

## Biographical Notes

### Participants in the Expert Consultation on Family and Parenting Support

**Perna Banati** is a global health specialist with extensive experience in monitoring and evaluation, corporate risk management and policy development. Before joining UNICEF, she was a Takemi Fellow in the Department of Global Health and Population at Harvard University. From 2004 to 2010 she led work on Program Effectiveness in the Performance Impact and Evaluation unit at the Global Fund to fight AIDS, TB and Malaria based in Geneva. Before joining the Global Fund, she worked for WHO in Evidence and Information for Policy as part of the Global Burden of Disease project. Prior to her time in Geneva, she was based in South Africa, leading research on community HIV prevention for independent NGOs.

She has published in the fields of HIV prevention, reproductive health, migration and health, aid architecture, health financing and environmental risk. Before her work in Africa, Perna worked for a multinational consulting company in Boston in the field of quantitative human health risk assessment. She has a Ph.D. from the University of Cambridge.

**Rachel Bray** is a social anthropologist and researcher in the Department for Social Policy and Intervention at Oxford University. She works with Mary Daly on this UNICEF study and an analysis of the evolution of parenting support in Europe.

Prior to this role, Rachel was based at the University of Cape Town conducting policy-oriented research on child well-being, family life, neighbourhoods and care in contexts of poverty and HIV in southern Africa. There she also worked with the Human Sciences Research Council, various UN inter-agency task teams and INGOs. This followed a decade of research in South Asia focusing on household survival, child migration and work and related policy responses. Her research partners included DFID, UNICEF and the ILO.

**Mark A. Brennan, Ph.D.** is the UNESCO Chair for Rural Community, Leadership, and Youth Development and Professor of Leadership and Community Development at Penn State University. Dr. Brennan's teaching, research, writing, and program development concentrates on the role of community and leadership development in the youth, community, and rural development process. In this context, much of his work has focused on community action, youth development, locally based natural resource management, economic development, and social justice. He is co-founder of the Global Network of UNESCO Chairs on Children, Youth, and Community.

Dr. Brennan has over 20 years' experience designing, conducting, and analyzing social science research related to community and rural development. This work has involved extensive comparative research throughout the United States, Europe, Africa, Asia and Central America. Dr. Brennan's research and program development has been funded by a variety of government, foundation, and private sources and resulting in over 100 publications in leading peer-reviewed journals, books, and outreach publications, and over 150 presentations at professional meetings. His recent books include *Theory, Practice, and Community Development* (2013) and *Community Leadership Development: A Compendium of Theory, Research, and Application* (2013). All of his

research and teaching outputs have been translated into outreach curriculum to facilitate the transfer of knowledge to a wider international audience.

**Zlata Bruckauf (Dr.)** has recently successfully completed her doctoral research at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention, University of Oxford. Prior to this she delivered policy research, advisory support and training courses in social protection, innovative mechanisms of social provision, monitoring and evaluation of social programmes under projects funded by donor agencies in Russia and Central Asia. Through the graduate course in International Development Policy, received under the Edmund S. Muskie Graduate Fellowship Programme, and prior work for international NGOs, she developed her interests in the issues of child and family focused public provision within an international context. Recently, her research has focused on the cumulative effects of adverse macro-economic conditions, such as recent economic crises, household level idiosyncratic shocks and poverty experience on families with children, examined through the lenses of child's welfare.

**Jasmina Byrne** has been with the UNICEF Office of Research- Innocenti, since September 2010. She leads UNICEF Office of Research's work on family and parenting support as well as children's rights in the digital age. Prior to joining Innocenti, Jasmina was head of UNICEF child protection programme in Indonesia. She has close to 20 years of international experience in managing complex child rights and protection programmes, including research, policy development, programme design and evaluation in South East Asia, Europe and Southern Africa with UNICEF, Save the Children. International Committee of the Red Cross and UN Women. Jasmina's academic background is in international relations and human rights.

