



Stacie LeBlanc, JD, MEd has over thirty years of experience in child maltreatment. She is a past-president of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) and the co-founder of The UP Institute, which provides consultation and innovative training focused on upstream solutions to child abuse. Stacie began her career as a child abuse prosecutor where she served as the chief of the Felony Child Abuse Division Jefferson Parish, launched the first Children's Advocacy Center in Louisiana, founded the Family Violence program, obtained grant funding for services and a statewide Victim Information Notification Program. She also founded the Audrey Hepburn (CARE) Center and is the former Executive Director of the New Orleans Children's Advocacy Center. Stacie obtained a master's degree in Early Childhood Development and has published five children's books in the Check Out series covering topics from the Children's Advocacy Center, the Check Up, the Court House to trauma-focused therapy. She has designed and evaluated multiple prevention programs including Teens, Sex, and the Law; Dear Parents; and Painless Parenting. She chairs the National No Hit Zone Committee which is currently tracking the rapid growth of organizational No Hit Zones nationally and internationally. Stacie has received numerous recognitions for her advocacy and was recognized for 11 successful legislative amendments. Stacie is the 2022 recipient of the Distinguished Contribution to Child Advocacy Award by the APA Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice. Most recently, 2023 Hope House Children's Advocacy Center's Champion For Children's Award