the Practicum Director and Assistant Professor at Pittsburg State University in the Social Work Program from 1997 to 2007. She is the past president of the Kansas Chapter of the National Association of Social Workers (KNASW), the Kansas Coalition Against Sexual and Domestic Violence (KCSDV), and the Kansas Organization for Victim Assistance (KOVA). She also serves as a consultant for the Kansas Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board (KDVFRB).

Dorthy received the *Outstanding Victim Advocate of the Year Award* by KCSDV (1996). She was the first recipient of the *Dorthy Halley Lifetime Service Award* by the Office of Attorney General Derek Schmidt (2020). This award is reserved as a special recognition for a dedicated professional who creates significant positive impact in the lives of crime victims throughout their career. In that same year, she also, received the *Exemplary Service to Children and Families Award* by the Governor's Conference on Child Abuse. In 2022 she became the recipient of the Kansas Children's Service League's highest honor, the *Distinguished Service to Children Award*.

Along with her husband, Steve, she has authored curricula for working with those who batter, justice-involved women, and justice-involved youth. They have also authored *The River of Cruelty*, and *Halley's Alley: Commentaries on marriage, family, healthy relationships, parenting, loss, grief, trauma, and domestic violence*. She has provided international and domestic presentations to more than 30,000 advocates, criminal justice professionals, and others. She serves as a delegate and presenter to the United Nations Commission for the Status of Women for the International Public Policy Institute (IPPI), and currently serves on the IPPI Board of Directors. In addition to her work, Dorthy loves water skiing, traveling, and spending time with family.

Steven M.S. Halley, LCSW, is the co-founder of Halley Counseling Services, P.A. and co-director of the Family Peace Initiative (FPI). He has been visionary in the development of a trauma-focused approach for intervening with those who batter. He is internationally recognized for his expertise in using a trauma-focused approach to intervene with those who batter, and in training others in this approach. His development of the "River of Cruelty" model that describes how cruelty is passed

from person to person and generation to generation has been groundbreaking in the field. He is the longest sitting member on the Kansas Governor's Domestic Violence Fatality Review Board.

Having received a bachelor's degree in history, and master's degrees in both outdoor administration and social work, Halley focused his career on working with individuals and families. For the past 30 years Halley has worked as a wilderness counselor, probation officer, therapist, and battering intervention provider. Along with his wife, Dorthy, he has authored curricula for working with those who batter, justice-involved women, and justice-involved youth. They have also authored *The River of Cruelty*, and *Halley's Alley: Commentaries on marriage, family, healthy relationships, parenting, loss, grief, trauma, and domestic violence*. Steve writes a monthly blog to assist professionals working with those who batter. It can be accessed through www.familypeaceinitiative.com Steve is an avid golfer and songwriter.