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Peter Jaffe is an expert in child sexual abuse and, in particular, the institutional and community response to it. He is a Professor in the Faculty of Education at the University of Western Ontario and Academic Director of the Centre for Research on Violence Against Women and Children. Dr. Jaffe also holds cross-appointments in the Departments of Psychology and Psychiatry at Western. He is the Director Emeritus of the Centre for Children and Families in the Justice System, a children's mental health centre specializing in issues that bring children and families into the justice system in London, Ontario.

Most of Dr. Jaffe's clinical work and research focuses on children and adolescents involved with police or the courts, either as offenders or victims of family violence and/or sexual abuse. He has worked with individuals, institutions organizations and communities to identify and encourage the implementation of solutions to issues of violence against women and children. As an example, between 1991 and 1993, he served as a member of the Canadian Panel on Violence Against Women, a federally appointed committee whose final report heightened public awareness of the problem and outlined prevention strategies. Dr. Jaffe served as a consultant to Justice S. Robins in his review, "Protecting our Students", designed to identify and prevent sexual misconduct in Ontario schools. He also reviewed the impact of institutional abuse on children and adolescents for the Law Commission of Canada.

Dr. Jaffe has co-authored nine books, 24 chapters and more than 70 articles related to children, families and the justice system. He has presented workshops to judges, lawyers, mental health professionals and educators, across the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand and Europe. In 1995, Dr. Jaffe was appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors for the Center for Research on Violence Against Women and Children. He currently sits on the Chief Coroner's Domestic Violence Death Review Committee and has served on various community advisory committees for the London Police Services. He received the Commemorative Medal for the 125th Anniversary of the Confederation of Canada and the Award of Merit from the Ontario Psychological Foundation for his contribution to research and clinical practice in the prevention of family violence.