

2025 OSBI Sexual Assault Symposium: Be Heard-Be Believed-Be Supported

Speaker Bios



Ms. Kelly Taylor is a registered nurse, Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner and Forensic Healthcare Examiner. She currently serves as the Forensic Healthcare Program Manager at a medical center in North Carolina. She began her career in emergency and trauma medicine in 2002, and her experience with both assault and non-assault related patients has built her expertise in forensic healthcare.

Ms. Taylor serves as an expert witness and consultant for both the prosecution and defense in sexual assault, physical assault, domestic violence, and strangulation cases. In addition to clinical practice and program management, she instructs law enforcement, advocacy, medical and legal professionals as part of a multidisciplinary approach to assault and abuse cases. Ms. Taylor's areas of expertise include medical and forensic healthcare, evidence collection, forensic healthcare testimony, drug facilitated sexual assault, intimate partner violence, strangulation, and the neurobiology of trauma/trauma-informed interviewing.

Ms. Taylor attended the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and studied a pre-nursing curriculum and graduated from Presbyterian Hospital School of Nursing in Charlotte, NC in December 2001. She is certified as a Sexual Assault Nurse Examiner through the International Association of Forensic Nurses.

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Linda Terrell is a respected leader with over 40 years of experience in the nonprofit sector, focusing on advocacy and support for women, children, and families. Her career has been deeply shaped by her personal experience as a survivor of sexual violence, having been raped in her home in Norman, Oklahoma, in 1985. Following this traumatic event, she became an outspoken advocate, using her own story to foster understanding and develop programs aimed at improving support for rape survivors.

In 1985, Linda initiated the **Take Back the Night March** on the University of Oklahoma campus, a powerful event that continues to take place annually to raise awareness and fight against sexual violence. That same year, she helped establish **Community Against Sexual Assault** in Oklahoma, further solidifying her commitment to ending sexual violence and supporting survivors.

Linda's work has had a profound impact on public policy and law enforcement practices. In 2016, she spearheaded the campaign to make Oklahoma the second state in the nation to adopt the **Start by Believing** initiative, a statewide effort to improve the response to sexual assault survivors. From 2014 to 2017, she facilitated training sessions for thousands of law enforcement officers, prosecutors, victim advocates, and nurse examiners to help them respond more effectively to sexual assault cases.

As a **member of the Sexual Assault Forensic Evidence (SAFE) Task Force since 2020**, Linda currently serves as the vice chair of the newly legislatively formed **SAFE Board**, a position that allows her to continue her work in shaping policies that improve the criminal justice system's response to sexual assault.

Linda's work is also documented in her 1986 publication, "**A Descriptive Study of Rape: Is 'Defensible Space' A Solution?**" published in the *Journal of Free Inquiry in Creative Sociology*. She remains a passionate and active voice in the ongoing fight against sexual violence, regularly sharing her personal journey from victim to survivor across the state and nation.

Linda holds a **BA in Political Science** and an **MA in Human Relations** from the University of Oklahoma. She is married to David Wilson, and together they have a blended family of three daughters, a son, and three grandchildren.

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Natalie Gallo, MEd
PSB-A Lead Trainer

Natalie Gallo, MEd, is a Licensed Professional Counselor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Center on Child Abuse and Neglect (CCAN). Ms. Gallo received her Master of Education in Professional Counseling from the University of Oklahoma in 2016. Her clinical experiences include evidence-based interventions for children with disruptive behavior disorders, posttraumatic stress disorder and other trauma-related disorders, children with problematic sexual behavior, and selective mutism. Ms. Gallo is the Program Director for CCAN's Program for Adolescents with Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB-A).

Ms. Gallo is the Adolescent Training Director and a lead trainer in the University of Oklahoma Problematic Sexual Behavior – Cognitive Behavioral Therapy™ (PSB-CBT™) model, in which she provides national training and consultation in the PSB-CBT™ adolescent age model, assists with the initial assessment of needs and design a training plan to facilitate teams use of the evidence-based program, collaborative care, and engagement of stakeholders. She recently co-wrote an update to the PSB-CBT-Adolescent Treatment manual with Drs. Schmidt and Galsky of NCSBY. (Schmidt, Gallo, & Galsky 2021).

Ms. Gallo is a nationally certified therapist in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), an evidence-based treatment for children and adolescents impacted by trauma and their parents or caregivers, facilitates trainings with the Oklahoma TF-CBT training team on trauma-focused assessments and advanced implementation of TF-CBT, is a certified provider in Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), an evidence-based treatment for young children with disruptive behavior disorders, and a certified therapist in PCIT for Selective Mutism (PCIT-SM) an evidence- based treatment for youth are selectively mute due to severe social anxiety.

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Erin Taylor, PhD
PSB-S Lead Trainer

Erin Taylor, PhD, is currently an Assistant Professor at the University of Oklahoma Health Sciences Center, Center on Child Abuse and Neglect. She completed her doctoral work at the University of Missouri and her undergraduate work at Vanderbilt University. Her primary clinical interests include assessment and treatment of children exhibiting problematic sexual behavior and who have a history of experiencing trauma. In addition, her research interests focus on the dissemination and implementation of evidence-based treatments (EBTs) for underserved populations youth.

Dr. Taylor is currently the program coordinator and lead clinician for the Treatment Program for Children with Problematic Sexual Behavior (PSB) for preschool children, and she has previously served as a lead clinician in the PSB Programs for school-age children. She is a Master Trainer in the University of Oklahoma Problematic Sexual Behavior – Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy model for school-age children and provides training to students, as well as state and regional providers. In addition, Dr. Taylor has been trained in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), an evidence-based treatment (EBT) for children and adolescents impacted by trauma and their parents or caregivers; she is currently completing training and certification for Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT) model. During her graduate training, Dr. Taylor received training in Multisystemic Therapy (MST), an intensive, in-home family therapy model for youth engaged in antisocial or delinquent behavior, and was supervised by the model co-developer.

In addition to her clinical activities, Dr. Taylor is actively involved in multiple research projects focused on children and adolescents exhibiting problematic sexual behavior. Over the previous two years, she has contributed to numerous projects focused on the implementation of EBTs for children exhibiting problematic sexual behavior, adaptations of EBTs, youth engagement in electronic and online sexual behaviors (e.g., sexting, viewing online pornography), parenting practices, collaboration efforts across multiple professional systems (e.g., law enforcement, child welfare, mental health) who work with youth exhibiting PSB, and EBT adoption in community providers.