

2018 ThinkFirst Conference Speakers

Christy Adams, RN, BSN, MPH, PhD(c), is a registered nurse and the coordinator for the UC Davis Health Trauma Prevention Program in Sacramento, California. Her background includes 17 years of critical care and emergency nursing. In 2007, she left clinical care to focus on community based injury prevention. She obtained a Master's in Public Health in 2010 and is currently completing her doctoral studies in Nursing Science and Health Care Leadership at the UC Davis Betty Irene Moore School of Nursing. Christy is the co-chair of Safe States 'Hospital Injury Prevention Special Interest Group' and was part of the team that developed the Standards and Indicators for Model Level I and II Trauma Center Injury and Violence Prevention Programs.

Kathleen Boyer MSN, RN, is the Injury Prevention Coordinator for Christiana Care Health System Trauma Program and the ThinkFirst State Chapter Director for Delaware. Kathy graduated with a BSN from the University of Delaware in 1988 and was accepted into Christiana Care Health System's (then known as The Medical Center of Delaware) Critical Care Nurse Internship Program in Newark Delaware. After completing the program, Kathy worked for 22 years in the Surgical Critical Care Unit as a staff nurse caring for trauma, surgical and neurosurgical patients, maintaining her CCRN certification for over 20 years. Kathy was hired as the Injury Prevention Coordinator for Christiana Care's Trauma Program in January of 2012. She received her MSN in 2013 from Wilmington University.

Jill Braselton, RN, BSN, CPSTI, is the Team Lead Specialist for Injury Prevention at Northwestern Medicine–West Region, Central DuPage Hospital and Delnor Hospital, and the ThinkFirst State Chapter Director and Trainer for Illinois. She has worked for Central DuPage Hospital for 30 years and in her current role oversees ThinkFirst Northwestern Medicine's Injury Prevention programs that reach almost 22,000 students each year. She developed and implements the ThinkFirst For Youth program in elementary and middle schools, presenting ThinkFirst assemblies/classroom presentations to over 8,000 students each year. She teaches 2 parent classes each month on Child Passenger Safety and facilitates a new mother's weekly support group for the hospital. Jill created the ThinkFirst Boost IL/CPS program at Northwestern Medicine, distributing over 300 child safety seats each year to families in need.

Jill received her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Social Science from Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois and her Bachelor of Science Degree in Nursing from Rush University, Chicago. She is a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor and Certified Breastfeeding Counselor. She lives in Glen Ellyn, IL with her husband, two daughters and granddaughter.

Donna Cavanaugh, BA, is the Louisiana State Chapter Director for ThinkFirst National Injury Prevention Foundation and Executive Director of ThinkFirst of the Ark-La-Tex. Donna oversees the development and implementation of all the activities of the local chapter based in Shreveport. Since it formed in 1996, over 200,000 children, youth and adults have seen the ThinkFirst safety message in the Ark-La-Tex area.

Donna serves on many local, state and national organizations that advocate safety for children, youth and adults. After serving as President of the Shreveport Medical Society Alliance in 2009, she received the Louisiana State Medical Society Flame of Excellence Award in 2011. She was selected as one of the top ten outstanding leaders for the Alliance for Education in 2009. Donna is a graduate of the University of Texas at San Antonio and has a B.A. in Elementary Education. Donna enjoys traveling with her husband David. They enjoy attending the LSU football games and are avid fans.

Barbara Crowell Roy, RN, LMHC, MBA, is president of Eve's Fund for Native American Health Initiatives and its current executive director. When Barbara's daughter, Eve, died tragically in 2005, she and her former husband, neurosurgeon Robert M. Crowell joined together and turned their grief into action in Eve's name and memory. They created ThinkFirst Navajo, which is still their largest program today, to find a way to address the alarming number of preventable deaths and brain and spinal cord injuries among Navajo youth living on and near the Navajo Nation. Starting a ThinkFirst chapter on a federally designated Native American reservation was a difficult task, and building a successful chapter, in a large rural area that spans three states has been extremely challenging. Barbara will share some of the unique obstacles ThinkFirst Navajo has faced (and still deals with) in trying to teach injury prevention within a Native American cultural and geographical context.