**Yekaterina Chzhen (Dr.)**, Social and Economic Policy Specialist . Kat joined the Office of Research in February 2013 after two and a half years as a Post-Doctoral Fellow in Quantitative Methods in Social and Political Sciences at the University of Oxford and a Non-Stipendiary Research Fellow at Nuffield College. She has completed her PhD in Social Policy & Economics at the University of York in 2010 on the subject of gender differences in earnings and occupational attainment in Europe and the role of work-family reconciliation policies. During her time as a PhD student, Kat has carried out six child poverty assessments for the UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS: Armenia, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Georgia, Kosovo, Kyrgyzstan and Serbia. At the Office of Research, Kat is working on two projects on child well-being and equity: Report Card series and Multiple Overlapping Deprivation Analysis (MODA).

**John Coleman (Dr.)** is a clinical and developmental psychologist. He was for many years the Director of the Trust for the Study of Adolescence (TSA), and since October 2006 he has been a Senior Research Fellow in the Department of Education at Oxford University. He is the author of numerous books, including *"The nature of adolescence"* (Routledge, 2011), now in its fourth edition. Together with Dr Ann Hagell he is currently working on a new edition of their book *"Adolescence: risk and resilience"* first published in 2007. His new book, *"Why won't my teenager talk to me?"* will be published by Routledge in May 2014. He has been a Senior Policy Advisor in the Department of Health, where he worked on emotional health and well-being in children and young people. He is the Chair of the Association for Young People's Health and a Trustee of Family Lives. He has a long-standing interest in support for parents of teenagers, and he runs workshops for parents in secondary schools. He was awarded an OBE in 2001 for services to youth justice.

**Mary Daly** is Professor of Sociology and Social Policy at the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at the University of Oxford. Formerly she was a professor at Queen's University Belfast. Among the fields on which she has published are parenting, poverty, care, gender, family and labour market policies. Much of her work is comparative, in a European and international context. Parenting policies are a major focus of her research and policy activity. She was the editor of the 2007 Council of Europe publication *Parenting in Europe: A Positive Approach*. She is currently leading two research projects on the topic. The first is the England component of a four country study on the turn to parenting support in Europe and the second is the UNICEF project on family and parenting support in a global context. She was also the Thematic Expert for the Peer Review '*Building a Coordinated Strategy for Parenting Support*', hosted by the French government in Paris, October 6-7, 2011.

**Clarice da Silva** is Child Protection Specialist working in the Programme Division in UNICEF NYHQ on issues related to violence against children in early childhood and in schools, violence against women, and child labour. Prior to joining Headquarters, Ms. Da Silva e Paula was coordinating the Child Protection Team in the UNICEF Montenegro Office where the main focus of the work was on the child care system reform and children with disabilities. She also worked for UNICEF Mozambique managing the programme component on prevention and response to violence against children and in the UNICEF Office of Research, supporting the research efforts towards the 2006 UN Study on Violence against Children. From 2007 to 2009 Ms. Da Silva e Paula joined the Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights in Geneva as an Associate Human Rights Officer, to be part of the first team to support the Human Rights Council Universal Periodic Review. Ms. Da Silva e Paula has an MA in Human Rights from the European Master's Degree in Human Rights and Democratisation programme (Italy).

**Andrew (Andy) Dawes** is an Associate Professor Emeritus in the Department of Psychology at the University of Cape Town where he lectured since 1975. He is a clinical and developmental psychologist. During the 1980s, in parallel with his university position, he and colleagues established OASSSA, an anti-apartheid mental health organisation that provided services to adults and children who had been subject to detention and torture by the regime. In 2000, he was co-founder of the University of Cape Town Children's Institute, and until 2008, was a Research Director in the Human Sciences Research Council of South Africa. Between 2006 and 2013 he was an Associate Fellow in the Department of Social Policy and Intervention at Oxford. Most recently he has been research and evaluation advisor to Ilifa Labantwana, an initiative that seeks to provide evidence for scalable evidence-based interventions to improve the outcomes of young children in poverty. Andy has many years of experience in child social policy research with particular foci on violence, child maltreatment and early development. He has conducted research on behalf of government and international non-governmental agencies including UNICEF. Recent contributions include a national indicator system for monitoring the rights and well-being of children (for the National Department of Women, Children and People with Disabilities in 2012) and the development of a Child Protection Strategy for the Western Cape Provincial Government (2012). In addition to seven edited books he has produced a number of journal articles, book chapters, and major research reports.

