

## PANELIST BIOS – McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center Town Hall Meeting 1-19-12

**Dan Leonard**, Childhood Sexual Abuse Survivor. Dan was abused by a football coach at the ages of 11 to 13. Over the past few years Dan has become an advocate and activist for Child Sexual Assault issues. He has coached baseball, basketball, soccer and lacrosse and is former co-chairman of the FM Youth Lacrosse Association and is the Current Vice-Chairman of the Cornell Football Association. Dan, 54, lives in Manlius.

**Julie A. Cecile, Esq.** is the Executive Director of the McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Site. Julie is also the coordinator and facilitator of the Onondaga County Child Abuse Response Team. Previously Julie was employed by the Onondaga County Department of Social Services Legal Division. She handled Medicaid, Temporary Assistance, Estates and Real property matters. Julie graduated from Syracuse College of Law, Siena College and Bishop Ludden High School.

**Allison Young, LCSW** is the Director of Sexual Abuse Services and Director Family Transition Services, Elmcrest Children's Center. She supervises two hard to place units for youth who cause sexual harm, sexual abuse services for youth in residential care, and the Family Transitions Program, a community-based treatment program working with victims of sexual abuse, sexually reactive children and adolescents who cause sexual harm. Allison works as a trainer presenting Sexual Abuse Dynamics for and also provides treatment to adult sexual offenders with NuStep Professional Counseling Services.

**Ellen Ford, LCSW-R** is the Clinical Director at Vera House. Prior to this she was the Clinical Supervisor, Rape Crisis Center of Syracuse Inc. In her role she is responsible for clinical supervision of therapists, all clinical program management, and participation in relevant community collaborations such as the CART (Child Abuse Response Team) and the community sexual trauma task force. She also is the Clinical Supervisor for clinical staff at McMahon/Ryan Child Advocacy Center.

### **Bryan S. Lendy**

Detective Sergeant,, Syracuse Police Department, Abused Person's unit. Police Officer for 26 years and supervisor of APU for 11 Years.

**Jack Schmidt**, Sergeant, Onondaga County Sheriff Office, Abused Persons Unit. Police Officer for 33 years. APU since 1995 and APU supervisor since 2008.

### **Tim Donovan**, Director, SUNY Youth Sports Institute

Following the launch of the SUNY Youth Sports Institute in 2007, the initial training network was established at 29 SUNY community colleges with 35 SUNY faculty or coaches as lead instructors. Certification of volunteer youth coaches began in March 2008. After 3.5 years the Institute has trained for certification 11,000 non-school youth coaches in 900 programs from 1,000 communities impacting 350,000 youth in New York State. Over 120 SUNY faculty and coaches from 42 campuses have contributed published works for youth coaches that assist youth coaches and improve child health and safety, like those provided by Upstate University's Brain Injury Rehabilitation Center to reduce childhood and adolescent concussions. Donovan has led the Institute since opening.

Involved in coaching and administration for 25 years in interscholastic, youth and club sports, Donovan has authored and presents a variety of lectures on Leadership, Sport as Playtime and Reducing Fear of Failure. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Syracuse University, has been an adjunct at SUNY Cortland and is completing his MS in Sport Management.