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David Wolfe is an expert in child sexual abuse and, in particular, the impact of child sexual abuse on victims. He is a Professor of Psychiatry and Psychology at the University of Toronto and currently holds the RBC Chair in Children's Mental Health at the Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH). He also serves as Director of the CAMH Centre for Prevention Science. Dr. Wolfe is a founding member of the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and Children at the University of Western Ontario and past president of the child, youth and family services division of the American Psychological Association.

His broad research and clinical interests lie in the field of abnormal child psychology, with a special focus on child abuse, domestic violence and developmental psychopathology. He has lectured extensively on topics of physical abuse, sexual abuse and domestic abuse and has authored or co-authored 15 books and more than 100 articles on those subjects. A Registered Psychologist in Ontario, he has maintained a clinical practice since 1981 involving children and adults, many of whom were exposed to traumatic events in childhood. He has testified in 38 civil and criminal trials regarding child abuse, adult survivors of child sexual abuse, child welfare and effects of family violence on children including the Mount Cashel court case in 2003.

In response to an invitation by the United Nations and the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies in 1999, he assumed the role of Chair for an international committee on Child Abuse in Peacetime, assisting the agency in establishing 'best practices' for victims of various forms of trauma around the world. His expertise on the effects of trauma on children and adolescents was recognized by the U.S. National Institute of Mental Health when he served as Chair of the Violence and Traumatic Stress Committee from 1997-1999. Dr. Wolfe is the 2005 recipient of the Donald O. Hebb Award for Distinguished Contributions to Psychology from the Canadian Psychological Association. He received the Outstanding Career Award from the American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children in 2000.