

SPEAKER BIOGRAPHIES



Sarah Yanosy

Sarah Yanosy, LCSW has been a keynote and featured speaker on trauma and organizational culture at both national and international conferences and has published extensively on the implementation and impact of trauma responsive practice.

Ms. Yanosy's career has integrated clinical work, education and administration, which developed her expertise in trauma treatment in individual and family therapy, program and curriculum development as well as program evaluation and replication. She currently teaches at the Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, consults with nonprofit human service organizations and sees clients in a group practice in her home state of NY. She has developed nationally available collegiate

leadership programming, and previously served as the founding Director of the Sanctuary Institute. In her role as Director, Ms. Yanosy oversaw the development, training and implementation of the Sanctuary Model, a system-wide holistic organizational intervention. The resulting social movement built around practice of this model grew to over 350 organizations, including residential care, D&A treatment, domestic violence, juvenile justice programs, hospital, community based and school settings across the United States and seven other countries. Ms. Yanosy received her undergraduate and graduate degrees at Cornell University and Smith College respectively, and has completed post graduate programs at New York University, Fordham University and Columbia Business School.

Melissa McGinn, MSW, LCSW, is currently Greater Richmond SCAN's Community Programs Coordinator and Coordinator of the Greater Richmond Trauma Informed Community Network. Melissa is responsible for the management and coordination of all SCAN's prevention programs, training, and consultation on becoming a trauma informed organization. Melissa has been an adjunct professor and field liaison at Virginia Commonwealth University for over 10 years. Most recently Melissa worked at the Virginia Department of Social Services, re-establishing the Child Welfare Stipend Program at four universities across the state. Melissa spent the first 14 years of her career as a child and family therapist specializing in the treatment of complex trauma, working primarily with children in the child welfare system, in community based and outpatient settings.