

Childhood Recovery Resources

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Dear Dr. Gerald:

I am a clinical psychologist licensed by the State of Maryland, and I am internationally recognized as an expert on child abuse and the protection of children. My CV is attached.

As a mandated reporter, I am writing to report my suspicion that the child Ariana-Leilani King-Pfeiffer currently residing at 4836 Reservoir Road, Apt. 3, Washington, DC 20007 is a victim of sexual abuse, and physical and medical neglect. I fear the situation is critical and believe strong protective action should be taken.

Dr King, the child's mother, 11725 Greenlane Drive, Potomac, MD 20854, Tel: 202-730-5111, has been engaged in efforts to protect her child from abuse for almost a year. Unfortunately, the alleged abuser has convinced multiple jurisdictions not to take these claims seriously and no adequate investigation has been done. She has been prevented from contact with her child for 11 months.

I have extensively interviewed Dr. Ariel King, spoken with two of her evaluating psychologists, and reviewed numerous psychological and medical records regarding the minor child Ariana-Leilani.

In addition, I have reviewed a DVD taken by a private investigator from February and March of 2009. In this video, Ariana-Leilani appears to be sick, is wearing poorly fitted and mismatched shoes, and does not appear to be receiving attentive and appropriate care.

In addition, recent medical records indicate that the child is suffering from neutropoenia and has not been receiving adequate treatment as documented in an affidavit by Dr. Robert Sklaroff. Additional medical documentation indicates a possible diagnosis of genital herpes.

Based on my review of these documents, the recent medical records and the DVD, my interviews with Dr. King and her evaluators, and my extensive experience in the area of child safety, it is my professional opinion that Ariana-Leilani continues to be at risk in her current environment of both physical and medical neglect, and likely sexual abuse. In

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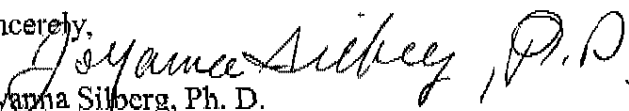
the past, she has disclosed "bad touches," and seeing a "po-po" that "gets harder and harder." None of this information has been adequately investigated.

There is no evidence in any of the materials that I reviewed or from my extensive interview with Dr. King or with her evaluating psychologist that Dr. King has coached or manipulated any information from her child.

I urge you to do whatever is in your power to help protect this child. Additional professionals are sending their own letters and documentation, as this situation has reached a critical level and there is a broad base of concern for this child's welfare from physicians and psychologists.

We have alerted several United States Congressmen of this ongoing issue, and I will work to provide any cooperation you might need. Please let me know if I can offer any other assistance.

Sincerely,



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CURRICULUM VITAE

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LICENSURE:

Licensed as a psychologist by the Maryland State Board of Examiners, April 1982.

EMPLOYMENT:

Current Position:

Consulting Psychologist – The Sheppard Pratt Health System, November 1997 – Present.

Coordinator Trauma Disorders services for children, researcher, and therapist

Private Owner: Childhood Recovery Resources: Consulting, therapy, forensic evaluation for children and adolescents, with specialization in family court issues, trauma and dissociation.

Senior Associate Editor, Journal of Child & Adolescent Trauma.

Past Positions:

Haworth Press, Co-Editor, Trauma Books, 2005-2007

Senior Psychologist, Sheppard Pratt Hospital, Coordinator of Trauma Disorder Services for children, 1994 – 1997.

Clinical Coordinator of School Consultation Program, 1988 – 1997.

Consultant to McDonough School, Key School, Friends School, Bryn Mawr.

Coordinator of Psychological Testing – Responsible for coordination of hospital-wide testing, supervision of technicians and psychologists, staff training in testing issues. Responsible for psychological and neuropsychological assessment and coordination of testing related research.

Coordinator of Child and Adolescent Programs. Program included Custody Evaluation program, eating disorder program, underachiever program, 1982-1989.

Sheppard Pratt experience includes inpatient short-term adolescent treatment, participation in special education Level V school, staff training on treatment plan development.

EDUCATION:**Graduate:**

The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio
Fall, 1974 – Spring, 1979
Clinical Child Psychology and Developmental Psychology

Ph.D., March 1979 – Psychology
General Comprehensive Exams, May, 1977
M.A., December 1976, Psychology

Undergraduate:

University of Maryland, College Park, Maryland
1970 - 1971 and 1972 – 1973
B.A., August 1973, Psychology

Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel
1971 – 1972

POSTDOCTORAL FELLOWSHIP:

Postdoctoral Fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychology,
The Sheppard and Enoch Pratt Hospital, Towson, Maryland
July 1980 – July 1982. Two year, half-time appointment.

