

## **Course Faculty Disclosure Information**

### **Course Director**

Melissa Caine, Au.D.  
Audiologist

Melissa Caine is an audiologist at The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia (CHOP). She obtained her bachelor's degree in 2004 from Loyola University of Maryland and her doctorate in audiology from Salus University in 2008. Her professional career has been spent as a pediatric audiologist at CHOP. Her areas of clinical interest are vestibular assessment and vestibular disorders in children and amplification selection/fitting in teens.

### Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine is employed by The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as an audiologist.

### Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Melissa Caine has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

### **Course Faculty**

Janet DesGeorges  
Executive Director  
Hands & Voices

Janet DesGeorges lives in Boulder, Colorado with her husband Joe and is mom to three daughters, including Sara, who is hard of hearing. She is a co-founder and part of the national/international staff at Hands & Voices, serving as the Executive Director since September 2011, and the Outreach Director from 2005 – 2012. She was previously the Executive Director of the Flagship chapter of Hands & Voices in Colorado for almost 10 years. (Colorado Families for Hands & Voices)

Janet has presented to groups nationwide and internationally about the experiences of families as they journey through life with a child with deafness or hearing loss. Ms. DesGeorges is the author on the chapter for Family Support in the NCHAM e-Book, the co-author of a chapter on Educational Law for Deaf/hh students, and many other publications. She serves on the national faculty for the National Institute for Children's Health Quality (NICHQ) EHDI Learning Collaborative, as well as the Marion Downs Center Advisory, co-chairs the CDC Parent-to-Parent Committee, and chairs the NCHAM Parent Advisory Committee. Ms. DesGeorges received a program certificate from the MCH Public Health Leadership Institute in 2011 at the University of North Carolina – Chapel Hill. Her areas of interest include Leadership Development for parents who participate in systemic improvement; Deaf Education Reform and Improvement; Early Hearing Detection and Intervention Systems; Quality Improvement Methods; Transition periods in the lives of Deaf/HH children.

### Financial Relationship Disclosure:

Janet DesGeorges is employed by Hands & Voices and receives a salary for her position as executive director.

She received an honoraria for providing a lecture at this conference.

**Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Janet DesGeorges has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

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Mary Pat Moeller, PhD

Scientist Emeritus

Boys Town National Research Hospital

Dr. Mary Pat Moeller is director of the Center for Childhood Deafness and the Language Development Laboratory at Boys Town National Research Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska. Following many years of clinical practice, she obtained a Ph.D. in child language at the University of Nebraska–Lincoln. Her current research explores factors influencing the outcomes of children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She is co-principal investigator with J. Bruce Tomblin of an National Institutes of Health (NIH)-funded, prospective, multisite, longitudinal study of spoken language development in children who are hard of hearing. In addition to her longitudinal research efforts, Dr. Moeller conducted NIH-funded health communication research related to newborn hearing screening. She led a consensus conference in Austria in 2012 that resulted in a best practice statement on family-centered early intervention practices for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. Dr. Moeller has published and lectured internationally on topics related to developmental outcomes and early intervention practices for children who are deaf or hard of hearing. She received the Honors of the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association in 2013. She is the association's representative to the Joint Committee on Infant Hearing.

**Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Mary Pat is employed by Boys Town National Research Hospital and receives a salary for her position as Scientist Emeritus.

She received an honoraria for providing a lecture at this conference.

**Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Mary Pat has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

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Katherine Dahlsgaard, PhD, ABPP

Clinic Director

Anxiety Behaviors Clinic and the Picky Eaters Clinic

Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry and Behavioral Science Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Dr. Dahlsgaard is Clinical Director of the Anxiety Behaviors Clinic and the Picky Eaters Clinic. She is board certified by the American Board of Professional Psychology with a specialization in behavioral and cognitive psychology. She specializes in the evaluation and treatment of children,

adolescents and young adults with anxiety disorders, particularly selective mutism, social anxiety disorder, obsessive-compulsive disorder, phobias, panic disorders, and generalized fears.

Dr. Dahlsgaard also frequently treats children with disorders that commonly present alongside anxiety, such as food selectivity and sleep problems.

Dr. Dahlsgaard teaches courses in cognitive-behavioral therapy (CBT) to interns and fellows at CHOP and supervises their CBT cases. Dr. Dahlsgaard is a frequent lecturer and guest speaker and has published widely in scientific journals, books and mainstream media on the topics of child development, psychopathology, mental health and human virtue..

**Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Katherine Daahlsgaard is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as clinical director.

**Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Katherine Daahlsgaard has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

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Linda A. Hawkins, PhD, MEd, LPC

Co-Director of the Gender & Sexuality Development Clinic

Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

Linda A. Hawkins, PhD, MEd, LPC, is Co-Director of the Gender & Sexuality Development Clinic and a family services specialist at Children's Hospital of Philadelphia. She is a licensed professional counselor. She received her PhD in Human Development and Human Sexuality from Widener University and her MEd in Psychological Services from University of Pennsylvania.

**Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Linda Hawkins is employed by Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and receives a salary for her position as co-director of the Gender & Sexuality Development Clinic.

**Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Linda Hawkins has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.

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Deborah Mood, PhD

Clinical Psychologist

Child Development Unit

Children's Hospital Colorado

Deborah Mood earned her doctorate in school psychology from the University of Northern Colorado. She also holds a specialist degree in school psychology and master's degree in developmental psychology from Gallaudet University. She completed a LEND psychology postdoctoral fellowship at

JFK Partners, University of Colorado School of Medicine, after completing an APA accredited psychology internship at the University of Minnesota. She is currently a licensed psychologist

with the Child Development Unit at Children's Hospital Colorado. She specializes in working with children who are deaf and hard of hearing as well as children with a variety of developmental disabilities including ASD. Current research projects focus on the complex comorbidity of autism spectrum disorders among children who are deaf and hard of hearing.

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Deborah Mood is employed by Children's Hospital Colorado and receives a salary for her position.

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**Non-Financial Relationship Disclosure:**

Deborah Mood has no relevant non-financial relationships to disclose.