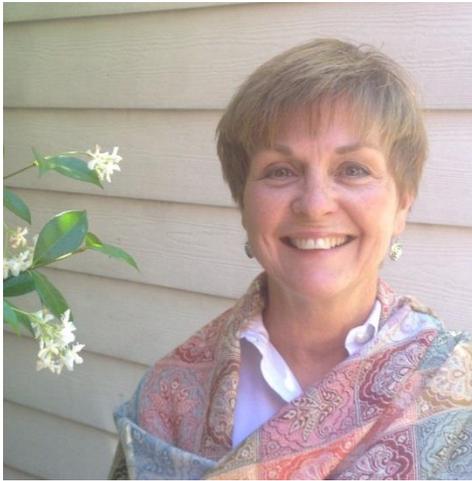




## Speaker Bios

### EPR Webinar 6: Recovery—Responding to Trauma

#### Gail Kelso



Ms. Kelso is a new member of the Child Care State System Specialist Network and serves the Region VI states. Previously she was Louisiana State CCDF administrator also responsible for management of the statewide QRIS, Quality Start, the School Readiness Tax Credits, and oversight of the child care resource and referral agency and the professional development system contracts. In addition her duties included development of the LA CCDF State Plan, CCDF reporting, and ongoing development of the child care emergency preparedness and response plan. Ms. Kelso has extensive experience in child development, child care, family engagement, and the federal, state, and local systems that touch them. A native Floridian, Kelso received her bachelors in Early Childhood Education from Florida State and her Masters

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#### Susan Rohrbough



Ms. Rohrbough has more than 35 years of experience as an administrator; teacher in early childhood, secondary, and adult education; trainer; and consultant. Her expertise includes ECE and early care topics, family and human development, staff professional development and leadership, organizational systems design and development, and change management. Her first-hand experience as a local HS Director, consultant, and CDA advisor, as well as at the State level as a HS State Collaboration Director has provided her a deep understanding of both implementation and policy development issues. Her knowledge of collaboration principles, cross-system development, and management and her ability to engage others in tasks and actions have provided credibility to her work.

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## Abby Cohen



Ms. Cohen has a law degree and more than 30 years' experience working in the child care and early childhood field. She has applied her expertise in the course of providing training and technical assistance, facilitation, consultation, public speaking, policy analysis, legal research, and legislative and regulatory drafting on a wide range of child care issues. During her career she has assisted government at the Federal, State and local level, as well as foundations, community-based organizations, and a wide array of child-serving agencies. The substance of her work has ranged broadly, with particular emphasis on overarching early childhood systems building, child care regulation, emergency preparedness and response for child care, child care quality improvement, subsidy policy, inclusion of children with disabilities, zoning and planning, and the interface of child care and health care issues. To support progress in these content areas, she has facilitated numerous state/territorial level cross-sector, system-building efforts.

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Dr. Nickels directs the Center for Children and Families at Erikson Institute. She is a clinical psychologist who has worked with parents and children in the Chicago area for more than 25 years.

Among other areas of expertise, she specializes in the development of healthy parent-child attachment relationships, understanding early childhood social emotional and behavior problems, issues related to abuse and neglect, and trauma-based parent-child psychotherapy. She has worked for many years as a forensic psychologist

focusing on the assessment of parent-child relationships and parenting capacity evaluations, and has served on several advisory committees to the Child Protection Division of Cook County Juvenile Court.

She is a member of the Illinois Governor's Advisory Committee on Early Childhood Mental Health and consults on child development and child mental health issues to a number of institutions and agencies in the Chicago area. She teaches child development courses at Erikson and is a frequent commentator on child development and parenting issues in the media.

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## Betty Lammle



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Betty has a Master of Arts Degree in Economics and before joining the Region VII staff in July 1997, worked in a number of different capacities in Early Childhood Care and Education. She has been a Program Director for a child care resource and referral agency, directing the Child and Adult Care Food Program and the Corporate Enhanced Referral Program. Before her work with the R&R, she was a licensed family childcare provider for a number of years and specialized in school age care for the last 3 years as a provider. She directed a local organization devoted to providing financial and training support to family child care providers who offered lower cost care for low income families. She has served on the Kansas Statewide Child Care Advisory

Council and on the Olathe Children's Initiatives, a local planning council of agencies from local government, school districts and other early childhood stakeholders whose purpose was to provide coordination and development of programs for children and families.

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Nicole grew up in Central MO before coming to the Springfield area to attend Missouri State University. She graduated Cum Laude with a Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology and minor in Child and Family Development.

Nicole has over 20 years' experience in the early care and education field. She has been with Child Care Aware® of Southern Missouri for 17 years and has served as the Director for 16 years.

Nicole is a current board member for Child Care Aware® of Missouri. She is a graduate from Leadership Springfield Class XX and was recognized as a 40 under 40 honoree by the Springfield Business

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## Jessica Burton

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