Supervised experience in individual therapy, psychological evaluations
and behavioral consultations with severely disturbed outpatient and
inpatient population, neuropsychological evaluations.

INTERNSHIP:

Internship in Pediatric Psychology, University of Maryland
Baltimore, Maryland, July 1978 – July 1979.

Experience in a broad range of psychological services in a pediatric
setting, including evaluations of children, adolescents, and families;
individual, group, and family therapy; parent training, staff education
and consultation; research.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE:

Faculty, Post-Doctoral Institute on Trauma, Maryland Psychological Association
2006-2008.

Faculty, Dissociative Disorders Psychotherapy Training Program, sponsored by
the International Society for the Study of Trauma and Dissociation, Teacher of
year long course for mental health professionals, October 2006 – June 2007.

Presenter, national and international conferences on treatment and assessment of

traumatized children, 1990 – present.

Faculty, National Center for Human Development

Presentations on child and adolescent development, psychopathology, attention deficit disorder to public and professional audiences. 1983 – 1984

Supervisor, Postdoctoral fellows, 1985 – present.

Instructor, Ohio State University, 1975 – 1978.

Substitute teacher, Roanoke, Virginia. Experience in elementary, junior high, and high school. October 1973 – February 1974.

UPCOMING AND RECENT PRESENTATIONS:

Treatment of Dissociative Symptoms and Disorders in Children and Adolescents: Maryland Psychological Association, September 26, 2008

Children as Pawns, Police Academy of Baltimore County, Training on Domestic Violence and Custody, June, 2008, Frederick County Sherriff's Office, October 2008.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Traumatized and Dissociative Children, Bergen Norway, May 8-9, 2008

Healing the Child Survivor: How Trauma Hurts Children's Brains and What We Can Do, Allegheny County Department of Human Services, May 2, 2008

Trauma-Informed Care: Lessons Learned in Protecting Children In Family Court, January 2008, The Battered Mothers Custody Conference

Assessing Allegations of Abuse, DV LEAP Conference, George Washington Law School, December 7, 2007

The Treatment of Traumatized Children and Adolescents, Workshop in Assen, Netherlands, March 21-22, 2007.

Custody Evaluation in Cases Involving Violence, half day workshop sponsored by New York Psychological Association, April 15, 2007.

Healing the Child Survivor: Treatment of Dissociative and Traumatized Youth, Widener University, Plenary, June 12, 2007.

Child of Incest: Child of Trauma: All day workshop on treating effects of incest on children, for therapists sponsored by Jewish Family Services of Dallas, February 15, 2007.

Myths About Abuse, May, 2006, Judicial Training, New York Supreme Court Judges.

Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized and Dissociative Children, Maryland Psychological Association, Workshop, March 2005.

Child Custody vs. Child Protection: A Clash of Core Values, Presentation at the International Family Violence Conference, San Diego, September, 2004.

The Voice of the Child in Family Court: Presentation to Israeli Bar Association, March 17, 2004, Tel Aviv, Israel.

Child Abuse and Domestic Violence for Custody Cases: Presentation to Maryland Volunteer Lawyer's Association, GAL Training Day, February 19, 2004.

Ethical Binds and Ethical Solutions for Psychologists in Custody Disputes where Abuse is Alleged. Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, March 2004.

Treatment of Dissociative Children, Invited Workshop, National Sexual Abuse Resource Center, Oslo, Norway, October 2003.

The Ten Biggest Mistakes Made in Protecting Children in Family Court, Judicial Training, sponsored by Maryland Coalition Against Sexual Abuse and Administrative Office of the Court, March 13, 2003.

A Developmental Perspective on the Treatment of Childhood and Adolescent Dissociative Symptoms and Disorders, at Allegheny General Hospital, November, 2002.

Complex Management of Complex Trauma in Children and Adolescents, Silberg and Ferentz, ISTSS, 18th Annual Meeting in Baltimore, November, 2002.

The Assessment and Treatment of Traumatized Children, International Family Violence Conference, San Diego, 2006, 2005, 2004, 2002.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Childhood Dissociation, New Zealand, 2002, presentation to child trauma workers of New Zealand.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Childhood Dissociation, Finland, 2001, presentation to child trauma workers of Finland.

Workshop on Dissociation and Child Abuse: German Society for the Study and Prevention of Child Abuse, March 2000.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Child and Adolescent Dissociative Disorders. APSAC Colloquium, San Antonio, 1999; Chicago, 1998.