**Carmel Devaney** is a Lecturer and Course Director of the Master Degree in Family Support Studies in the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at National University of Ireland, Galway. Carmel is lead researcher on a number of practice based projects for the Health Service Executive and has

designed and delivered a number of Family Support training initiatives for managers and practitioners. Carmel has also worked for many years in children and family services as both a practitioner and manager. Carmel's recent publications and conference presentations are in the area of Family Support, child welfare and protection, and wellbeing

**Pat Dolan (Prof.)** is joint founder and Director of the UNESCO Child and Family Research Centre at National University Ireland, Galway, Ireland. He also contributes to the wider undergraduate and postgraduate degree programmes of the School of Political Science and Sociology as well as supervising Ph.D. candidates and Masters Dissertations in Family Support, Social Work and Community Development.

Professor Dolan holds the prestigious UNESCO Chair in Children, Youth and Civic Engagement, the first to be awarded in the Republic of Ireland. The UNESCO Chair delivers a comprehensive programme of work towards the objective of promoting civic engagement and leadership skills among children and youth. Professor Dolan has worked with and for families as a practitioner, service manager, and academic for over 20 years. He has completed an extensive body of research on family issues including longitudinal research on adolescents, their perceived mental health, resilience and social support networks and has published in a wide range of academic publications.

**Elena Gaia** is currently Policy Analysis Specialist at the UNICEF Regional Office for CEE/CIS in Geneva. Previously she worked as Research Analyst in the Social Policy and Development Programme at the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD). Her research and advocacy work concentrate on social protection, poverty, human rights and migration. Recent publications include Expanding Social Protection for Children in Eastern Europe and Central Asia (UNICEF Working Paper, with D. Martins, 2012), Social Protection in Central Asia (with S. Rashidova, 2011), and Mi Familia Progresá: Change and Continuity in Guatemala's Social Policy (Social Policy Review 22, 2010).

**Peter Gross** is a British national, has been the Alternative Care Specialist in the Child Protection Section of UNICEF New York Headquarters for the last three years. Prior to this he was a Social Policy Specialist in UNICEF Botswana. This was preceded by 8 years of freelance social policy consulting, mainly in the CEE/CIS region. Prior to this he worked in the Scottish Department (Ministry) of Health, and the then Benefits Agency (which administered, at the time, pensions, sickness-related benefits and social assistance type benefits). Peter holds Masters degrees in Social Sciences, Social Policy, and Psychology.

**Sudhanshu Handa (Dr.)** is Chief of Social Policy at UNICEF's Office of Research—Innocenti and Professor of Public Policy at the University of North Carolina. He is an economist by training with areas of specialization in poverty and human development. He currently leads several large-scale impact evaluations of cash transfer programs in Africa as part of the Transfer Project, a multi-country learning and research initiative on cash transfer programs in Africa. Dr. Handa's previously worked as Social Development Specialist at the Inter-American Development Bank, Lecturer at the University of the West Indies (Mona), and Professor of Agricultural Economics at the Eduardo Mondale University. Dr. Handa was born in Ghana and avidly supports the Black Stars when he is not analyzing data.

**Jana Hainsworth** joined Eurochild as Secretary General in January 2006. Eurochild is the key civil society network promoting children's rights and well-being in Europe, bringing together over 100 member organisations from across Europe. Jana has nurtured Eurochild's growing expertise in the fields of child poverty, early childhood policies, family support and children in alternative care. Throughout its work, Eurochild aims to ensure that the voices and experiences of children themselves are heard. Jana has played a key role in expanding Eurochild's child participation activities, such as developing the 'Speak Up!' project which focuses on understanding how children, particularly those who are vulnerable through circumstance or characteristics, view and experience their own rights.

