



2024 Joseph Drown Award Recipient Lyn R. Greenberg, Ph.D., ABPP

It is with honor and pleasure that the California Chapter of the Association of Family Conciliation Courts (AFCC-CA) presents the 2024 Joseph Drown Award for Outstanding Services to Children to Dr. Lyn Greenberg. Dr. Greenberg is a board-certified (in Couple and Family Psychology from the American Board of Professional Psychology), licensed psychologist based in Los Angeles, California, and an internationally recognized scholar, practitioner, and professional trainer in the field of child and family forensic psychology. It is noteworthy that Dr. Greenberg has made huge contributions to the field of child and family forensic psychology on numerous levels. More specifically, Dr. Greenberg has written many articles in peer-reviewed journals (e.g., *Family Court Review*, *Journal of Child Custody*, and *Family Law Quarterly*) and presented on a range of topics which include, but are not limited to, the following: evidence-informed and evidence-based interventions and treatment, parent-child contact problems, children with special needs, and family violence.

Dr. Greenberg was a pioneer in efforts to both improve mental health services to court-involved children and families and improve our support and training of professionals who provide those services. Dr. Greenberg served as reporter and one of the lead authors of the AFCC Guidelines for Court-Involved Therapy for AFCC International. These guidelines have been and continue to be an invaluable resource upon which mental health professionals and other court-involved professionals can rely to ensure that prudent clinical treatment is provided to court-involved children and families. More recently (i.e., in 2019), Dr. Greenberg co-edited a book titled, "Evidence-informed Interventions for Court-involved Families: Promoting Healthy Coping and Development." This book provides in-depth knowledge and information from Dr. Greenberg and other leading scholars in the child and family forensic psychology community about the best practices for legal and mental health practitioners working with court-involved children and families. She also serves on the American Psychological Association's (APA) Working Group to Review Scientific Literature for High Conflict Family Relationships with Child Involvement and was an invited contributor to the APA Handbook on Family Psychology. She serves on an advisory committee for the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges, to create a bench card on Adverse Child Experiences. She has designed and led interdisciplinary trainings here and abroad. She has been awarded Fellow Status by two divisions of the American Psychological Association, an honor reserved to those who have made enduring and outstanding contributions to the field.

Dr. Greenberg, along with her late colleague, Lynda Doi Fick, developed the Child-Centered Conjoint Therapy Model, a coping-focused, trauma-sensitive, evidence-based treatment model for court-involved children and families. She later refined the model in collaboration with the Honorable Judge Robert Schnider, former supervising judge of the Los Angeles Superior Court Family Law Section,

as well as other attorneys and judicial officers. She and her coauthors received the Meyer Elkins Award from AFCC for their article on early intervention with resist-refuse dynamics. It is also noteworthy that Dr. Greenberg has been one of AFCC-CA members who often works 'around-the-clock' and 'behind-the-scenes' at the legislative level in California to ensure that policies are established and maintained to better serve court-involved children and families.

In both her therapeutic work and her work as a parenting coordinator and expert, Dr. Greenberg brings together research from both the child custody arena and other areas of psychology and social sciences. She has led efforts to broaden our awareness of mental health and scientific information that helps inform, support and justify the work we do. A passionate advocate of interdisciplinary and inter-organizational collaboration, Dr. Greenberg has led efforts to forge partnerships with other organizations who care about the wellbeing of children and families.

Finally, Dr. Greenberg has been instrumental in bringing astute and well-trained mental health professionals into the field of child and family forensic psychology. Namely, Dr. Greenberg continuously and generously provides mentorship for early and mid-career mental health professionals on multiple levels (e.g., she provides clinical and forensic consultation and/or supervision to early and mid-career mental health professionals, she provides early and mid-career mental health professionals opportunities to write scholarly articles in peer-reviewed journals, and she helps early and mid-career mental health professionals create pathways to establish their careers).

For all the reasons noted above, AFCC California is extremely grateful for Dr. Greenberg and honored to present her with the 2024 Joseph Drown Award for Outstanding Services to Children.

ABOUT THE JOSEPH DROWN AWARD FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICES TO CHILDREN

Joseph Drown was a Southern California businessman who became interested in AFCC's work in the early 1980's, after lengthy conversations with Jeanne Ames, the original and longtime historian of AFCC-CA. Joseph was impressed with the mission, vision, and values of this organization and expressed his wish that AFCC had been there to help him understand the experience for children and their needs during his divorce. Joseph donated generously to the AFCC-CA, which enabled the organization to educational programs and training institutes to court-connected personnel, community mental health professionals, family law attorneys, and researchers.

This award is presented to acknowledge persons or organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the betterment of children's welfare.