Dortha Cummins, MPS, serves as the Director for the Louisiana Center for Transportation Safety. At the Safety Center, Dortha oversees highway safety research projects, safety workforce development and training initiatives, public education and outreach activities on a variety of highway safety issues, and implementation support for the State's Strategic Highway Safety Plan. She possesses over 20 years of experience in public health, public safety, community advocacy, organizational management, and a passion for understanding and utilizing data.

Mike Dawson EMT-P, began working ambulance as an Advanced First Aider in 1979, as an Emergency Medical Technician in 1980, and a Paramedic in 1985. Working with CoxHealth in Springfield, Missouri since 1987 and he's currently the EMS Operation's Manager. Mike helped start the then "Head's Up" program for CoxHealth in 1987 as an EMS speaker and became involved with Think First in 1998. He became Chapter Director in 2000 and is an instructor for PHTLS, PALS. Mike is a Board Member for the Missouri EMS Funeral Response Team Honor Guard.

Barbara DiGirolamo, M.Ed., CPSTI, is the ThinkFirst Boston state chapter director at Boston Children's Hospital, presenting in schools throughout Massachusetts. She is also a Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor and runs the CPS program at Children's, coordinates CPS checks throughout the state, and teaches CPST certification classes in Massachusetts and Rhode Island. An educator by trade with a two and four-year-old at home, Barbara brings new ideas and enthusiasm to the Injury Prevention Program and is particularly interested in the prevention of brain and spinal cord injuries.

Deana Dothage, BS, Director of First Impact, has a unique background that makes her the perfect fit for the position she has filled with ThinkFirst Missouri since January 2017. Deana (DEE-NAH) has a B.S. in Administration of Justice - Policing Option from the University of Missouri—St. Louis. Her career experience includes law enforcement, insurance claims, insurance agency, office management and transportation. During her first 12 months on the job, Deana trained 62 First Impact facilitators and reached over 1,800 parents statewide. For Deana, reducing traffic fatalities is personal. In two separate auto crashes, both over 40 years ago, her father died, and her 19-year-old brother died. While implementing First Impact, a program designed to teach parents of new drivers the Graduated Driver's License law to reduce traffic fatalities, she is living her work. Her son, Danny, age 16, has been driving since August 2017, so Deana is actively practicing the First Impact model.

Ashley Emmel MSN, MBA, RN, Violence Prevention Coordinator at Nebraska Medicine in Omaha, Nebraska. Ashley graduated from Creighton University with a Bachelor's in Nursing and completed her Master's in Nursing Leadership and Master's in Business from Nebraska Wesleyan. Her background includes 8 years in emergency medicine nursing with the last 4 years as the Trauma Coordinator for outreach. Her passion for violence prevention in trauma guided her to the development of a hospital-based, youth prevention program called Dusk to Dawn. Her team was selected for the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Clinical Scholars Program last year which allowed her to move to a full-time position in Violence Prevention for Nebraska Medicine/UNMC.

Kim Greene, CPSTI, is the Colorado State Chapter Director for ThinkFirst Vail Health Hospital. Her involvement with ThinkFirst started because of her son's severe traumatic brain injury in 1999. Through a Brain Injury Association group support meeting, the Greene family met Cindy and Dr. Tatsumi, who had started Vail Valley Medical Center's ThinkFirst program. Her son, Jeremy Greene, became a VIP speaker in 2000, and Kim traveled with Jeremy to speaking engagements. Kim and Jeremy started to share their stories together and realized the impact they had on young people. Kim started to coordinate the program for VVMC in the Summit County region and in 2007 was hired as the part time Eagle County Coordinator. In 2009 Kim was promoted to Chapter Director of ThinkFirst Vail Valley Medical Center, now known as Vail Health Hospital. Kim serves as the chair for the Eagle County Prevention committee and is very involved with the state of Colorado Child Passenger Safety Program where she serves her district as a state advisory board member. Her career has evolved over the past 10 years out of personal passion to share her family's story and most importantly how it all could have been prevented with one click of a seatbelt.