An Integrative Developmental Model of Childhood Dissociation: Symposium, American Psychological Association Convention 1999; International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress, Miami, 1999.

Cross-cultural Case Studies in Dissociation, Stockholm, 1998, International Association for Child and Adolescent Psychiatrists and Allied Professionals, International Congress.

Dissociative Children: Impact on Learning and Behavior, Trauma Counseling Center, University of Wisconsin, March, 1998, one day workshop.

Diagnosis and Treatment of Child Dissociative Disorders, November, 1998, Dutch-Flemish Society for the Study of Dissociation, two-day workshop.

Constructing Consciousness in Dissociative Children, Plenary speech, May, 1999 ISSD UK International Conferences, Manchester, England.

PARTICIPATION ON TASK FORCES, SUMMITS, SPECIAL PROJECTS

Representative on Think Tank on Abused Children and the Family Court co-sponsored by Our Children, Our Future, and the Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, September, 2000.

Representative on day long retreat, Children's Issues in Family Court, Family Violence and Sexual Assault Institute, September 2001.

Participation in the Massachusetts Citizens for Children, Summit on Children and the Courts: Improving Court Responses to Child Victims of Intrafamilial Violence and Sexual Abuse, October 2002.

Department of Justice, Office of Victims of Crime, Contributor to Child Treatment Guidelines for Child Victims of Crime, published, January 2003.

AWARDS AND HONORS:

Four-year University Fellowship awarded by Ohio State University Fall, 1974 – Spring, 1978,

General Honors and High Honors awarded upon graduation from University of Maryland, 1973.

Walter P. Klopfer Award, 1992, for outstanding research paper on assessment awarded by the Society for Personality Assessment.

Cornelia Wilbur Award, 1992, for outstanding clinical contribution, International Society for the Study of Dissociation.

GRANTS RECEIVED:

Sidran Foundation Research Grant, 1992 – 1994.

Samuel Novey Memorial Fund, Research Grant, Sheppard Pratt Hospital,
1994 – 1995.

RESEARCH PROJECTS:

The Development of Pronoun Usage in Psychotic Children, Master Thesis.

The Development of Pronoun Usage among Psychotic Children and its Relation to Three Cognitive-Linguistic Skills. Doctoral Dissertation.

Patterns of Thought Disorder on Psychological Testing: Implications for Adolescent Psychopathology (co-author of article, Journal of Nervous and Mental Diseases, Vol. 184, No. 8, 448-456.

The Rorschach Test for Predicting Suicide in Depressed Adolescent Inpatients, Journal of Personality Assessment, (1992).

Factors Association with Positive Therapeutic Outcomes, Research published in The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management.

Dissociative symptomatology in children and adolescents as displayed on psychological testing. Journal of Personality Assessment, (1998).

Normal and Pathological Fantasy in Traumatized Children, paper presented at ISSD International Conference, 1997.

Factitious Disorder by Proxy and Dissociation, paper presented at International Society for the Study of Traumatic Stress, 1998.

Dissociative Features of Traumatized Teenagers, Ongoing, 2004 – 2007.

PUBLICATIONS:

Silberg J. L. & Dallam, S. (2009) Out of the Jewish Closet: Facing the Hidden Secrets of Child Sex Abuse – and the Damage Done to Victims In Neustein, A. Tempest in the Temple: Jewish Communities and Child Sex Scandals, Brandeis University Press. (In press, publication date, March, 2009.)

Silberg, J. L. & Dallam, S. (in press). Dissociation in Children & Adolescents: At the Crossroads, in Dell, P. F. & O'Neill, J. (eds.), Dissociation: DSM-V and Beyond.

Dallam, S. & Silberg, J. L. (in press). Can children consent to sex with Adults? In Walker, L. & Gold, S. Handbook of Sexual Abuse Treatment.

Dallam, S. J. & Silberg, J. L. (Jan/Feb 2006). Myths that place children at risk during custody disputes. Sexual Assault Report, 9, (3), 33-47.

Silberg, J. L. (2004). The treatment of dissociation in sexually abused children from a family/attachment perspective. Psychotherapy: Theory, Research, Practice & Training, 41, 487-496.

Silberg, J. L. (2003). Drawing conclusions: Confusion between data and theory in the traumatic memory debate. Journal of Child Sexual Abuse, Vol. 12 (2) 2003, 123- 128.

