

# Loudoun CPS - Sandra Glenney's bizarre choice of mental health professionals



As mentioned several times before, false accusation cases hinge upon psychological testimony. It will be the most difficult evidence that you and your attorney will have to overcome. It will assist you greatly in knowing the background of the therapist. Glenney's choice of therapists are engineered and hired to do one thing, obtain a disclosure of child abuse. All of their testimony will lead to the conclusion that your child is exhibiting symptoms of child sexual abuse. In some cases they search for Satanic Ritual Abuse, as in the case of Dr. Joyanna Silberg. Sandra Glenney highly regards Dr. Joyanna Silberg. This should provide insight into the beliefs and strategy of Sandra Glenney. Her therapist is described as a pseudoscientific, dangerous therapists.

The following letter written to the New York Times by attorney Michael R. Snedeker, co-author of "Satan's Silence". The critical part of letter is as follows

***Joyanna Silberg, the therapist of one young woman in the story, is notorious for advocating the debunked myth of satanic ritual child abuse and promoting the idea that many victims didn't remember the crimes because they "dissociated" while being abused. Let us not give such pseudoscientific, dangerous therapists another gravy train."***

The complete letter is below.

**"The article was published in the *New York Times Magazine* on January, 27th, 2013.**

**NCRJ President Michael R. Snedeker responds:**

**Dear *New York Times Magazine* Editor:**

**In "The Price of a Stolen Childhood" (NYT Mag, 1/24/2013), Emily Bazelon wrote about the appalling sexual abuse of two young girls and its use in widely distributed child pornography. The primary question raised by the article is whether people who downloaded this pornography should pay restitution to the now-adult victims. The National Center for Reason and Justice ([www.ncrj.org](http://www.ncrj.org)) frequently hears from young men caught with child porn they downloaded from the Internet. Many claim to have done so inadvertently along with adult porn. Yes, they broke the law. But most have no money, have no previous criminal record, and have never molested a child. They will serve years in prison and will be labeled sex offenders forevermore.**

**Bazelon should have been more critical of the suggestion that deep-pocket defendants get shorter prison terms in exchange for paying restitution to child porn victims. It would be unfair to lock up poor men longer than richer men because they could not afford “restitution.” A better solution would be to do real research into the damage these crimes actually work on victims—victims not yet on the merry-go-round of questionable therapy and big-bucks restitution—and then adjust the punishment accordingly and equitably. As Bazelon points out, that research does not yet exist.**

**What we do know is that obsessive attention paid to victims can paradoxically make their feelings of trauma worse, or even cause them in the first place. Joyanna Silberg, the therapist of one young woman in the story, is notorious for advocating the debunked myth of satanic ritual child abuse and promoting the idea that many victims didn’t remember the crimes because they “dissociated” while being abused. Let us not give such pseudoscientific, dangerous therapists another gravy train.”**

**Yours,**

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**President**

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## **[Loudoun CPS - Dr. Mary Lindahl and retractions](#)**



Dr. Mary Lindahl is a prime example of why, if falsely accused of child sexual abuse, your attorney must get the treatment notes. The following [ebook](#) **“Has a child been molested”** perfectly lays out what happens in therapy when a therapist believes abuse has taken place (page 92) . According to Dr. Mary Lindahl of Alexandria, Virginia, a retraction is not an inconsistency. At least that was her under oath testimony in a case in Loudoun County. In a subsequent deposition Dr. Lindahl stated that retractions are common and is not something that would be hidden. Interestingly enough Dr. Lindahl did attempt to conceal the retractions. Taken from the book **“Has a child been molested”**.

*“Every effort must be made to obtain the records of such therapy, given that therapists in these circumstances usually assume abuse occurred and then tailor therapy to encourage the child to describe abuse experiences. Such therapists, in other words, take on the role of investigators, but unless records of the therapy are obtained, studied, and made a part of the trial, the potential impact of therapy on a child’s reliability will be hidden from a jury.*

*When such records are carefully studied, it may emerge that only with the onset of therapy, with its repeated message that the child has been victimized and perhaps is still in danger, did the child begin to show the symptoms described later as having resulted from sexual abuse. When a child is repeatedly reassured that he or she will be protected and is therefore safe to “tell the secret,” and is then asked if the alleged perpetrator threatened to harm or even kill the child if the secret is revealed, should we be surprised if the child responds to such therapy with the onset of fears, nightmares, clinging behavior and other symptoms of anxiety”*

The above two paragraphs aptly described Dr. Lindahl’s approach to therapy in a recent case in Loudoun County. Despite numerous retractions , Dr. Lindahl decided to withhold the retractions from the Court throughout multiple hearings. She only withheld the retractions because her notes were not subpoenaed. Obtaining the notes will allow your attorney and expert to examine how the therapy has been conducted.

Also, Dr. Lindahl and Sandra Glenney took advantage of the notes not being available to the accused. It cannot be stressed enough, that your attorney must get the notes from your child’s therapy sessions. In a CPS case, the therapist will be allowed to testify to what your child said . Your child will more than likely not testify, the statements that your child “allegedly” made in therapy will be allowed in through the testimony of the therapist. Remember , the therapist who testifies for CPS will assume that abuse occurred.

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