Jana previously worked in a Brussels-based communications consultancy where she focused on social affairs and anti-discrimination issues. She has also managed a network of organisations promoting long-term voluntary service in the youth field and has worked for several years in private research and consultancy. She has a Masters degree in environment, development and policy from Sussex University and an Honours degree in Natural Sciences from Durham University in the UK.

**Maria Herczog (Dr.)** Ph.D is an economist, sociologist, visiting lecturer at the ELTE Budapest University Doctoral School in Social Policy, Social Work. She is the chair, and program and research director of the Family Child Youth Association. She was elected as a member to the UN CRC Committee in 2007 and re-elected in 2010, and as a rapporteur of the Committee in 2013. Dr. Herczog has been doing research on child welfare, child protection and on child rights, family matters in the last 30 years, author of several books, book chapters and journal articles. She was elected as president in 2010, re-elected in 2013 of Eurochild.

**Göran Holmqvist** is currently Associate Director of Strategic Research at the UNICEF Office of Research based in Florence, Italy. Prior to joining UNICEF he has held various leadership positions in the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida), including as its Director General and as Director for several of its regional departments. Mr. Holmqvist is a national of Sweden. His academic background is as a development economist, with his more recent publications related to income inequality, social protection and aid effectiveness.

**Lena Karlsson** (since January 2010) is the Director of Save the Children's Child Protection Initiative (CPI), one of Save the Children's six thematic priorities, 2010-2015.

Lena is a business economist (organizational development) with a Master's Degree in Aid and Development and with significant global experience on children's rights, gender and child protection. Her professional experience consists of 20 years of progressively responsible positions in Europe, Africa and Asia, for UN agencies (UNICEF and ILO) and international NGOs on programming, management, coordination, organizational development, research, child participation & community mobilization, advocacy and capacity building.

**Ruti Levto**v is a Program Officer at Promundo-US and the co-coordinator of the Global MenCare Campaign. Promundo's mission is to promote caring, non-violent and equitable masculinities and gender relations internationally, through research, program development and evaluation, and advocacy. The MenCare Campaign is working in more than 25 countries to promote men's involvement as equitable, non-violent fathers and caregivers in order to achieve family well-being and gender equality. Ruti previously worked with the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public

Health, and the Maternal and Child Health Policy Research Center, and was a research fellow at the Tata Institute for Social Sciences in Mumbai. She received her PhD in Public Health from the University of Michigan.

**Heidi Loening-Voysey.** After qualifying at the University of Kwa Zulu Natal, Heidi Loening-Voysey started her career as a Social Worker at a children's home in Sea Cow Lake, Durban. A few years later, she completed her Honours degree in social work with UNISA and proceeded to work in fields of mental health and gender-based violence.

Following a real interest in social work education and social development, Heidi completed a Masters degree in Public and Development Management researching models of care for orphaned and vulnerable children and then returned to the University of Witwatersrand to oversee and facilitate incorporation of service learning into academic programmes.

Her passionate interest in situations relating to orphaned and vulnerable children led to her current position at UNICEF, where she has been employed as a Child Protection Specialist for almost ten years. Heidi has travelled extensively in Southern Africa advising and working with facilities caring for vulnerable children. She is currently studying for her second Masters degree at the University of Witwatersrand, this one on Social Security.

