



## Rita Farrell

### Director, ChildFirst®

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Rita Farrell serves as the Director of ChildFirst® for Zero Abuse Project. Rita manages the ChildFirst® Forensic Interview Training Program, ChildFirst® Arkansas state program, and the development of advanced training courses and programs for forensic interviewers. Rita is a certified law enforcement instructor and provides training and technical assistance for child protection professionals.

Rita currently conducts forensic interviews and has interviewed more than 2,500 children. She serves as an expert witness on child sexual abuse, authored many peer reviewed articles specific to forensic interviewing and continues to champion the cause of child advocacy and the field of forensic interviewing.

Rita graduated from Ball State University with a degree in secondary education and was the founding executive director of Chaucie's Place, a Child Advocacy Center in Hamilton County, Indiana.

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# Alison Feigh

**Director, Jacob Wetterling Resource Center**

Alison Feigh, MS, is the Director of Jacob Wetterling Resource Center, a program of Zero Abuse Project. In her role as a subject matter expert on child and teen safety, she works with students, parents, youth workers, faith leaders, law enforcement and the media to help prevent childhood abuse and abductions. Alison's work also includes writing curriculum for youth-serving organizations, training professionals about online challenges kids face and advocating for families of the missing.

Alison has been working in the abuse prevention field for more than 18 years. As a classmate of Jacob Wetterling, she learned early on how important it is to protect children and youth from exploitation. She is especially drawn to prevention in faith-based communities and youth- serving organizations, collaborating with teens regarding technology and helping empower parents to talk with their kids about personal and online safety. She firmly believes that personal and online safety messages can be positive, empowering and accessible. Her safety messages are highlighted in her children's books, "On Those Runaway Days" and "I Can Play It Safe." Both titles were released nationally in 2008 by Free Spirit Publishing and have recently been translated into Chinese.

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## **Bio: Robert J. Peters, Esq.**



Robert J. Peters is the Senior Attorney of the Zero Abuse Project, where he develops and delivers state-of-the-art training and comprehensive technical assistance to prosecutors and child abuse multidisciplinary team members on crimes against children.

Previously, Robert worked as the Senior Cyber and Economic Crime Attorney & General Counsel with the National White Collar Crime Center (NW3C), where his efforts included providing subject matter expertise on topics and training related to technology-facilitated child exploitation, and acting as lead instructor for NW3C's Judges & Prosecutors courses.

Mr. Peters served as Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and Special Prosecutor in multiple West Virginia jurisdictions, where he specialized in the prosecution of sexual offenses, civil child abuse and neglect cases, and juvenile crime.

In addition to his prosecutorial experience, Robert authored several child protection-related articles in peer-reviewed publications, including the Florida Journal of International Law, Handbook on Interpersonal Violence Across the Lifespan, and Christian Ethics Today. While in law school, Peters clerked at the United States Attorney's Office, Western District of Virginia.

Prior to serving as prosecutor, Robert designed comprehensive child protection policies for numerous entities, including educational institutions, churches, and parachurch organizations. He assisted the nonprofit GRACE (Godly Response to Abuse in the Christian Environment) by providing legal support and serving as an investigator of abuse perpetrated in the context of faith communities.

Mr. Peters is the founder and Chair of the SHIELD Task Force, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that partners with Child Advocacy Centers and local stakeholders to encourage reporting of sexual abuse and online safety. This initiative has brought age-appropriate abuse prevention education to thousands of school-aged children and numerous civic and community groups. Mr. Peters also serves on the WV Child Advocacy Network (WVCAN) Board of Directors and WV Human Trafficking Task Force. In 2019, Robert received the WV State Police Center for Children's Justice Extra Mile Award for demonstrated professional leadership and personal commitment in going the Extra Mile on behalf of children and families.

# Victor Vieth

## Chief Program Officer, Research and Education Zero Abuse Project



**Victor Vieth** has trained thousands of child-protection professionals from all 50 states, two U.S. Territories, and 17 countries on numerous topics pertaining to child abuse investigations, prosecutions and prevention. Victor gained national recognition for his work in addressing child abuse in small communities as a prosecutor in rural Minnesota, and has been named to the President's Honor Roll of the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children. In 2012, Victor was awarded the Pro Humanitate Award from the North American Resource Center for Child Welfare.

Victor is the Chief Program Officer for Research and Education of Zero Abuse Project, a 501©(3) public charity based in St Paul, MN, committed to education, training, and survivor support in order to eradicate child sex abuse and remedy its resulting harms. He is the 2018 President of the Academy on Violence & Abuse, and founder of the former National Child Protection Training Center (now part of Zero Abuse Project). Victor has been instrumental in implementing 22 state and international forensic interview training programs and dozens of undergraduate and graduate programs on child maltreatment.

Mr. Vieth graduated magna cum laude from WSU and earned his Juris Doctor from Hamline University School of Law (HUSL). In 2017, Victor earned an MA in theology from Wartburg Seminary. Mr. Vieth has published countless articles related to the investigation, prosecution and prevention of child abuse and neglect. He is author of *Unto the Third Generation*, a bold initiative that outlines the necessary steps we must all take to eliminate child abuse in America in three generations, and *On This Rock: A Call to Center the Christian Response to Child Abuse on the Life and Works of Jesus* (Wiff & Stock 2018).