Nancy Kyrouac, MPH, is chapter director of ThinkFirst Southern Illinois University School of Medicine and holds a Master of Public Health. She has been a nationally certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for ten years and a Child Passenger Safety Technician Instructor since 2012. Nancy has been involved in prevention education for more than 20 years, including injury, violence, and drug and alcohol prevention.

Julie Philbrook, RN, DNP, MAL, MAN, CPSTI, has been a registered nurse at HCMC for more than 34 years and holds a Doctorate in Nursing Practice (DNP) from Augsburg College. She has worked in the field Trauma Prevention more than 26 years.

Julie has been the state chapter director for the ThinkFirst Brain and Spinal Cord Injury Prevention program for 25 years. She has planned and coordinated countless prevention programs including bike rodeos, high school mock car crashes, worksite programs, and car seat safety events. She has received several prevention grants; including a four-year Robert Wood Johnson funded Injury Free Coalition for Kids project grant. She was one of the first child passenger safety technician instructors in the nation and a founding member of the MN Child Passenger Safety Advisory Board. In 2016 she became a "Stepping On" Senior Falls Prevention Master Trainer.

Gail Rosseau, MD, attended medical school and residency at George Washington University in Washington, D.C. She completed clerkships in London, Glasgow, Paris, and Sydney, as well as a cranial base surgery fellowship in Pittsburgh. She has held multiple leadership positions in national and international organized neurosurgery and has served as a University Trustee and Director of multiple philanthropies.

Dr. Rosseau was an early pioneer of endoscopic surgical techniques to treat pituitary tumors and other cranial base disorders. Involved in the prevention of head and spine injuries for over 25 years, she has served on the Board of Directors of USA Football, and was Guest Editor of the 2014 Sports

Concussion Supplement in the journal, *Neurosurgery*. She currently advocates for global neurotrauma prevention on the ThinkFirst Board of Directors and as World Federation of Neurosurgical Societies Liaison to the World Health Organization. She and her husband, orthopedic surgeon, Rick Rosseau, enjoy running and have completed 16 marathons. They have a daughter and son in college, who are studying medicine and astronomy, respectively.

Trooper Dallas Thompson, of the Missouri State Highway Patrol is a Public Information Officer, in St. Louis, Troop C. He obtained his Associate of Science degree in Criminal Justice in 1997 from Mineral Area College in Park Hills, Missouri. Trooper Thompson began his career with the Missouri State Highway Patrol on October 20, 2002. After graduation, he was assigned to Troop C Zone 14, Washington/St. Francois Counties. Prior to his employment with the Highway Patrol, he served as a deputy sheriff with the Washington County Sheriff's Department and as a police officer with the Sullivan Police Department. He has served Troop C as a part time marijuana eradication officer for six years as well as served as a zone terrorism officer in his assigned counties. He has been a member of the Troop C Honor Guard for twelve years. Trooper Thompson was also Commercial Vehicle Enforcement Trooper for Troop C for almost two years. He is currently assigned as a Public Information and Education Officer for the Highway Patrol at Troop C. He and his wife Dawn have two children. Trooper Thompson has been presenting First Impact since August 2017.

Katie Walro, BS, CPST, Injury Prevention Educator for TriHealth ThinkFirst in Cincinnati, holds a bachelor's degree in Organizational Communications with a Business Minor from Wright State University. With her current role as an Injury Prevention Educator she oversees the ThinkFirst For Your Baby English and Spanish program in Cincinnati, OH. She has been a Certified Child Passenger Safety Technician for two years. Katie is a community educator with the Kiwanis Safety Rocks program, where she reaches over 800 Headstart children each year. Along with playing an instrumental role with the Crosstown Concussion Crew, Katie also is a water fitness instructor with her local YMCA and a scout leader and a religious emblem advisor with Boy Scouts of America.

Kayt Zundel, MS, MPA, is the State Chapter Director for ThinkFirst Oregon at Oregon Health and Science University. In this role since 2009, Kayt has been leading injury prevention programs at OHSU for Portland and surrounding communities. Fall prevention has been a specific focus since 2010; this interest led to creating a local fall prevention seminar and assisting the ThinkFirst Foundation in the development of ThinkFirst To Prevent Falls. Kayt lives in Portland, Oregon with her husband, two kids and four dogs.