**Bernadette Madrid (Dr.)** is the Executive Director of the Child Protection Network Foundation, Inc., an NGO that supports the training of Child Protection Professionals and the development of Child Protection Units in the Philippines. She is also the Head of the Child Protection Unit of the University of the Philippines Manila - Philippine General Hospital where she is concurrently Associate Clinical Professor in Pediatrics. The UP Manila Child Protection Unit at the Philippine General Hospital has been cited as best practice by the UN Secretary General's Report on Children and Violence. Dr. Madrid has been the recipient of several awards for her work in Child Protection: The Outstanding Women in the Nation's Service in 2001; 5 Most Outstanding Philippine Doctors for 2004, an award given by the Jaycees together with the Dept of Health and the World Health Organization ; 2009 Outstanding Woman Leaders of the City of Manila by the Soroptimists and the City of Manila; 2012 Outstanding Service Award for Child Protective Services by the National Children's Advocacy Center, Alabama, USA; 2013 Most Distinguished Alumnus Award for Service by an individual by the University of the Philippines Alumni Association in its centennial celebration.

Dr. Madrid is a member of several government committees that cuts across health, social welfare, law enforcement and the judiciary. She is Professorial Lecturer II of the Philippine Judicial Academy of the Supreme Court of the Philippines. She was the first President of the Philippine Ambulatory Pediatric Association She has been elected to the Executive Council of the International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect from 2004-2010. She is presently a member of the Steering Committee of the Global Social Service Workforce Alliance. She is a reviewer for Child Abuse & Neglect, the International Journal and the Journal of Interpersonal Violence.

**Alice Margaria** is a consultant at UNICEF Office of Research and she works on the family and parenting support project, together with Jasmina Byrne. Alice is also completing a PhD in gender, human rights and family law at the Law Department of the European University Institute (Florence). Her research investigates whether and, if so, to what extent, international human rights law challenges the traditional ideology of fatherhood, thus promoting egalitarian family practices. At the EUI, she is also

the co-ordinator of the Human Rights Working Group. Moreover, she is a reporter on Italy for Oxford Reports on International Law in Domestic Courts (Oxford University Press online database which covers international law as applied in national courts).

Prior to joining UNICEF Office of Research, Alice gained relevant field experience in Bosnia-Herzegovina and India. During her internship with UNICEF Bosnia-Herzegovina, she drafted the UNICEF Country Office report on the status of implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child aimed at supplementing the consolidated second to fourth periodic reports of the State. In India, she became involved in the Child Rights and Women's Justice Initiatives of a local human rights NGO through Public Interest Litigation, pro-bono legal aid, fact-finding missions and research in the areas of reproductive rights and child marriage.

**Florence Martin** is a human rights lawyer and a clinical social worker with over 18 years of experience in child protection and children's care in both emergency and development contexts. Her work has focused on reforming and strengthening national child protection systems, including the framework for the delivery of social services and social work practice with children and their families. Florence has conducted research, advocated for policy and legal reforms, evaluated programs, and developed and piloted social work interventions with children facing care and protection issues.

In addition to her work for Better Care Network (BCN), Save the Children, UNICEF, UN peacekeeping operations, and Building Professional Social Work in Developing Countries, she has worked for Amnesty International as its representative to the United Nations and has extensive experience of advocacy and standard-setting at the international level.

**Marie-Claude Martin** is Director, ad interim at the UNICEF Office of Research Innocenti based in Florence, Italy and concurrently Associate Director Research and Knowledge Management. Before joining UNICEF, she served in a number of senior positions at the International Development Research Centre (IDRC). She headed the Think Tank Initiative and led the global program on Micro Impacts of Macroeconomic and Adjustment Policies after serving as Senior Specialist in the Health and in the Economic programmes. She holds a Ph.D. in Public Health and a M.A. in Economics.

