

## ASPR TRACIE Speaker Series Brief Speaker Biographies

### Pediatric Lessons Learned from COVID-19: Immediate and Future Implications

#### Suicide and Mental Health Emergencies: Before, During, and Beyond COVID-19

**Christopher Newton, MD, FACS, FAAP**

**Trauma Medical Director, UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland**

Dr. Newton is a Trauma Medical Director at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland. He has held numerous leadership roles, primarily engaged in improving emergency systems of care for children on a local and state level. In 2019 he began work on the establishment of the Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM), focused on elevating the capability and capacity of pediatric disaster care, a project funded as one of two national ASPR pediatric centers of excellence. This endeavor has been tremendously successful pulling together key stakeholders, connecting entities from across the country, and generating pediatric specific planning and response programs being utilized in multiple areas across our states. He serves on the AAP council for children and disasters, leads the Pediatric Trauma Society disaster committee, and is vice-chair of the AAST pediatric committee.

**Merritt Schreiber, PhD.**

**Professor of Clinical Pediatrics, Department of Pediatrics, Lundquist Institute, Harbor- UCLA Medical Center**

Dr. Schreiber is Professor of Clinical Pediatrics in the Department of Pediatrics at Harbor-UCLA Medical Center Lundquist Institute and the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA. He serves as the Lead for the Mental Health Workgroup of the HHS/ASPR Western Regional Alliance for Pediatric Emergency Management (WRAP-EM) and is the Chair of Disaster Response for the California Psychological Association. He has current funded research and service projects with HHS entities including CDC, SAMHSA, and ASPR.

Dr. Schreiber has developed varied strategies, tools and a national pediatric disaster mental health CONOPS designed to provide population level response tactics to all-hazard events impacting children, youth and families. This includes the PsySTART Mental Health Incident Management System and a stepped “triage to care” of at-risk pediatric patients and emergency medical responders. He is also the developer of “Anticipate, Plan and Deter,” a disaster medical provider resilience system and “Listen.Protect.Connect” family to family Psychological First Aid. Dr. Schreiber received the Joint Meritorious Service Medal serving as USPHS Reserve Officer on detached service to NORAD-USNORTHERN Command, Presidential Citation for 9/11 response from the American Psychological Association and Distinguished Humanitarian Award from the California Psychological Association. He previously served on the HHS Secretary’s Advisory Board on Emergency Public Information and Communications. He deployed for HHS to Hurricane Katrina, Sandy Hook School Shooting, Boston Marathon Terrorism Bombing and Miramar MCAS

for COVID1-19. He received the outstanding team member award in 2015 from NDMS/CA-1 DMAT. He deployed to provide training in PsySTART and APD for the US Public Health Service Ebola Response Team at the US Homeland Security Training Center. He deployed to the Camp Fire in Butte County and Kincaide Fire for the California Disaster Medical Assistance Team. He responded to 9/11, Alaska Airlines 261, Egypt Air 990 and Singapore 007 and local aviation disasters, preschool murders and numerous fires for the American Red Cross as a former member of their National Critical and Aviation Disaster Response Team and regional DMH advisor for Southern California.

**Tona McGuire, PhD.**

**Clinical Psychologist; Behavioral Health Representative for the Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee; Co-lead for the Washington State Department of Health Behavioral Health Strike Team**

Dr. Tona L. McGuire is a clinical psychologist working primarily with children and families. She was formerly the Associate Head of the Consultation and Liaison Division at Seattle Children's Hospital and was Clinical Associate Professor in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at the University of Washington, School of Medicine. She sub-specializes in the area of pediatric psychology and enjoys helping children and families who are dealing with the psychological impact of illness and chronic medical conditions. She has been involved in disaster preparation and response for 15 years both in her local community as well as internationally, and co-developed the Health Support Team, a disaster behavioral health training. Currently, she is Behavioral Health representative for the Disaster Clinical Advisory Committee, which plans for the impact of disasters on the regional Puget Sound healthcare system, as well as the State Disaster Medical Advisory Committee. Dr. McGuire is Co-Lead for Washington State Department of Health's Behavioral Health Strike Team.

**Jay D. Fisher MD, FAAP, FACEP**

**Medical Director, Pediatric Emergency Department, UMC Children's Hospital, UMC Las Vegas, NV**

Dr. Fisher is the medical director of the pediatric emergency department at UMC Children's Hospital at UMC in Las Vegas, NV. He recently established a fellowship in Pediatric Emergency Medicine with the Kirk Kerkorian School of Medicine at UNLV. He has worked with the Las Vegas mental health community for over a decade to improve access to care for pediatric mental health patients in crisis.

**Mary A. King, MD, MPH**

**Pediatric Intensivist, Seattle Children's Hospital; Medical Director, Pediatric Trauma ICU, Harborview Medical Center**

Dr. King is a pediatric intensivist in Seattle who serves as the Medical Director of the Pediatric Trauma ICU at Harborview Medical Center. She works as a leader in regional and national pediatric trauma and disaster response.

Dr. King grew up in Northern California and completed her undergraduate degree at UC Berkeley. She graduated from Medical School at UC Irvine and then traveled to the Pacific Northwest to train in Pediatrics and Pediatric Critical Care Medicine at Seattle Children's Hospital. In 2008, she earned her MPH in Epidemiology from the University of Washington and developed close ties with the King County Healthcare Coalition (work she has continued with the now named Northwest Healthcare Response Network.). Dr. King serves as a leader on the regional and state Disaster Clinical Advisory Committees and as WA State Lead for WRAP-EM. Dr. King currently practices as a pediatric intensivist at both Seattle Children's Hospital and Harborview Medical Center.