Father Paul Abernathy is an Orthodox Christian priest and the founding CEO of the Neighborhood Resilience Project, an Orthodox Christian non-profit focused on Trauma Informed Community Development located in the Hill District, Pittsburgh Pa. Under his leadership all programming has been developed as part of an overall initiative currently underway to address Community Trauma called Trauma Informed Community Development, to include a Trauma Response Team for acute stress as a result of homicides in Allegheny County (in partnership with the Allegheny County Health Department). In addition to his work with the organization, Fr. Paul is and has been a member of multiple community boards and committees to include the PA State Parole Citizens Advisory Committee, Neighborhood Allies Grassroots Grant Making Committee, Allegheny County Health Department’s Violence Prevention Community Advisory Board, and is a Foundation of HOPE, Urban League of Greater Pittsburgh and Campaign for Trauma Informed Policy & Practice board member. He has B.A. in International Studies from Wheeling Jesuit University, and holds a Master in Public and International Affairs from the University of Pittsburgh as well as a Master of Divinity from St. Tikhon’s Orthodox Theological Seminary. A former Non-Commissioned Officer in the U.S. Army, Father Paul is a combat veteran of the Iraq War and is the pastor of St. Moses Orthodox Christian Mission also located in the Hill District. He is also a husband and father of two children.
Denina Bautti

Denina Bautti is the founder and owner of Sage Action Consulting which offers mindfulness, self-care, and trauma sensitivity training and facilitation to shift mindset and culture toward a focus on individual and collective wellbeing. She has spent most of her career working in the non-profit and government sectors. Denina is a skilled trainer, facilitator, and practitioner of mindfulness-based modalities for nearly 20 years. She includes trauma sensitive approaches in her work and interactions with others and helps implement those approaches with teams and organizations. Denina received an MPA from the Graduate School of Public Administration (GSPIA) at the University of Pittsburgh with a specialization in Public Management and Policy. She graduated cum laude from John Carroll University with a BA in Political Science, minor in French, and concentrations in International Studies, Public Administration, and Policy Studies. Denina is a registered yoga teacher at the 200-hr level (RYT-200), certified Dancing Mindfulness Facilitator, Family Group Decision Making facilitator, and certified in Youth and Adult Mental Health First Aid. She continues to expand her formal education with home study and workshops focused on mindfulness and trauma from professionals in the fields of mental health, addiction, neuroscience, trauma recovery, and creative arts expression. Denina is the proud mother of a transgender son, Sam, who has taught her more about trauma sensitivity than any other teacher, and a cat, William, who teaches her the art of mindful living every day.
Trauma-Informed PA Think Tank Members

Erika B. Brosig, LCSW, CTTS

Erika Brosig is the Clinical Director at Victim Services, Inc. in Cambria and Somerset Counties. She’s been with the agency since 2003 and is proud to be an advocate in the fight against sexual violence. Erika earned her BS in Psychology from the University of Pittsburgh, an MS in Psychology from Mt. Aloysius College and an MSW from the University of Pittsburgh. Erika studied Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) through the Trauma Institute/Child Trauma Institute and is an EMDR Certified Therapist and EMDRIA Approved Consultant. She is also a Certified Trauma Treatment Specialist and a Diplomate with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress. Erika is a survivor of sexual abuse by former pediatrician Johnnie Barto and has channeled her own trauma into advocacy and passion for helping others find their way to healing. Erika has been instrumental in the formation and coordination of the Cambria County Sexual Assault Response Team which developed and sustains a model trauma-informed sexual assault response protocol that has been featured internationally. Erika also played a key role in building accessibility to evidence-based trauma therapy in the two-county area. She currently chairs the Direct Services Committee for the Pennsylvania Association of Sexual Assault Centers and was selected as the 2020 recipient of NSVRC’s Visionary Voice Award for Pennsylvania. She is a strong believer in the integration of traditional therapy with new and holistic healing techniques to provide healing for the mind, body, and spirit. She resides in Johnstown with her wife and sons.
