

2024 DEC CONFERENCE

SPEAKER INFORMATION (In alphabetical order)

Kevin Brownell, Assistant Polk County Attorney

Kevin Brownell is an Assistant County Attorney in Polk County, Iowa. Within the Polk County Attorney's Office, he has served in the Juvenile Division since 2006 working primarily on delinquency, child in need of assistance, and mental health commitment cases for the betterment of children, families, victims, and the community. He has served on the Polk County Alliance for Drug Endangered Children since 2013. He is a graduate of Creighton University School of Law in Omaha, Nebraska and he graduated from Bradley University in Peoria, Illinois.

Gary Goldberg

Gary Goldberg is a retired DEA Supervisory Chemist. Gary had a 36-year career with DEA, all in the Southwest Laboratory in San Diego, California. He worked for over 30 years as a Forensic Chemist/Senior Forensic Chemist and over 5 years as a Supervisory Chemist. His primary responsibilities were to analyze drug samples submitted to the lab, assist with clandestine laboratory seizures, testify in court, and conduct training. As a supervisor, Gary supervised up to ten chemists. Since retiring, he instructs OSHA mandated classes for law enforcement personnel on Illicit Hazardous Environments.

Linda B. Kalin, BS, RN, CSPI, Executive Director-Iowa Poison Control Center

Linda Kalin is the Executive Director of the Iowa Poison Control Center. Linda has over 30 years of experience in clinical toxicology and poison center activities. She began her career as an emergency room nurse and in 1989 became Iowa's first Certified Specialist in Poison Information. She has served on many local, regional, and national boards and committees and is currently serving on the America's Poison Centers Board of Directors in the position of Treasurer. In recognition of her accomplishments, Linda has received several awards and honors during her career. Linda is a frequent lecturer and speaker throughout Iowa on topics involving drugs of abuse.

Teresa King, BSW, CPS – Pathways Behavioral Services, Prevention Supervisor

Teresa King is a Prevention Supervisor and Certified Prevention Specialist with Pathways Behavioral Services. She provides services through multiple streams including the State Opioid Response + Methamphetamine Project throughout Black Hawk, Bremer, Buchanan, Butler, Chickasaw, and Grundy Counties. Her current areas of focus and passions include overdose prevention, naloxone administration and distribution, opioids, psychostimulants, stigma associated with substance use disorder, addiction, substances of abuse trends, and drug endangered children prevention. While Teresa focuses on key audiences through her prevention efforts, such as individuals that use substances, first responders, and healthcare workers, she believes we all have a part in addressing substance use and DEC efforts in Iowa. She is impassioned to empower individuals with the knowledge, tools, and resources needed to

prevent and combat the effects substance use can have on individuals, families, and communities.

Evin Lackore, MD

Dr. Lackore is a pediatrician who has been practicing in rural Nebraska for 5 years. He practices the full spectrum of Pediatrics including providing care for children in the NICU, Nursery, Hospital, and Clinic settings. Dr. Lackore serves on the Maternal/Child Health Department Board at Good Samaritan Hospital and is the Supervising Physician for the NICU there as well. In his down time Dr. Lackore enjoys spending time with his wife and 2yo daughter as well as being active in their local church and community events.

Amanda Privitera, LISW

As a Licensed Independent Social Worker (LISW) at Blank Children's Hospital STAR Center – Primary CARE Clinic, Amanda specializes in delivering outpatient therapy and vital support services to children and families affected by complex trauma within the foster care system or who have experienced other adverse childhood experiences. With over 10 years of dedicated experience in child welfare and behavioral health, Amanda holds certifications in Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) and Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT), while actively pursuing certification in Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR). Her therapeutic approach is characterized by a blend of warmth, humor, and compassion, creating a nurturing environment for healing. Beyond professional commitments, Amanda finds fulfillment in spending time with her husband and friends, caring for three rescue dogs, and tending to her 150+ house plants, fostering a well-rounded and enriching life beyond the therapy room.

Monte Stiles

Monte Stiles served his entire professional legal career of 29 years as a state and federal prosecutor, including 24 years supervising the federal Organized Crime/Drug Enforcement Task Force – a group of agents and prosecutors who investigated and prosecuted high-level drug trafficking organizations such as Los Angeles-style street gangs, multi-state drug cartels, and international drug smuggling and money laundering organizations. During his career, Monte was also a passionate drug educator and motivational speaker for schools, businesses, churches, law enforcement agencies, prevention groups, and other youth and parent organizations. In 2011, Monte left his position with the U.S. Attorney's Office in order to devote all of his time to drug education, motivational speaking, and nature photography. As a result, Monte is a frequent speaker at state, regional and national drug conferences. Monte and his wife Sandi live in Boise, Idaho. They are the proud parents of five children and fourteen grandchildren.