

## Gap 2018 Speaker Bio's

**Paris Goodyear Brown** – Paris is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker and a Registered Play Therapist - Supervisor with 20 years of experience in treating traumatized and attachment disturbed children and families. She is Clinical Director and Senior Clinician of Nurture House, serves as the 'Executive Director of the Lipscomb Play Therapy and Expressive Arts Center, and is an adjunct Instructor in Psychiatric Mental Health at Vanderbilt University. With recent engagements in Singapore, Ireland, Nepal, and Turkey, Paris is known both domestically and abroad for her dynamic presentation and engaging teaching style. She is best known for developing clinically sound, play-based intervention models that are used to treat a variety of childhood problems. She has received the APT award for Play Therapy Promotion and Education and is the author of multiple books, chapters and articles related to child therapy. Her newest books include *A SAFE LITTLE U, TACKLING TOUCHY SUBJECTS, the HANDBOOK OF CHILD SEXUAL ABUSE, PLAY THERAPY WITH TRAUMATIZED CHILDREN: A PRESCRIPTIVE APPROACH* and *THE WORRY WARS: AN ANXIETY WORKBOOK FOR KINSD AND THEIR HEFLPFUL ADULTS.*

**Mary Crowley – Schmidt** - Mary has been employed in the field of aging for more than three decades. She attended Penn State University where she received a degree in Sociology with an emphasis in Gerontology. After moving to Kentucky in 1986 she began employment at the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging under the umbrella of the Bluegrass Area Development District where she acted as senior case manager in the state funded Homecare program. Mary went on to over-see the operations of the Adult Care programs in the Bluegrass Region and the Bluegrass Area Agency on Aging which cover seventeen Central Kentucky counties. Mary and a group of concerned citizens developed the Elder Abuse Prevention Councils for the Bluegrass region. Mary is very active in advocacy at the local, state and federal levels for seniors.

**Linda Angelo** - Linda is President of PFLAG – Central Kentucky Chapter. Linda is seasoned psychologist having received her Master's Degree from the Hahnemann Medical College in Philadelphia in 1973. She has worked as a psychologist at West Philadelphia Children's Services Center and the Bluegrass Comprehensive Care Center. She is presently in private practice treating adolescents, college students, adults and couples. Linda has a son who identifies as "queer".

**Shannon Moody** – Shannon joined Kentucky Youth Advocates in July 2013. She conducts policy advocacy and research, and manages kinship care and child abuse prevention initiatives within the child welfare portfolio as a Policy Director. She staffs the Kinship Families Coalition of Kentucky and coordinates the Kosair Charities' Face It Campaign. Shannon began her career working with adults with traumatic head injuries or severe autism followed by direct service work for adjudicated youth in psychiatric residential treatment facility, and then case management at a transitional behavioral high school. Shannon chairs the Jefferson County Review Panel. Shannon has a BA in Social Work from Michigan State University and a Master of Science in Social Work from the University of Tennessee.

**Jenny Scott** – Jenny is a graduate of Boyle County High School, Center College, and University of Kentucky Law. She has been a practicing attorney in central Kentucky since 1994. She began her legal career as a staff attorney for Circuit Judge Lewis Paisley. She then went on to prosecute for the Fayette County Attorney's office. After several years of prosecuting, Jenny left that position to open her own law office. She has been helping Kentucky residents with their family law issues for the past 19 years through her private practice. From the 2015 – 2016 term, she served as co-president of the Fayette County Bar Association's Family Law Section. Jenny made adoption a focus of her practice when she opened the doors to her law firm and she now has the largest adoption practice in Central Kentucky. Jenny has been helping grandparents and relatives navigate the legal system to secure permanency for their grandchildren for the past 19 years.

**Martha Evans Sparks** – Martha is a graduate of the University of Kentucky with a major in journalism. She has two master's degrees, MS in experimental psychology, University of Kentucky and MSLS in library science, University of North Carolina (Chapel Hill). She is the author of five books, four of them on some phase of caregiving. The most recent of her books is RAISING YOUR CHILDREN'S CHILDREN: HELP FOR GRANDPARENTS RAISING GRANDKIDS (Beacon Hill Press of Kansas City). She is available for speaking engagements. Her current projects include a continuation of work she has done before, Bible studies written for Evangelism Resources to be published in English and India.

**Tanya Sturgill** – Tanya is the Autism Resource Specialist for Fayette Public Schools. She received her Master's degree in communication disorders in 1993. She evaluates, diagnoses, and treats children with a wide range of disabilities in the areas of receptive and expressive language, articulation, voice and fluency.

**Mary Beth Uberti** - Mary Beth is the Director of Program Development at Operation Parent. She is also a Certified Life Coach. She is the mother of two school aged children and is fully immersed in current teen culture. She has presented to over 1000 parents and school administrators in the past school year, providing up to date information and effective strategies for guiding parents and caregivers through the challenging topics of social media, technology and drug and alcohol awareness.

**Jackie Walters** – Jackie is a Registered Dietitian Nutritionist and has served as a Specialist Senior in the University of Kentucky Extension Nutrition Education Program for thirteen years. Prior to her current position, she managed the Cardiovascular Health Program for the Kentucky Department of Public Health, served as a Child Nutrition Consultant for the Kentucky Department of Education, directed the Dietary Department for Eastern State Hospital, and managed two elementary school cafeterias. Perhaps her proudest and most relevant accomplishment is having raised two children to healthy adulthood.