Dr. Christian Connell is an Associate Professor of Human Development and Family Studies at Pennsylvania State University and an Associate Director of the Child Maltreatment Solutions Network at Penn State. He specializes in studying the effects of maltreatment, trauma, and other adverse experiences on child and adolescent behavioral health outcomes. His research also examines the role of services, supports, and child and family system involvement on these outcomes; as well as system-level efforts to improve outcomes for children and families and promote access to more effective services for at-risk populations. Dr. Connell earned his BS in Psychology from Pennsylvania State University and his PhD in Clinical-Community Psychology at the University of South Carolina. Prior to joining the Penn State faculty, Dr. Connell was a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry at Yale School of Medicine, where he served as a co-Director of the Division of Prevention and Community Research. He has also authored numerous research articles and collaborated on multiple initiatives to develop and implement trauma-focused policies and practices with state and federal partners to strengthen capacity to provide effective services for children and families in need.
Serving as Chief Executive Officer of Lenape Valley Foundation, Sharon Curran oversees the delivery of services to more than 12,000 individuals through over 30 programs throughout Bucks County and the surrounding areas. In this role, she ensures that the organization’s clinical and administrative teams, comprised of nearly 400 employees, uphold the mission of partnering with members of our community encountering mental health, substance use, intellectual or developmental challenges as they pursue their personal aspirations and an enhanced quality of life. Previously serving in multiple leadership roles including Chief Operating Officer, Curran has been an integral member of the organization for over 20 years. Among her many accomplishments are the 2019 opening of The Lodge at Lenape Valley Foundation, Bucks County’s first crisis residential program, and the significant expansion and enhancement of the organization’s outpatient, crisis and children’s services. Curran’s clinical expertise is specialized in the treatment of personality disorders, self-mutilation and trauma, and she is a certified Mental Health First Aid trainer. Her experience within the mental health and human services industry spans nearly 30 years. Curran’s leadership in the behavioral healthcare community has been recognized through her involvement in numerous county-wide initiatives including serving as Co-Chair of the Bucks County Crisis Intervention Team Taskforce and past Co-Chair of the Bucks County Suicide Prevention Taskforce. A Licensed Clinical Social Worker in Pennsylvania, Sharon holds a Master of Social Work from Ohio State University and a Master of Business Administration from George Washington University.
Genevieve Dailey, MS, LPC, NCC has 37 years of experience in Human Services and Mental Health. Her graduate work was completed at the University of Scranton in Community Counseling and Bachelor’s degree from Wilkes University in Psychology/Sociology. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor. Her career includes Mental Health Services Director at Futures Community Support Services, Towanda; Executive Director at Capabilities, Elmira, NY and Special Projects Coordinator at the Behavioral Health Alliance of Rural Pennsylvania. Since 2012 she has been in private practice through her business of Perspectives Counseling & Consulting and has been providing counseling, training and consulting services. For the past three years she has provided trauma therapy at the Abuse and Rape Crisis Center in Towanda and Sullivan County Victim Services in Laporte serving victims of domestic violence, sexual assault and other crimes. Her training in trauma therapy is extensive including seminars with many well-recognized experts. Through that training she has learned to provide therapy using both a bottom-up and top-down approach; meaning using physiological and body based methods along with emotional and cognitive techniques. Her main passion is to be available in a holistic fashion to persons that seek out her services and in a way that respects and honors each individual’s mind, body, and spirit. Genevieve is a lifetime resident of the rural counties of Bradford and Sullivan and currently lives in New Albany with her husband and dachshund. She has two children and one grandson.