**M. Catherine Maternowska** has over two decades of global experience in socio-medical research, evaluation, and programming. Trained in economics, public health and medical anthropology, she has published multiple articles and a book on population and poverty in Haiti. Her experience managing donor-financed national, regional and global health programs has focused on child protection and sexual and reproductive health with expertise in gender-based violence policy, prevention, care, and treatment. Dr. Maternowska held a faculty position at the University of California, San Francisco for ten years until 2010 and remains an active scholar at the Bixby Center for Global Reproductive Health. A consultant on global health efforts particularly on adolescent programming and violence research, Dr. Maternowska has worked with The Population Council, The Gates Foundation and The Nike Foundation. Her specialties include the use of mixed methodologies, community-based and applied research, program design and management, and monitoring & evaluation. At UNICEF she developed evidence-based national child protection strategies addressing violence against children and women in 21 countries in Eastern and Southern Africa. At the UNICEF Office of Research she provides research and evaluation technical assistance to dozens of Regional and Country Offices, is developing conceptual work around violence and the age/gender nexus and

leads the Multi Country Study on the Drivers of Violence Affecting Children in Viet Nam, Peru, Italy and Zimbabwe.

**Andrew Mawson** leads the Implementation of International Standards and Child Protection team at the UNICEF Office of Research, a post he has held since late 2010. In addition to research on social and structural determinants of violence against children and primary and secondary prevention strategies, the team has a strand of research on governance and child rights which includes work on public sector decision-making (with a focus on birth registration) and independent human rights institutions for children (ombudspersons and human rights commissions). Trained in social anthropology (and archaeology), Dr. Mawson was a researcher for Amnesty International from 1988 to 1999, with a particular focus on Sudan and Uganda. After a brief spells with Save the Children in London and the human rights unit of the UN Department of Peace Keeping Operations' Mission in Sierra Leone (UNAMSIL), in 2000 Dr. Mawson joined UNICEF as head of child protection in the Sudan (Khartoum) and subsequently headed the organization's child protection emergency response for northern Uganda. Before moving to Florence, Dr. Mawson was Deputy Program Director of Human Rights Watch, supervising research on children's rights, women's rights and on rights issues in Europe and Africa.

**Rosana Morgado** is a Social Worker with a Doctorate in Sociology at Catholic University of São Paulo (BR, 2001) and Postdoctoral at University of Hertfordshire (UK, 2010). Coordinator of Post-Graduation Programme of Social Work at Federal University of Rio de Janeiro, since 2012. Researcher at NETIJ - Centre for Research on Family, Childhood and Youth. Has experience in the area of Social Work, working as a teacher, researcher and consultant on the following topics: domestic violence, child abuse, gender relations, family, social policy and welfare assistance.

**Emebet Mulugeta** (Dr.) received her BA degree in Psychology from Addis Ababa University, her M.Ed. in Developmental Psychology and her Ed.D. in Psychological Foundations of Education from the University of Cincinnati, Ohio, USA. She is an associate professor in the School of Psychology and Center for Gender Studies at Addis Ababa University. Dr. Emebet is the founder and Director of Nia Center for Children and Family Development (NiaCCFD). The overall objective of the Center is to contribute to the creation of an environment that enhances the welfare of children, families and communities at large. In order to achieve its objectives, the Center employs various strategies including research and documentation, training, counseling and outreach.

She has several years of work experience in teaching, research, and intervention on issues related to children, families, education, and gender, and has published a number of articles and book chapters. She is a member of various organizations including Ethiopian Psychologists Association (EPA), Forum for Social Studies (FSS), and Forum for African Women Educationalists (FAWE).

**Jenny Pearce** is Professor of Young People and Public Policy at the University of Bedfordshire, UK, where she is Director of the 'International Centre: Researching Child Sexual Exploitation, Violence and Trafficking'. The centre was recently awarded the Queens Anniversary Prize for applied research on child sexual exploitation influencing safeguarding policy and practice (2013).

She is co-founder of the 'NWG Network: tackling child sexual exploitation' and the UK 'Child Sexual Exploitation Research Forum'. She is a member of the Policy Steering Committee of 'Eurochild' and co-chair of their reference group on child participation. She has worked as a rapporteur with the

Council of Europe 'One in Five' Campaign to stop sexual violence against children and was a panel member for The Office of The Children's Commissioner for England's (OCC) 'Inquiry into Child Sexual Exploitation in Gangs and Groups' (2011 to 2013), working as Principle Investigator for their research into sexual violence in gang affected neighbourhoods.

