



Wellpoint Care Network Subject Matter Experts

At Wellpoint Care Network, our leaders and team members bring a wealth of expertise. We are not just practitioners and caregivers, we actively shape policy, practice and the public conversation about how to help children and families thrive. Our team is regularly invited to speak at professional conferences and events, advise on policy and practice, and is published and featured in local and national media, professional journals and podcasts.

Here are select topics we can lend our voice to for a story or consultation. To consult with one of our subject matter experts, please contact our Director of Marketing & Communications at marketing@wellpoint.org, or call 414-465-5715.

Child Welfare / Child & Family Well-being

Ann Leinfelder Grove, President and CEO

- Master's degree in business management, Cardinal Stritch University
- Bachelor's degree, journalism, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Ann Leinfelder Grove has served Wellpoint Care Network for over 30 years in a number of senior leadership roles, including Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer with oversight of all agency programs. She championed the program implementation of Wellpoint's Trauma Informed Care model, as well as the Seven Essential Ingredients (7EI) model, including in child welfare, where translational research has demonstrated improved outcomes through the use of 7EI-based, trauma-informed program practices.

Mental Health

Jody Pahlavan, Psy.D., Vice President of Clinical Services

- Master's of Science degree, Clinical Psychology, Marquette University
- Doctorate degree, Clinical Psychology, Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology

With more than 25 years of clinical experience, Dr. Jody Pahlavan oversees the development and operation of clinical services, assuring ongoing strategic growth, clinical excellence and sustainability. For 10 years, she operated a private outpatient practice specializing in the provision of clinical services for children and adolescents. She has extensive experience in the provision of clinical services in acute care settings, serving as an Attending Psychologist for inpatient, partial hospital and intensive outpatient units for 25 years. Dr. Pahlavan has served as director of outpatient services and Chair of Psychology services at two psychiatric hospitals.



Trauma Informed Care

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Tim Grove, Senior Trainer

- Master's degree of Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Bachelor's degree, Wartburg College

Tim Grove has 25 years of professional experience in a variety of direct care and administrative positions including In-Home Services, Foster Care, Treatment Foster Care, Residential Treatment, Child Welfare, Community-Based Services, Quality Improvement and Staff Development. As the senior leader of Trauma Informed Care initiatives across all agency programs, he is responsible for implementing Wellpoint Care Network's Trauma Informed Care (TIC) philosophy and practices, including Dr. Bruce Perry's Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT). He is a Mentor with the Child Trauma Academy and a Master Trainer in Dr. Rob Anda and Laura Porter's Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Interface curriculum. Grove and the Wellpoint team's work have been highlighted through various media outlets, including a 2018 "60 Minutes" segment with special correspondent Oprah Winfrey and a three-year research study on the effectiveness of 7EI in child welfare published by the Journal of Child Custody in 2019.

Sara Daniel, MSW, LCSW, Vice President of Educational Services

- Master's degree in Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee
- Bachelor's Degree in Political Science, University of Wisconsin-Whitewater

Sara Daniel has been helping school districts and early care settings work with students affected by trauma, mental health issues and behavioral challenges for 20 years. She is currently a senior coach and consultant for the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction's Trauma Sensitive School Initiative and the co-author of the [Trauma Sensitive Schools Learning Module Series](#). She has worked with countless school districts nationwide and has trained thousands of school staff on the Seven Essential Ingredients of Trauma Sensitive Schools. Sara is also certified in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) and is the leader of the Adverse Childhood Experience (ACE) Interface Master Trainer Project for the State of Wisconsin.



Nonprofit Human Services

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Polina Makievsky, Vice President of Strategy and Innovation

- Master's degree of Public and Social Policy, Johns Hopkins University
- Bachelor's Degree, Political Science, Smith College

Polina Makievsky steers strategic, agency-wide and programmatic initiatives using her years of experience in nonprofit management, program development and innovation. Prior to joining Wellpoint Care Network, she was at the Alliance for Strong Families and Communities (now, a national association for health and human service nonprofits.) There, she was responsible for new program design, knowledge and content management, as well as leadership development.