Dr. Joan Evelyn Duvall-Flynn is Chair of the Trauma Informed Education Coalition, a group working to inform educators, policy makers and communities at large about the impact of emotional and psychological trauma as an impediment to the school performance of children. She is former President of the NAACP Pennsylvania State Conference (NAACP PA), former State Chair of the NAACP PA Education Committee and former president of the NAACP Media Area Branch where she now serves as 1st Vice President and chairs the WIN Committee which advocates for the needs of women and children. She is a founding member of the Campaign for Trauma Informed Policy and Practice, a nationwide organization that advocates for a trauma-informed society. A native of Sandusky, Ohio, Duvall-Flynn completed her undergraduate degree in Education at Bowling Green State University, Ohio, holds a Master of Science in Pastoral Counseling from Neumann University of Delaware County, Pennsylvania and a Doctorate of Education in Innovation and Leadership from Wilmington University of Delaware. A life-long educator, Duvall-Flynn has taught students at all levels, from pre-school through graduate school. She has presented on the topic of trauma as an impediment to school performance before educators, law makers, and professional organizations as well as at national conferences. She is married to retired professor, Dr. J. B. Flynn, Jr. and resides in Glen Mills, PA. She is the mother of three adult children, Julius III, Heather and Jonathan; and the grandmother of two, Dominique and Skylar Flynn.
Jeanne Elberfeld, MD, LSW

Jeanne is the Executive Director of Schuylkill County’s VISION – a nonprofit organization connecting public and private entities within Schuylkill County - facilitating projects for a better tomorrow. Jeanne is an adjunct instructor for Marywood University’s MSW program, teaching Human Behavior and Development and Social Work Perspectives of Trauma. Jeanne is a founding collaborator of Creating Zen- a body-based, trauma healing program in Schuylkill County. Jeanne participates on public boards and task forces including: PA Licensing Board for Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapists, and Professional Counselors; Schuylkill County MH/DS (chair); The Schuylkill Resilience Project (PCCD grant) (chair); Child Development, Inc.; Nurse Family Partnership of Schuylkill County; Explore Schuylkill; REACH Schuylkill (SUD overdose); St Luke’s Rural Opioid Response (HRSA grant); and the Schuylkill Suicide Prevention Task Force (co-chair). Jeanne has presented programming on ACEs, Toxic Stress, and Resilience throughout region. She had the honor of presenting testimony to two of the PA House of Representatives’ caucuses on ACEs and Toxic Stress. Jeanne graduated from Hahnemann University School of Medicine, and practiced as a family physician until 1997. She earned an MSW from Marywood University in 2013. She has studied trauma with Lakeside Global Institute and the Justice Resource Institute. Jeanne previously taught Biology as an adjunct instructor for Pennsylvania State University (2009 – 2015). She previously worked for NASW-PA, and offered mental health counseling through ACCESS Outpatient Services in Orwigsburg, PA. Jeanne believes that trauma and toxic stress impact many lives, and the antidote lies in connection, enhancing resilience.
Andrea J. Farina, Ed.D.

Andrea J. Farina, Ed.D. is the Assistant Superintendent in the Upper Perkiomen School District. She is a leader within the district and the Pennsylvania educational communities, with two decades of experience in education, and 14 of those years in an administrative leadership role. As Assistant Superintendent, her responsibilities include chairing the district-wide trauma-informed schools team, chairing the district student assistance program (SAP), leading the district comprehensive planning process, leading the curriculum review and development process, supervising all pupil service personnel and mental health providers, co-facilitation of the implementation of the district-wide Multi-Tiered System of Supports (MTSS) framework, and much more. Previous professional experiences include two years as Upper Perkiomen’s Director of Pupil Services & Special Education and a total of 15 years of experience in Palisades School District as Principal of Palisades Middle School, Principal of Springfield Elementary School & Federal Programs Coordinator, Administrator for Special Education, Supervisor of Special Education, and Emotional/Learning Support Teacher. Farina earned her Doctor of Education in Educational Administration & Leadership from Indiana University of Pennsylvania in 2013. She earned her PA Principal Certification in K-12 (2006), PA Special Education Supervisory Certification in K-12 (2005), Master of Education in Special Education (2004), and Bachelor of Science in Elementary & Special Education (2000) from East Stroudsburg University.
