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Speaker Information

Cynthia A. Cave is Director of Student Services in the Division of Special Education and Student Services for the Virginia Department of Education. She was formerly Director of Policy for the agency and also held the position of Director of Public Relations in the Policy and Communications Division. She has been part of the Department of Education for over 15 years. Prior to coming to the Department of Education, she was Assistant Commissioner for field services for the Department of Rehabilitative Services and Deputy Commissioner for Administration for the Department of Health. Before joining the state, she worked in various positions in local government, including Executive Director of Intergovernmental Relations for the City of Santa Ana, California. Dr. Cave has also served as an adjunct professor in the graduate programs of the Department of Public Administration and the School of Education for Virginia Commonwealth University.

Dewey G. Cornell is the Bunker Professor of Education in the Curry School of Education at the University of Virginia. He is Director of the UVA Youth Violence Project, a Program Director for Youth-Nex, the UVA Center to Promote Effective Youth Development, and a faculty associate of the Institute of Law, Psychiatry, and Public Policy. He directed the Virginia High School Safety Study that demonstrated multiple linkages between school climate and student engagement, SOL performance, and graduation rates. He is also the lead developer of the Virginia Student Threat Assessment Guidelines which are now used in the majority of Virginia public schools and thousands of schools in other states.

Rodger Dinwiddie has been the CEO of Students Taking a Right Stand (STARS-Nashville), an evidenced-based Student Assistance Program as recognized by the National Registry of Evidenced-based Programs and Practices, since 1986. Prior to joining STARS, he served as the Executive Director of a nonprofit organization working with juvenile court referrals. He also was a classroom teacher in the Metropolitan Nashville Public Schools for seven years. He is also a Certified Prevention Specialist—Level II. He is a certified trainer and Olweus Technical Assistance Consultant for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program and Certified Safe Dates Program Trainer. He serves as the Tennessee State Olweus Coordinator in partnership with the Tennessee Department of Education, where he currently provides consultation in the areas of best practices in bullying prevention and intervention, school climate improvement, and the development of social emotional competencies. He is also the President of the International Bullying Prevention Association. He and former CEO of Oasis Center, Hal Cato, were named Nashvillians of the Year by the Nashville Scene for their work in the collaboration and development of the Youth Opportunity Center, a partnership between Oasis Center and STARS. He is a native Nashvillian, received his Bachelor of Science degree in Elementary Education from George Peabody College and his M.Ed. in Educational Administration and Supervision from Middle Tennessee State University.

Jane Riese is the Director of Training for the Olweus Bullying Prevention Program (OBPP) in the United States and is a research associate with Clemson University's Institute on Family and Neighborhood Life. Ms. Riese participated in the initial OBPP trainer certification process in 2000 and helped to coordinate the first U.S. Trainer Certification Course held in 2001 in Pennsylvania. She currently oversees Olweus trainer certification, recertification, and the work of Olweus Technical Assistance Consultants. Ms. Riese is co-author of the OBPP Trainer's Manual, OBPP Schoolwide Guide, OBPP Teacher Guide and many other OBPP print and online products. In collaboration with Olweus International, Ms. Riese was the lead architect to adapt and design the Olweus Quality Assurance System (OQAS) and the OQAS School Manual and Site Visit Guide for a pilot project for the certification of Olweus Schools the United States. A licensed social worker and prevention educator, Ms. Riese developed and directed dialogue-based restorative justice programming in her community and was the director of a prosecution-based victim services program. She has been nominated to serve on the Governor's State Board of Social Workers, Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors in Pennsylvania.



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Samantha Shofar is currently a senior attorney with the Washington, D.C. field office of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the U.S. Department of Education, where she has worked for the last 14 years. In this role she investigates and resolves complaints of discrimination under all of the laws enforced by OCR, with a special emphasis in sexual and gender based harassment cases and cases involving students' access to high track courses. She also develops and provides training to individuals at all levels of postsecondary and K-12 schools on a variety of issues related to civil rights in education. Before coming to the Metro office, she was a staff attorney in the Headquarters Office of OCR, working on such policy issues as Title IX athletics, and race and sex discrimination issues arising out of the implementation of high stakes testing. Ms. Shofar received both her B.A. and her J.D. from University of Maryland.

Nan Stein is a senior research scientist at the Wellesley Centers for Women (WCW), where she directs several national research projects on sexual harassment, gender violence, and bullying in schools. She frequently gives lectures, keynote addresses, and training to school personnel, and serves as an expert witness in lawsuits on sexual harassment and child sexual abuse in K-12 schools. Dr. Stein has appeared on many television news and talk shows, including *The Today Show*; *NBC Nightly News*; *CNN*; *Nightline with Ted Koppel*; *CBS Evening News with Dan Rather*; *The Oprah Winfrey Show*; *Good Morning America*; and the *Phil Donahue Show*. She has conducted dozens of radio interviews, including segments on Christian Science Monitor Radio, and *All Things Considered* on National Public Radio, and has been interviewed by scores of journalists. She has been appointed to the editorial boards of the *Violence Against Women Journal* (2000-2003) and the *Journal of School Violence* (2001). Dr. Stein has been working in the area of sexual harassment in schools for over 30 years. She developed the first curriculum on the subject in 1979 for the Massachusetts Department of Education, and conducted the first survey in the country on peer-to-peer sexual harassment in 1980.