

Kimberly Sokoloff Selvaggi

Bio

For more than a decade, Ms. Selvaggi worked at the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch, in the Center for Best Practices, advocating for and implementing female responsive and trauma-informed programs and practices throughout juvenile justice. Her work resulted in system change for girls in detention, on probation, delinquency interventions and those involved due to status offenses. She developed and implemented innovative behavior motivation practices for detention and residential services. As a member of the 2007 Legislative Committee to deinstitutionalize status offenders, Kim led the development of a system of new practices and services to divert status offending juveniles from court-involvement. In 2011, Kim left state service and launched a consulting firm to support the application of gender responsive and trauma-informed practices with service providers across the U.S.. Early in 2014, Kim became Executive Director of LISA Inc., a non-profit agency that offers residential and community-based programs for abused and neglected youth, bringing her knowledge of effective programming for adolescents into her work there.

In 2012, Kim co-authored the *Trauma Informed Effective Reinforcement System (TIER) for Girls*, which offers a comprehensive, gender responsive behavior motivation system for residential programs and facilities. She contributed to the development of the Gender Responsive Policy and Program Assessment (GRPPA) instrument for the National Institute of Corrections, was a speaker on SAMSHA's webinar series for girls, and worked with agencies around the country to develop programs and group curricula for girls. An experienced lecturer, trainer, consultant and technical assistance provider, she is also a Certified Training Associate for Dr. Stephanie Covington's *Voices* curriculum.

Kim lives in Middlefield, Connecticut with her husband and children.