Dr. Erin Hall is a licensed clinical health psychologist for the departments of trauma surgery and critical care medicine at Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania. She graduated with her doctorate in clinical psychology from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. She completed her predoctoral internship in health psychology at the Henry Ford Hospital in Detroit Michigan, and her postdoctoral training in psychology and behavioral medicine at Geisinger Medical Center. She is currently pursuing a post-doctoral master’s degree in clinical psychopharmacology. Dr. Hall specializes in the treatment of intensive care unit (ICU) delirium, acute traumatic stress and posttraumatic stress disorder associated with serious illness and injury, and anxiety related to medical illness and treatment. In her clinical work, she primarily works with hospitalized patients and works in a multidisciplinary post-ICU care clinic, assessing for psychosocial sequelae of delirium in ICU survivors. Her research interests include post-ICU syndrome in patients and family caregivers, factors impacting ICU delirium, and how to build resilience and decrease PTSD and depression symptoms following acute traumatic injury. Dr. Hall enjoys teaching of medical students, residents, and fellows, as well as psychology trainees. She is also a clinical assistant professor with the Geisinger Commonwealth School of Medicine.
Pam Howard

Pam has served the public of Montgomery County for over 20 years, much of that time in the Office of Mental Health where she is currently the Administrator for Mental Health/Developmental Disabilities/Early Intervention for Montgomery County’s Department of Health and Human Services. Pam was Montgomery County’s point person for the development of the Peer Specialist Initiative that paved the way for the implementation of Peer Support as a Medicaid funded service in PA. A long-time partner in the efforts to decrease homelessness in Montgomery County, Pam is a member of the Leadership Advisory for Your Way Home, Montgomery County’s public/private partnership to end homelessness. Pam has been leading Montgomery County’s work as an Innovator County in the national Stepping Up Initiative to decrease the number of individuals in county jails who experience serious mental illness. In 2015 Pam kicked off Montgomery County’s Behavioral Health Trauma Informed System of Care Initiative. She is part of the group leading the transformation work of the Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services transition to a trauma informed organization.
Leslie Lieberman, MSW

Leslie Lieberman has dedicated more than 25 years to developing and directing award winning programs at the intersection of public health and human services. Currently, at The Health Federation of Philadelphia, she leads the training and organizational development department in designing and delivering professional development and capacity building on issues ranging from trauma informed care to HIV/AIDS and other communicable disease, tobacco cessation and language access. Leslie also oversees several special projects focused on fostering healthy and resilient communities including Mobilizing Action for Resilient Communities (MARC) and the Philadelphia ACE Task Force. Prior to her work in Philadelphia, Leslie spent more than 15 years in California designing and directing integrated models of care for pregnant women with substance use disorders. Leslie has been an invited speaker at numerous national and regional conferences, conducted original research, developed and provided training and consultation on topics ranging from childhood injury prevention to perinatal substance abuse to trauma informed practice and quality assurance. A social worker at heart, her passion is helping others to transform visions into reality. Leslie holds a master’s degree in social work from the University of California at Berkeley and a bachelor’s degree cum laude from Carleton College. In 2018 she was recognized by Sesame Street in Communities as a “Sesame Hero” for her dedication to the well-being of children. Away from work, Leslie enjoys hanging out with her husband and two young adult children, volunteering in her community, baking and communing with nature.
Dominic Marfisi, PhD, MAC

Dominic has worked in the Behavioral Health industry for 38 years starting out as a clinician then in progressively increased levels of responsibility and oversight within operations and executive leadership. His background includes oversight of forensic programs both working with residents as well as law enforcement, inpatient acute psychiatric and co-occurring programs, drug and alcohol as well as other behavioral health related programming such as working with individuals with Autism Spectrum Disorders, Development and Intellectual Disabilities. Dominic is retired from the Armed Forces and has worked for several for profit healthcare organizations as well as in the non profit sector currently as Vice President of Behavioral Health for one of the nation’s largest non profit human services organization. Dominic holds a Ph.D. in Health Psychology specializing in Addictive Disorders, Post Graduate Study at the University of Missouri-Columbia and a Bachelors of Psychology from Columbia College. He holds several national and international professional certifications in behavioral health and sits on several Boards in the field.
Steve Minick is Vice President of Programs at Family Services of NW PA. He is a Licensed Professional Counselor who has spent thirty plus years in the mental health, substance abuse and human services field. His interest and passion in trauma informed approaches began in 2007 when Family Services started providing the evidenced based program for youth Trauma Focused - Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT). He is a founding partner and co-chair in the Erie Coalition for a Trauma Informed Community (ECTIC). Also, he currently sits on the Core Implementation Team to become a more trauma informed agency, as Family Services partners with the National Council for Behavioral Health for consultation and support.
