

## **PRESENTERS' BIOGRAPHIES** (in alphabetical order)

### **Tim Hennessey**

Tim Hennessey is employed by Hennepin County as a Senior Social Worker in the Child Care Licensing Unit of the Department of Human Services and Public Health. During his 28 year career with Hennepin County, Mr. Hennessey has worked in the Economic Assistance, Child Support, Training, and Legal Services areas. In addition to his work at Hennepin County, Mr. Hennessey is a consultant to the Center for Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment in Minneapolis. Mr. Hennessey holds a Master's Degree in Counseling Psychology from St. Mary's University, Minneapolis. Mr. Hennessey is the father of seven children and lives in St. Paul, Minnesota. Tim's email address is: [tim.hennessey@co.hennepin.mn.us](mailto:tim.hennessey@co.hennepin.mn.us).

### **Chris Kimber, MS, RD, HFS** **Title: Physical Activity Coordinator**

Chris Kimber has been with the Minnesota Department of Health (MDH) for over 20 years and has been coordinating physical activity efforts at MDH for the past 15 years. Chris has been a Certified Health Fitness Specialist through the American College of Sports Medicine since 1999 and a Registered Dietitian since 1983. She has a Bachelor's and Master's degree in nutrition from the University of Wisconsin - Stout. On the national level, Chris helped to establish the National Society of Physical Activity Practitioners in Public Health and serves on the board of directors. She can be contacted at [chris.kimber@state.mn.us](mailto:chris.kimber@state.mn.us).

### **Mary Margaret Reagan-Montiel**

Mary Margaret Reagan-Montiel works in Early Childhood and the Say Yes to No campaign for the National Institute on Media and the Family. She manages partnership development, MediaWise® trainings, content development and the  through-u - *Families Become MediaWise®* program. She came to the Institute from Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association (GMDCA), a Child Care Resource and Referral agency where she managed a diverse team of outreach staff working to support child care providers in Hennepin County. She created, managed and delivered a unique project supporting Family, Friend and Neighbor Caregivers (FFN) in North Minneapolis and consulted one-on-one with licensed Family Child Care providers in Minneapolis among many other projects in her five years at GMDCA. Prior to GMDCA, Mary Margaret worked on a pilot project supporting families and adult adoptees with post-adoption services. She created the state's first post-adoption clearinghouse of information and resources. Ms. Reagan-Montiel received a B.A. in Psychology from the College of Saint Catherine, Saint Paul, Minnesota. Mary Margaret volunteers at the East African Women's Center, and Wilshire Park Elementary School. You can reach her via email at [mreagan-montiel@mediafamily.org](mailto:mreagan-montiel@mediafamily.org).

### **Ea McMillan Porter**

Ea McMillan Porter is the Recruitment Coordinator for the College of Applied Professional Studies for the University of St. Thomas. This position allows her to speak with prospective students about the graduate programs available in Teacher Education, Curriculum and Instruction, Educational Leadership, Human Resources, Student Affairs, Police Leadership and Psychology. Mrs. Porter was introduced to MediaWise® and the through-u campaign as a parent at the La Crèche Childcare Center. La Crèche invited MediaWise to their parent enrichment program and agreed to partner with MediaWise in the Northside Initiative to bring the training to childcare providers in North Minneapolis. Mrs. Porter, having learned so much herself, completed the "Train the Trainer" program and led some of the sessions for Northside providers. Mrs. Porter received a B.A. in Human Resources Management, Training and Development from Metropolitan State University. She is a member of the University Association for Women and Equity at St. Thomas as well as the Minnesota Chapters of the Association of Black Women in Higher Education and Jack and Jill. Ea Porter can be reached via email at: [emporter@stthomas.edu](mailto:emporter@stthomas.edu).

### **Sarah B. Strickland**

As Executive Director of the National Institute on Media and the Family, Sarah is responsible for overall strategy, business development and program direction to advance the Institute's mission and vision. Sarah is an experienced leader with twenty-five years of organizational management and consulting experience in the health and social services sectors. Her areas of expertise include strategic business planning and implementation, organizational assessment and development, board development and interim executive management. She has served in administrative roles for Fairview Health Services in behavioral health, clinic management, occupational health and chronic pain management, and has held marketing management positions at HealthOne Corporation in Minneapolis. Ms. Strickland received a B.A. degree in Organizational Psychology from Pitzer College, Claremont, California. Her community involvement has included board leadership and committee volunteer roles for St. Mark's Episcopal Cathedral, Children's Surgery International, Planned Parenthood of Minnesota/South Dakota, and Leadership Minneapolis.

### **David Walsh, Ph.D.**

David Walsh, Ph.D. has emerged as one of the world's leading authorities on parenting and the impact of media on children's health and development. He spent 10 years teaching and coaching high school students before joining Fairview Health Services in Minneapolis to develop and direct innovative counseling programs for youth and families. In 1995, he founded the internationally renowned National Institute on Media and the Family. As president, Dr. Walsh spearheads the Institute's efforts to provide parents, teachers, and other concerned adults with information about media through education, research, and advocacy.

Dr. Walsh has presented workshops to parents, educators, and other professionals throughout the world. A consultant to the World Health Organization and the Ministry of Education of Japan, he has testified before congressional committees on numerous occasions. Dr. Walsh presents workshops that blend humor, warmth, scientific substance, and practical advice.

Dr. Walsh is the author of nine books, including the national bestseller *Why Do They Act That Way? A Survival Guide to the Adolescent Brain for You and Your Teen*. In January 2007, he released his latest book, *No: Why Kids – of All Ages – Need to Hear It and Ways Parents Can Say It*. The book serves as the focal point of the *Say Yes to No* campaign which teaches parents and educators how to instill self-discipline in America's children and ensure that our kids are successful in school and life.

Dr. Walsh has authored columns on numerous topics, including Internet addiction and the dangers of MySpace.com. His columns have appeared in newspapers across the country, including the *Washington Post* and the *San Jose Mercury News*.

A frequent guest on national radio and television, Dr. Walsh has appeared on NBC's *Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *The CBS Early Show*, *The News Hour with Jim Lehrer*, *Dateline NBC*, ABC's *20/20*, National Public Radio's *All Things Considered* and *Morning Edition*, and has been featured on three nationally broadcast PBS specials. He has been the recipient of numerous awards including the Council on Family Relations' *Friend of the Family Award*.

Dr. Walsh is on the faculty of the University of Minnesota, and has published many articles in the professional and general press. He is active in many professional associations and is a licensed psychologist in the State of Minnesota. Dr. Walsh is a lifetime member of the Parent Teacher Association in Minnesota, Ohio, Utah and Washington.

He received his B.A. degree from Mt. Carmel College, his M.A. degree from the University of St. Thomas in St. Paul, and his Ph.D. in educational psychology from the University of Minnesota. He and his wife Monica live in Minneapolis and have three adult children—Dan, Brian, and Erin. Dr. Walsh can be contacted through the website for the National Institute on Media and the Family, [www.mediawise.org](http://www.mediawise.org).