

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Robin H. Gurwitch, Ph.D.

Dr. Robin Gurwitch, a Clinical Psychologist, is a faculty member in the Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences at Duke University Medical Center and the Center for Child and Family Health. Dr. Gurwitch specializes in work with children, particularly those considered at-risk. Since the bombing in Oklahoma City in 1995, she has devoted much time to understanding the impact of trauma and disaster on children and ways to increase resilience, including stressors related to military deployment. Dr. Gurwitch has served on state and national committees and task forces focusing on trauma, disaster, terrorism, and resilience. Dr. Gurwitch has published numerous scientific articles and book chapters and developed materials on these issues; she has co-authored an intervention manual for use with young children after disasters/trauma and programs for the American Red Cross, including *Coping with Deployment: Psychological First Aid for Military Families* and *Coping in Today's World: Psychological First Aid and Resilience for Families, Friends, and Neighbors*. She is a co-author of book for professionals working with children after disaster and crisis, *When their worlds fall apart*. Dr. Gurwitch and colleagues have developed a Psychological First Aid series for helping children after disaster, *Listen, Protect, and Connect*, including *Listen, Protect, Connect, Model and Teach* for use in the schools. Recently, she and colleagues worked with the Department of Education in developing new materials for addressing compassion fatigue in the schools after crisis events. She provides training and consultation services to agencies, schools, and organizations, including federal organizations, across the country and internationally. Dr. Gurwitch is a member of the APA Disaster Response Network. Dr. Gurwitch served as a member of the National Commission on Children and Disasters, Subcommittee on Human Services Recovery. She is a Subject Matter Expert in the area of at-risk populations for the Disaster Mental Health Subcommittee of the National Bio-Defense Science Board, for the Pediatric Preparedness and Response in Public Health Emergencies and Disasters for the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response (DHHS/ASPR), and for Substance Abuse Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). She was recently appointed to the newly formed HHS National Advisory Committee on Children and Disasters. Dr. Gurwitch has been actively involved in the National Child Traumatic Stress Network since it began in 2001.

Dr. Gurwitch is also a leader in the evidence-based treatment, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT). As one only 16 Master Trainers certified by PCIT-International, Dr. Gurwitch provides training, service, and consultation as well as conducts research in PCIT.