Lee M. Pachter, DO is Professor of Pediatrics and Population Health at Thomas Jefferson University, and Senior Physician Scientist and Director of Mentorship & Professional Development at the Value Institute of Christiana Care. He is also the Director of the Health Policy Program at the Jefferson College of Population Health, and Editor-in-Chief of the Journal of Developmental & Behavioral Pediatrics. Lee was a founding co-chair of the Philadelphia ACEs Task Force, and a member of the research team that developed the Philadelphia Expanded ACEs questionnaire, which included community-level adversities such as experiences of racism, witnessing community violence, low social capital, and bullying. He was PI on a HRSA funded project to develop clinical & community approaches to trauma in Delaware. He is on the steering committee of Trauma Matters Delaware and a member of First Lady Tracey Quillen Carney’s First Chance Delaware trauma initiative. After Gov. Carney signed an executive order paving the way for Delaware to become a trauma informed state, he was part of a team that helped train leaders of state agencies and departments in trauma informed approaches. Lee’s research has been in the areas of health disparities, social determinants of health, psychosocial stress & adversity, and racism & discrimination. He’s studied intergenerational effects of ACEs in parents and their children, and was the recipient of an NIH career development award which resulted in the development of the PRaCY (Perceptions of Racism in Children and Youth), a psychometrically-validated questionnaire to measure perceived racism and discrimination in youth.
Archbishop Mary Floyd Palmer is a 1980 Summa Cum Laude graduate of the Philadelphia High School for Girls and completed her Doctor of Ministry degree in 2016. She became an ordained Minister of Music at age 12 and continued as a gospel singer with several community choirs. She has served as Minister of Music for several local churches in the tri-state area and is the Director for the newly formed MET Community Choir of the beautiful MET Philly located at Broad & Poplar Streets. Despite a flourishing career in both the public and private sectors, she realized and accepted the call on her life by entering full-time ministry. The teachings/trainings she gained along with her expertise in individual and relationship counseling has made her a consultant and advisor/confidante to Church & secular leaders. Her passion for inmates continues to date as a weekly volunteer instructor at SCI-Chester State prison since 1998, and she has traveled to many prison facilities throughout the states of PA, NJ, NY and DE. She serves on the Faith Advisory Board of Graduate! Philly and the PA Re-Entry Council for the Attorney General. On Feb. 27th, 2020, she was sworn into Office as Deputy Sheriff Clergy by Sheriff Rochelle Bilal to serve as one of her spiritual advisors. On March 16, 2019, Archbishop Mary was elevated & consecrated to the Holy Office of Archbishop, making Archbishop Mary the first female Archbishop in her PA and the first African American female in the United States.
Dr. Paula Marie Powe

Paula Marie Powe, MD is an Assistant Professor in the Department of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh School of Medicine. She is a Board Certified Child and Adolescent Psychiatrist and the Medical Director of the Matilda Theiss Early Childhood and School-Based Behavioral Health Center, part of the UPMC Western Psychiatric Hospital in Pittsburgh, PA. She graduated from New York University with a degree in Philosophy and completed medical school at Howard University College of Medicine in Washington, DC. She completed her General Psychiatry Residency at Montefiore Medical Center in the Bronx, NY, and finished up her training with a Child and Adolescent Psychiatry Fellowship at the Yale Child Study Center in New Haven, CT. Dr. Powe has a passion for infant mental health, optimizing the social and emotional development of children from the age of zero to three, and the prevention of childhood maltreatment and toxic stress. She works to educate clinicians, parents and caregivers, and community leaders about the effects that early traumatic experiences have on a child’s developing brain and the resilience and protective factors that buffer and attenuate them. She spends leisure time with her husband, John, and her daughter Kaelynn Alise, (a toddler who teaches her more about child development than any book or research study ever could), in search of turquoise water beaches in both the US and abroad.
