



2018 APSAC Board of Directors Nominees

P. Leigh Bishop, ADA is the Chief of the Child Fatality Unit at the Queens County District Attorney's Office in New York City. She has served as an Assistant District Attorney for 21 years and has investigated and prosecuted violent crimes including homicide, rape, assault and robbery. Ms. Bishop specializes in homicide and assault investigations and prosecutions involving babies and toddlers with Abusive Head Trauma and is nationally recognized as a resource in the medico-legal issues that arise in these cases. Leigh has developed investigative protocols and works closely with members of the New York City Police Department's Homicide and Detective Squads, the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner of New York City, the Administration of Children's Services and all major New York City Hospitals. She lectures locally, regionally, nationally and internationally to professional legal and medical associations and institutions, including the American Academy of Pediatrics, the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, the American Association for Pediatric Ophthalmology and Strabismus, the Association of Prosecuting Attorneys, the Innocence Project, the National Center for Shaken Baby Syndrome, the Ray E. Helper Society, and the Kennedy Krieger Institute at Johns Hopkins Children's Center.



Susan Moan Hardie, RN, Ph.D. is a registered nurse and developmental psychologist. Her career spans over four decades caring for abused children and children with developmental disabilities and their families. Dr. Hardie has held numerous administrative, academic and clinical positions, maintained a private practice, and conducted research on children's eyewitness testimony and suggestibility. She was on the faculty of the UCLA School of Nursing, UCLA Extension, and the Graduate Schools of Psychology at Pepperdine and Antioch Universities. Dr. Hardie also was the director of Stuart House, a multidisciplinary child advocacy center in Santa Monica, California for 15 years. She received honors for her research from the California Nurses Association and for her advocacy and service from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC). She has been a member of APSAC since 1993 and is the current president of CAPSAC. She actively recruits membership throughout the State, edits the *Consultant* newsletter and participates in State Chapter activities. Dr. Hardie is also a member of The Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (APA Division 37) and serves as editor of the Best Practices column in the section on child maltreatment newsletter, the *Insider*.

Mary L. Pulido, PhD, is the Executive Director of The New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (NYSPCC), the first child protection agency in the world. She oversees fundraising, clinical treatment and prevention programs, research and the NYSPCC Training Institute. Currently, she is serving her second term as the President of the New York State Chapter of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children - (APSAC-NY), and chairs APSAC's Public Policy Committee. She has presented at APSAC Colloquia over the past 20 years on topics such as: crisis debriefing, preventing child sexual abuse, integrating domestic violence screening into child advocacy centers, managing secondary traumatic stress, and promoting resiliency among child protective service staff. She blogs for Huffington Post and Medium on child welfare/protection issues and brings attention to the legislative agenda of APSAC-NY. Her current efforts include advocating for the elimination of the statute of limitations for child victims of sexual abuse and strengthening child abuse reporting laws in New York State. She has a Ph.D. in Social Welfare from the City University of New York, a Master's Degree in Social Work from Hunter College and a Master's Degree in Teaching from Sacred Heart University. Dr. Pulido holds the rank of Adjunct Assistant Professor at The Silberman School of Social Work at Hunter College.

