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Patti Toth retired from the Washington State Criminal Justice Training Commission (CJTC) in May 2020 where, for over 20 years, she was in charge of development and delivery of Washington State's child forensic interview training. Patti currently directs and has been part of the core faculty for APSAC's Child Forensic Interview Clinics since 2004. She also provides expert consultation on child forensic interviewing issues to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Washington State (CACWA) and others, and continues to assist as a Group Leader at CJTC's "*Child Abuse Interviewing and Assessment*" training. She started her career in 1980 as a Washington State prosecutor, where she gained experience interviewing numerous child victims and witnesses, and tried many child abuse and sexual assault cases. She then served as the first Director of NDAA's National Center for Prosecution of Child Abuse, and later as a trial attorney in the US DOJ's Child Exploitation Section. Patti provides training nationally and internationally, is a past president of APSAC, and previously served on ISPCAN's Executive Council. Patti was co-author of *WA State's Child Interview Guide*, was committee co-chair responsible for APSAC's 2012 Forensic Interviewing Practice Guidelines, and is one of 4 members of the ad hoc APSAC Forensic Interviewing Practice Guidelines Committee responsible for the 2023 revision of those Guidelines. Patti received APSAC's 2007 Outstanding Service Award and the 2008 J. Pat Finley Child Protection Lifetime Achievement Award.