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Scope

This bibliography lists publications related to child maltreatment issues authored by Dr. Karen Saywitz. Having doctoral degree concentrations in both developmental and clinical psychology, Dr. Saywitz enjoyed a highly successful career at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) and was director of child and adolescent psychology at the Harbor-UCLA Medical Center. Saywitz spent her professional life in research and advocacy related to child victims, conducting and publishing innovative research on child maltreatment and its associated trauma, foster care, child mental health and child forensic interviewing, including landmark research on emotionally sensitive child forensic interview protocols. She was one of the first researchers in the world to specialize in these areas. Dr. Saywitz was recognized in 2018 by the American Psychological Association's (APA) Society for Child and Family Policy and Practice (Division 37) with its highest honor, the Lifetime Advocacy Award.

Organization

Publications include articles, book chapters, reports, and research briefs and are listed in date descending order. Links are provided to full text publications when possible. However, this collection may not be complete. More information can be obtained in the Child Abuse Library Online.

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