Jenny is currently managing a number of research projects focusing on preventing sexual violence against children including The 'Our Voices' Project: an Oak Foundation and University of Bedfordshire funded European Network promoting children's participation in preventing sexual violence. She is developing a UNESCO University Twinning and Network Scheme focusing on international efforts to prevent sexual violence against children. She is associate editor with the journals 'Youth and Policy' and 'Child Abuse Review'.

Jenny has researched and published on a number of topics related to child protection, child sexual exploitation and child trafficking. She trained as a teacher, and has worked in schools, youth justice and youth and community work. She works in partnership with young people, NGOs and statutory services to develop opportunities for training, research and curriculum development on child welfare and child protection.

**Ninoslava Pecnik (Prof. Dr.)** is Ninoslava Pećnik is a Professor of Psychology at the Department of Social Work at the Faculty of Law, University of Zagreb where she teaches courses: 'Social Psychology', 'Developmental Psychology', 'Child Abuse and Neglect', 'Family Policy, Parenting, Children', 'Contemporary Parenting and the Rights of the Child', 'Contemporary Research in Social Work'. She has led several nation-wide research projects on parenting attitudes, practices and parenting support services and has published, alone or with co-authors, 6 books and over 50 scientific and professional papers. She has supervised doctoral dissertations in the field of parenting and given guest lectures at the University of Örebro in Sweden (at Dept. of Psychology /Center for Developmental Research, Dept. of Social Work and the Swedish Academy of the Rights of the Child). She participated in the Working Group on parenting skills, especially for the prevention of violence against children within the Council of Europe and was a consultant for the report underlying the CoE Recommendation 19 (2006) on the policy to support positive parenting. She was involved in national policy making related to parenting support and child protection. In 2011 she received the Annual Award for the Promotion of the Rights of the Child by the Croatian Government, as well as the Award from a national NGO 'Parents in Action' for a distinguished professional contribution to supporting responsible parenting. She has co-operated in the field of ECD, positive parenting and parenting support with the UNICEF Office for Croatia since 2006. She is a co-author of the parenting support program for parents of young children entitled 'Growing Up Together' which is implemented in Croatia, Bosnia&Herzegovina and Bulgaria. She is the president of the Center for parenting support 'Growing Up Together'.

**Dale Rutstein** is the Chief of Communication and Advocacy at the UNICEF Office of Research – Innocenti. Dale recently began his new role leading advocacy and communication for UNICEF's global research function, after 6 years in charge of media, advocacy and partnership efforts for UNICEF China. In China, he expanded UNICEF's social media initiatives for the promotion of child rights reaching almost 3 million regular followers. He led the development of UNICEF partnerships with media, celebrities, corporations, sports organizations and foundations. Dale has worked with UNICEF off and on since 1992, principally in its East Asia and Eastern Europe-CIS regions. He has

carved out a specialization in media mobilization in support of high profile child rights lobbying efforts. As UNICEF Communication Chief in the Philippines (2003-2008), Dale orchestrated national media campaigns that secured the first juvenile justice system law and historic strengthening of breastmilk substitute advertising bans. Coming from the world of television journalism Dale has pioneered UNICEF efforts to include the voices of disadvantaged young people on nationwide broadcast television in Albania and the Philippines. From 1997 to 2000 Dale headed up the Baha'i International Community's Office of Public Information and led efforts to defend minority rights to higher education. Dale received his BA in creative writing at Hamilton College and Masters in education from the Harvard Graduate School of Education. He is a native of Massachusetts. His wife Helen was born in the UK and their three children were born during Dale's first overseas posting in Papua New Guinea.

**Elayn Sammon** has 25 years working experience which includes more than 19 years of programme planning, development and management in the UK and Ireland, Central and Eastern Europe, South East Asia and Africa specifically in the social protection and child rights sector. Currently she manages the USD 80M multi-donor aligned Child Protection Fund, managed by UNICEF in support of the Government of Zimbabwe's National Action Plan for Orphans and Vulnerable Children.