Kimberly Preske MSW, LSW provides outpatient therapy at Healing Hearts Counseling Center, LLC in Hanover, Pennsylvania. She teaches and speaks about school shooting recovery by combining her personal experience as an adult school shooting survivor and her professional training. Increasing awareness and providing education about school disaster planning, trauma, self-care and mental health are her passion. Following the Sandy Hook Elementary School incident, Kimberly was appointed to serve on the yearlong Pennsylvania Senate Joint Commission Advisory Committee on the Prevention of Violence. Kimberly is an active member in the Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work. She was chosen to participate in John Dame’s 2018 Ten New Leaders Project.
Joseph Pyle, MA, President has more than 30 years of experience in philanthropy and behavioral health care leadership. In his role as President, he has led the foundation to focus on evaluation, design thinking, and community participation in programming. These focus areas have positioned the Foundation to become a disruptive thought leader in the philanthropic space. He serves on several non-profit boards focusing on health care, behavioral health, intellectual disabilities, and philanthropy. Joe holds a Master of Arts in School Psychology from Glassboro State University (now Rowan University) and a Bachelor of Arts in Special Education from LaSalle University. He lives in Chester County with his wife and has two adult sons.
Robert K. Reed

Rob has served more than 35 years in federal and state governments. Rob served as an Assistant United States Attorney with the U.S. Attorney’s Offices in Washington D.C. (1982-1987) and more recently in the (Eastern District of Pennsylvania (EDPA) (1989-2017). As a federal prosecutor, Rob investigated and prosecuted a wide range of cases and also served as the Deputy Chief of the Criminal Division and Executive Assistant U.S. Attorney. In the latter role, Rob was responsible for expanding the office’s vision of criminal justice from solely relying on prosecution to include violence prevention, prisoner reentry and community outreach, including working with underserved communities. Rob also helped expand the USAO’s nationally recognized Prisoner Reentry Program. Rob was instrumental in supporting the trauma-informed care training of criminal justice professionals in the EDPA and the DOJ. In March 2017, Rob was appointed as an Executive Deputy Attorney General in the Pennsylvania Attorney General’s Office and now oversees the Special Initiatives section. He speaks across the Commonwealth about the opioid epidemic, gun violence, civil rights, prisoner reentry, and trauma. He has spearheaded the creation of the Pennsylvania Reentry Council that for the first time brings together reentry stakeholders around the Commonwealth. Rob also speaks to law enforcement and criminal justice professionals about the impact of trauma on their wellness and the impact of trauma on the communities they serve. Rob has a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, a M.Sc. from the London School of Economics, and a J.D. from Boston College Law School.
Ms. Winden S. Rowe, LPC

Winden Rowe (MS, NCC, LPC) is a trauma therapist and public speaker. She maintains a private practice in Kennett Square, PA where she works with individuals, couples, families, and organizations. Her education, clinical experience, and passionate interest center around the study of and work in the field of stress and trauma. Ms. Rowe's approach to securing sustained improvement and recovery for clients and organizations dealing with the effects of stress and trauma centers around linking the biological, psychological, and social implications of traumatic stress and the identified challenge. In addition to counseling, Winden lectures, teaches, and consults in the field. Ms. Rowe has been a guest on a variety of media broadcasts including National Public Radio 'Morning Edition', 'Radio Times' and lectures at Jefferson University in the Community and Trauma Counseling Graduate Program. In this time of pandemic she has consulted with companies such as Ogilvy, leading large-scale talks to employees on how to manage the stress of such shocking global change and ways to engage self-care in a critical time. At home, she is the proud mother of two amazing teenage boys.
Chad Shenk, Ph.D., is an Associate Professor in the Departments of Human Development & Family Studies and Pediatrics at Penn State. He is also a licensed clinical psychologist with specialty training in pediatrics and trauma exposure who actively sees patients exposed to child maltreatment through Penn State’s Department of Pediatrics. Dr. Shenk’s basic science research is centered on improving methods for risk estimation and target identification in prospective cohort studies of child maltreatment and adverse health across the lifespan. This work identifies biomarkers and mechanisms of various health conditions in the child maltreatment population using a multiple levels of analysis approach (e.g., biological, behavioral, environmental). His clinical trials and translational research therefore centers on the optimization of interventions applied following exposure to child maltreatment by engaging identified targets and mechanisms more effectively.
