



PRESENTERS

Max McIntosh

MS, EdS, LCMHC



Max McIntosh is a licensed clinical mental health counselor who has been working with sexually abused and sometimes sexually abusive children and adolescents for the last 18 years.

She is a specialist in child trauma, an avid consumer of research of trauma and the brain, an abuse survivor herself, a former therapeutic foster parent.

She is currently the senior clinician for trauma-informed services in the Children's Hope Alliance Outpatient Therapy department.

Marc Murphy

LCSW



Marc is a licensed clinical social worker who has worked with abused and neglected children since 1996. Getting his start in group homes with Boys & Girls Homes of NC, Marc has since been a therapeutic foster parent, trained hundreds of foster and adoptive parents across NC, raised his own children, and somehow fit in being a goat farmer. Marc now lives in Asheville, NC with his wife and their small herd of cats and dogs. Marc is the Director of Implementation at Children's Hope Alliance, working to train and support Foster Care and Residential Care teams statewide.

Ron Stier



Ron Stier has had the joy of adding value to children and families for over 30 years. He started his journey living in a residential group home for children with his wife Dawn, and then went on to be a foster and adoptive parent.

Ron has been employed with Children's Hope Alliance for the past 12 years and is currently the Evaluation Manager on the Implementation Team. He lives with his beautiful wife of 35 years and has 3 daughters, 1 son, and 7 grandchildren.