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Biographical Sketches

Alison Beaufort

Allison Beaufort (they/she) is the Grants Program Manager at the Massachusetts Office of the Attorney General. They have been working on the STOP School Violence Prevention and Education Grant in partnership with Sandy Hook Promise over the past five years. In addition, she has experience working at a center for at risk youth, where they supported young people to develop and campaign for their own legislation. Mx. Beaufort has a Masters degree in international and community development from American University in Washington, DC and a Bachelors degree in international studies from the University of Wyoming.

Mark Curdo, MD

Lt Col Mark Curdo is assigned to the 157th Medical Group, Detachment 1, as the flight surgeon on the CERFP emergency mass casualty response team. He is also currently serving as the director of the immunization clinic. He was named the Pediatric Advanced Life Support Course Director in 2023. He was born and raised in Lynn Massachusetts. He was commissioned in the NHANG while working in a successful private pediatric practice for 14 years. He was recruited based on his expertise in immunizations, preventative and pediatric medicine. He lives in the town of Wilmington where he has been the school physician for many years. He is married to his lovely wife Noreen with whom he has four wonderful children: AJ, Nathan, Audrey and Brian.

Brittany Hardiman

Brittany has been a school nurse since 2015. She is currently the nurse leader in the Medfield Public School District and the school nurse at Medfield High School. She graduated from Boston College School of Nursing in 1995. She received her master's degree in nursing with a concentration in public health from Worcester State University in 2022. Prior to school health, she worked in pediatric hematology and oncology nursing at Children's Hospital, Boston and the Jimmy Fund Clinic. Her school nurse interests include studying chronic absenteeism at the high school level, promoting health equity in underserved populations and supporting students with mental health issues.

Mil Bar-Halpern, MD, Parents for Peace

Dr. Bar-Halpern is extensively trained in implementing a broad range of evidence-based interventions to treat children, adolescents, and families with severe psychiatric conditions. As an expert in the field of trauma, Dr. Bar-Halpern has developed treatment manuals, therapy groups, and training seminars. She has published several chapters and articles about trauma and emotion regulation, including the book, *Becoming a Superhero: A Book For Children Who Have Been Exposed to Trauma*. Dr. Bar-Halpern also

provides consultation to schools and organizations in developing trauma-informed social-emotional programs to enhance safety, quality of life, and performance. She is an active advocate and speaker who provides interviews and consultation to the media on these topics.

Jill Laroe, Special Agent FBI

I have been a Special Agent with the FBI since 2002, I have worked in most of the criminal, counter terrorism and counterintelligence programs within the FBI and I have also been a Crisis Management Coordinator and Crisis/Hostage Negotiator at various times throughout my career. I am currently assigned to FBI Boston Division, Bedford New Hampshire (NH) Resident Agency and investigate all federal Civil Rights, Election Fraud and Public Integrity matters within the state of NH. I am also the Behavioral Analysis Unit Coordinator and Threat Management Coordinator for the FBI within the state of NH.

Myrieme Nadri-Churchill, Parents for Peace

As the Executive Director of Parents for Peace (P4P), I lead a national helpline supporting families concerned about loved ones falling into extremism. I've overseen the creation of partnerships with organizations like Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health, Georgia State University, NORC at UChicago, and the Anti-Defamation League, while securing significant funding from the Draper Richards Kaplan Foundation, DHS, and the National Institute of Justice. My background in Counseling Psychology spans decades, including intervention work with North African immigrants in Marseille and leadership roles in outpatient centers in Boston. My work at P4P has been featured in major outlets like Bloomberg and NPR, and I've had the opportunity to present at the European Parliament, Capitol Hill, and Harvard University.

Thomas Toney

Thomas A. Toney, a life-long resident of Worcester, Massachusetts is married to Evelyn Santana Toney. They have three children. Makhai is a freshman at the University of Massachusetts at Amherst; Javen and Thomas both attend the Dual Language School in Worcester. In addition to being a Worcester Public School teacher at Worcester East Middle School for eighteen years, Tom was an Assistant Principal and the Principal at Grafton Street Elementary School for 5 years. Currently, he is the Administrative Director of Positive Youth Development for the Worcester Public Schools. Tom has worked for many local organizations such as the YMCA and Friendly House.