Joanne Troutman joined Greater Susquehanna Valley United Way as the President & CEO in 2015. Prior to that, she had spent a combined 16 years in advancement at Susquehanna University, Evangelical Community Hospital and Camp Victory. Since 2004 when she moved into fundraising, she has been responsible for development teams at small, rural non-profits which have cumulatively raised more than $50 million in public and private investments. In her role at United Way, Joanne has worked with various partners to establish local opioid coalitions, expand pilot programs targeting issues related to poverty, transportation, education and criminal justice, and has launched GSV United Way into the social innovation arena. Through these collective impact initiatives, the organization’s revenue has doubled since she began. Joanne has been trained and developed trainings in brain development, ACEs, trauma, substance use disorder and social determinants of health and equity issues, like rural transportation, childcare, food insecurity and housing. She holds a bachelor’s degree from Susquehanna University in journalism and recently completed her master’s degree in management and leadership. She is certified to teach trauma trainings through Lakeside Global Institute and is pursuing additional certification through Florida State University.
Dr. Roberta Waite

Dr. Waite is a Professor of Nursing with a secondary appointment in the Health Systems and Science Research Department at Drexel University, College of Nursing and Health Professions. She is also the Associate Dean of Community-Centered Health & Wellness and Academic Integration and the Executive Director of the Stephen and Sandra Sheller Eleventh Street Family Health Services of Drexel University, operated in partnership with Family Practice and Counseling Network. Roberta has been a nurse for 32. Her scholarship and research centers on behavioral health specifically adult ADHD, psychological trauma, and depression and their effects on health outcomes along with promoting systemic prevention/early intervention efforts. Waite’s educational research focuses on leadership development of students in the health professions while concurrently fostering critical consciousness using a social justice lens. Dr. Waite has published widely on a variety of education and health-related concerns with over 100 paper publications, 14 book chapters, 2 books and her 3rd most recent book was released August 2019: Adverse Childhood Experiences: What Students and Health Professionals Need to Know. Waite holds degrees from Widener University (BSN and EdD in higher education administration-leadership) and the University of Pennsylvania (MSN, adult psychiatric mental health nursing) including completing a 2-year post-doctoral research fellowship at the University of Pennsylvania, Center for Heath Disparities focusing on Vulnerable Women, Children, and Families. Dr. Waite is a Macy Faculty Scholar and a fellow in both the American Academy of Nursing and the Academy of Nursing Education.
Kirby L. Wycoff, Psy.D., Ed.M., MPH, NCSP is a Nationally Certified School Psychologist who serves as an Associate Professor and Co-Director of the School Psychology Program at Eastern University. She is a leader in the mental health field and her work focuses on trauma, adversity, and policy within a public health framework. Dr. Wycoff authored, *Trauma Informed Assessment and Intervention in School and Community Settings* and regularly publishes on psychology, public health and trauma. Dr. Wycoff holds a Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.) degree from the Graduate School of Applied and Professional Psychology at Rutgers University. She earned her Master of Education (M.Ed.) in School Psychology from Columbia University and a Bachelor of Arts (B.A.) in Psychology from Lehigh University. Dr. Wycoff earned a Master of Public Health (MPH) degree from Dartmouth College’s Geisel School of Medicine. During her public health training, she was awarded a LEAH Fellowship (Leadership Education in Adolescent and Young Adult Health) through the United States Health Resources and Services Administration. Dr. Wycoff served as a two year LEAH fellow at the Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia, where she obtained advanced training in public health and health policy. Dr. Wycoff frequently serves as an invited member on service, legislative and policy initiatives. She is co-chair of the National Association of School Psychology’s Trauma and Child Maltreatment Interest Group and she serves as the Co-chair of the Policy Committee for the Association of School Psychologists of Pennsylvania. She is currently an Emerging Leader Fellow at the Pennsylvania Psychological Association.