

# [Dr. Mary Lindahl - Reunification Therapy gone astray](#)

The child's evaluation is carried out in order to develop a treatment plan for reunification and incorporates the standard elements of a psychological evaluation, including any trauma-related symptoms. It is important for the reunification therapist to avoid the temptation to continue the abuse investigation. The children are in various stages of acceptance of the reunification; some are eager to see the parent, while others are adamantly opposed or frightened. Some children need a short time to prepare and others need a lot longer.



It is so hard to understand the words of Dr. Mary Lindahl, they are in stark contrast to her conduct in therapy. Again, with therapists like Dr. Lindahl you must get the treatment notes. Either she doesn't comprehend her discrepancies or she doesn't care. As an example, the above clip from her article "**Reunification in Intrafamilial Child Abuse Cases:**"

***"It is important for the reunification therapist to avoid the temptation to continue the abuse investigation"***. This is an incredible statement made by Dr. Mary Lindahl who in the Monica Zveare case was adamant in finding abuse regardless of the facts. In fact she was so adamant that she stated to a social worker that she was almost 100% sure abuse occurred. Click on the link below. These are not the words of a therapist who has abandoned the abuse investigation.

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Dr. Lindahl's behavior in the Zveare case raises severe questions about her therapeutic techniques. She was clearly biased in the Zveare case, she at one point inquired of Sandra Glenney what Glenney wanted in the way of testimony or a report. This stresses the need to get the treatment notes. Psychologists often depict therapy as an art not a science. This can lead to numerous incompetent therapists, it seems that they are attracted to Sandra Glenney or vice versa.

In short, do not allow Dr. Lindahl to serve as your reunification therapist. Do not allow Dr. Lindahl to serve in any capacity in your case.

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## THE EVALUATION AND PLANNING PERIOD

### Assessment of the Parents

Current independent psychological assessments of both parents are ideal, but some refuse to participate and judges may not have the authority to order these for parents who have not been found liable for abuse. Evaluations of the parents, excluding those accused of sexual abuse (see section below), should be conducted by practitioners who, in addition to their qualifications to perform standard mental health evaluations, have training and experience in these types of cases. Assessment of the issues specific to the case are important. For example, for the accused parent, relevant issues include prior relationship with the child, level of hostility towards the other parent, and ability to put aside proving innocence. For the nonaccused parent, history of personal trauma, level of conflict with the other parent, ability to consider other explanations for the allegations, avoidance of coaching, and willingness to encourage a healthy relationship between the other parent and child are relevant.

Reading Dr. Mary Lindahl's article "**Reunification in intrafamilial Child Abuse Cases**" in the April 2016 issue of the [Family Court Review Journal](#), one is surprised at the contradiction between what is written and what is practiced. There is so much to point out, this will be a series of blogs. Take a note, when it comes to Dr. Lindahl you and your attorney need to dig deep and understand her tactics. In some cases her testimony or written articles doesn't match her practice.

Lets take the first sentence in the paragraph above "**Current independent psychological assessments of both parents are ideal**". On the surface it is a very valid statement, both parents should agree to an assessment. In practice she is being untruthful, in a case involving Monica Zveare. Dr. Lindahl made no such recommendation to the Court.



This failure, despite Zveare's childhood background, which would suggest suffering severe trauma as a child. Zveare made very bizarre statements to Dr. Lindahl, which to most observers would suggest problems. I am not quite sure how this article was fact checked or verified. In the Zveare case, Dr. Lindahl was blinded by her dedication to help Sandra Glenney win her case so much that she ignored the numerous red flags with Zveare.

It would be beneficial for you and your attorney to cross-examine Dr. Mary Lindahl with this article. In that you can use this to bolster your motion to have the accusing parent evaluated. Lindahl would be in the unenviable position of refuting her article. Again, you have to get all of Dr. Lindahl's notes and compare them to her testimony, they may not match,

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