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Marla R. Brassard, Ph.D., is Professor Emerita in the School Psychology Program at Teachers College, Columbia University. A licensed psychologist, for 40+ years her research has focused on psychological maltreatment (PM) of children by parents, teachers, and peers. She has co-authored four books, many articles/chapters on PM. She co-convoked the first International Conference on Psychological Abuse in 1983; co-authored the American Profession Society on Child Abuse-endorsed definition of PM; co-wrote the APSAC Guidelines for the Psychosocial Evaluation of Suspected Psychological Maltreatment (1995; 2017); coconvoked the international Child Psychological Maltreatment Summit in 2019; and now spends much of her time doing research and professional training with the Psychological Maltreatment Alliance. Current research is on a) interventions to improve professional skills in confronting poor parenting and PM in child welfare, health, and early education settings, b) changing social norms around parenting and PM on the internet (e.g., blogs, TikTok), c) discerning the unique effects of PM relative to other forms of maltreatment and adversity, and d) telehealth interventions for parents of young children with autism.