**Maureen Samms-Vaughan** is Professor of Child Health, Child Development and Behaviour at the University of the West Indies and Consultant Developmental and Behavioural Paediatrician at the associated University Hospital. She is known locally, regionally and internationally for her seminal research, clinical work and policy development in the field of child health, child development and behavior and is recognised as an advocate for children. In 2003, she was appointed the first Chairman of the Early Childhood Commission (ECC), a body established by the Government of Jamaica to develop the country's early childhood sector. Under her leadership, the ECC developed and implemented Jamaica's first cross-sectoral National Strategic Plan for Early Childhood Development (ECD), which has been recognized as an international model. An important element of this model was its focus on parenting and family support. She has guided the development of Jamaica's National Parenting Policy and is currently co-ordinating the development of Jamaica's ECD Policy. Her research, primarily based on the establishment of longitudinal birth cohort studies (The Jamaican Birth Cohort Studies), has focused on factors promoting and preventing optimum development in childhood, and has specifically studied the impact of parenting structure, parenting functioning and parenting stress. .

**Lorraine Sherr (Prof.)** is a Clinical Psychologist and Professor at University College London Medical School as the head of the Health Psychology Unit. Born in South Africa, she studied Psychology at Warwick University UK and has a PhD in Psychology looking at the importance of Communication in health care. Prof Sherr has worked at a National and International level on Children, mental health, treatment adherence, switching, gender, pregnancy, families, parenting, interventions, research methodology and knowledge synthesis, discrimination and HIV infection. She is editor of three International Journals; AIDS Care, Psychology Health and Medicine and Vulnerable Children and Youth Studies. She is one of the organisers of the Global AIDS Impact conferences and acted as co-chair of the Learning Group on Families for the Joint Learning Initiative on Children and AIDS (JLICA-Harvard University). She sits on the steering committee of the International Coalition on Children affected by AIDS (CCABA), has served on the WHO Strategic and Technical Advisory Committee on HIV/AIDS (2004-2007), was appointed a Churchill Fellow for life for her work on HIV – women and children, chaired WHO Disclosure group and contributes to the Global Learning Initiative on Violence

(Know Violence). She has comprehensive work in Europe and Africa, sitting on the board of REPSSI, the monitoring and evaluation IATT/CABA M&E Working Group (Co-ordinated by UNICEF). Prof Lorraine Sherr has provided Psychosocial evaluations for international organisations such as USAID, World Health Organisation, UNICEF, Save the Children, Care, Bernard van Leer Foundation, World Bank and Norad. She provided a critical review of the first phase of the Pefpar programme, and has participated in two global Evidence Summits organised by USAID. Prof Sherr sat on the British HIV Association (BHIVA), both on the Social and Behavioural Group and the Executive and the current Institute of Medicine (USA) initiative on Investing in Young Children. She has a wide portfolio of research and research grants, written and contributed to over 40 texts and published over 200 papers in peer reviewed journals.

**Denise Stuckenbruck** is a passionate child rights advocate who has been working in this field for over 15 years. She started her child rights career in a local organization supporting children living on the streets in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, her hometown. Thereafter she worked with Save the Children for 12 years in different capacities, always with a strong focus on child protection. She was actively involved in the process leading up to the launch of the UN Study on Violence against Children in 2006, coordinating a regional campaign to ban all corporal punishment of children across 15 countries in Latin America and the Caribbean during that time. In 2007 she moved to Kenya as a regional program manager for Save the Children in East and Central Africa, position she held until 2010. From then until September 2013, Denise was the global program manager for Save the Children's Child Protection Initiative. In October 2013 she became a child protection specialist at the UNICEF East and Southern Africa Regional Office, based in Nairobi.

Denise holds a BA in History and a degree of Master of Advanced Studies in Child Rights from the University of Fribourg in Switzerland.