Whitfield, C., Silberg, J. L. & Fink, P. J. Ed. (2002) Misinformation on Child Sexual Abuse and Adult Survivors, Binghamton, N.Y.: Haworth Press.

Silberg, J. L. (2001). Treating maladaptive dissociation in a young teenage girl. In H. Orvaschel, J. Faust & M. Hersen (Eds.), (pp. 449-474). Handbook of Conceptualization and Treatment of Child Psychopathology. Oxford, UK: Elsevier Science LTD.

Dallan, S., Gleaves, D., Cepeda-Benito, A., Silberg, J. L., Kraemer, H., Spiegel, D. (2001). The Effects of Child Sexual Abuse: An Examination of Rind, Tromovitch and Bauserman (1998). The Psychological Bulletin, Vol 127, 6, 715-733.

Silberg, J. L. (2001). A presidents' perspective: The human face of the diagnostic controversy. Journal of Trauma & Dissociation, 2 (1), 1-5.

Silberg, J. L. (2000). Fifteen years of dissociation in maltreated children: Where do we go from here? Child Maltreatment. 5, 119-136.

Silberg, J. L. (1997). Dissociative Disorders in Childhood. In J. Noshpitz (ed.), Handbook of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Volume II, (pp. 278-281), John Wiley & Sons.

Silberg, J. L., Stipic, D., Taghizadeh, F., (1997). Dissociative Disorders in Children and Adolescents. Invited Chapter for Noshpitz, J. (ed.), Handbook of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry, Volume III. (329-355). John Wiley & Sons.

Silberg, J. L., (1998). Dissociative symptomatology in children and adolescents as displayed on psychological testing. Journal of Personality Assessment, 71, 421-439.

Silberg, J. L. (ed.), (1996). The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management. Baltimore: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. L. (ed.), (1998). The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management. 2nd edition, Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. L., (1998). Afterword, In J. L. Silberg, (ed.) The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management. 2nd edition, Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. (1996). Interviewing Strategies for Assessing Dissociative Disorders in Children and Adolescents, in Silberg, L. (ed.) The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management, pp. 47-62, Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. (1996). Psychological Testing with Dissociative Children and Adolescents, in Silberg, (ed.) The Dissociative Child: Diagnosis, Treatment and Management, pp. 85-102. Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. (1996). The Five-Domain Crisis Model: Therapeutic Tasks and Techniques for Dissociative Children, in Silberg, J. (ed.), The Dissociative Child, pp. 113- 134. Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. & Waters, F. (1996). Factors Associated with Positive Therapeutic Outcome, in Silberg, J. (ed.). The Dissociative Child, pp. 103-112. Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Waters, F. & Silberg, J. (1996). Therapeutic Phases in the Treatment of Dissociative Children. In Silberg, J. (ed.), The Dissociative Child, pp. 135- 166. Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Waters, F. & Silberg, J. (1996). Promoting Integration in Dissociative Children, in Silberg, J. (ed.), The Dissociative Child, pp. 167-190. Lutherville, MD: The Sidran Press.

Silberg, J. L. Kishton, J. M. Thrower, S. A., Mathews, W. D. and Smith, M. P. Instructor's Manual for Educational Psychology and Its Classroom Applications, Boston, Allyn and Bacon, 1978.

Armstrong, J., Silberg, J., Parente, F. (1986). Patterns of Thought Disorder on Psychological Testing: Implications for Adolescent Psychopathology, Journal of Mental Diseases, Vol. 174, No. 8, 448-456.

Silberg, J. & Armstrong, J. (1992). The Rorschach Test for Predicting Suicide in Depressed Adolescent Inpatients, Journal of Personality Assessment.

Silberg, J. L. (1978). The development of pronoun usage in the psychotic child, Journal of Autism and Childhood Schizophrenia, 8 (4), 413-425.

SPECIAL INTERESTS:

Community education regarding mental health
 Preventative interventions
 Behavioral correlates of psychological test variables
 Psychological trauma and dissociative disorders
 Child abuse and Family court
 Traumatic stress in children

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES:

President, International Society for the Study of Dissociation, 2000-2001
Executive Vice-President, Leadership Council on Child Abuse & Interpersonal
Violence (1998 – present)
Member APSAC, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
Member, A.P.A., American Psychological Association
Member, M.P.A., Maryland Psychological Association
Founder of city-wide study group on Dissociative Disorders in Children and
Adolescents
Reviewer, Journal of Nervous and Mental Disease
Reviewer, Journal of Trauma Practice
Reviewer, Journal of Trauma and Dissociation