

Roundtable Discussion

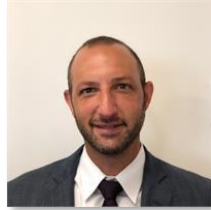
Navigating Virtual Education -- with Calm, Connectedness and Compassion.



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**National School Boards Association, Center for Safe Schools
Attachment & Trauma Network**

Moderated by



Adam Lustig

**Director, Center for Safe Schools
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Adam Lustig is currently the Director for the National School Boards Association's Center for Safe Schools, an NSBA initiative to support and ensure a safe and secure environment for students, staff and community members. Adam has spent his career working in public education as first a teacher and varsity coach before becoming a school administrator responsible for Safety, Security and School Climate in New York City Public Schools. He then worked in Washington DC Public schools managing the areas of social-emotional learning, student behavior, bullying prevention and restorative justice for all DCPS schools. Adam has also served as a professional development trainer at the state, district and school levels. Through these experiences he has formed the belief that school safety goes far beyond just focusing only on security measures or individual programs, but rather with a shift from reactive to preventative measures, focusing on supporting the whole child, while also engaging schools, families and communities.

Panelists



Julie Beem

Executive Director

Attachment & Trauma Network

Julie Beem has been the Executive Director of the Attachment & Trauma Network since 2009 and an active member and volunteer since 2005. Julie lives in the Atlanta area and is the mom to four and grandmother to 2. Her youngest daughter, adopted internationally more than 20 years ago was the reason she found support and education from the other parents at ATN. Under Julie's leadership, ATN has grown to reach families, schools and communities around the world. In 2016 ATN was given an Angel in Adoption award to honor the organization's contributions to adoptive families across the US. And in 2018 ATN began the Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools Conference, the largest gathering of trauma-informed educators in the world. Julie is a frequent speaker at adoption/foster parenting conferences as well as events focused on early childhood trauma. Julie's true passion is making life easier for children impacted by trauma and the families who love them.



Dr. Melissa Sadin
Director, Creating Trauma-Sensitive Schools
Attachment & Trauma Network

Melissa is a mother to two sons (one adopted and one bio), a wife, and a life long educator. She began her career as a high school special education teacher working in a self-contained classroom for emotionally challenged young adults. After twelve years in classrooms in all grades 2-12, she became an administrator. During her years serving as an administrator she worked in elementary schools and an alternative school for behaviorally challenged children in grades K-12. She was a behavior modification specialist who provided workshops across the state on meeting the needs of students with challenging behaviors.

Today Melissa is a published author and education consultant. She is an advocate for trauma informed schools and has produced numerous webinars on the topic. She holds two Masters Degrees and a Doctoral degree in developmental trauma in schools.



Ginger Healy, MSW, LCSW
Director, Parenting Program
Attachment & Trauma Network

Ginger Healy received her master's degree in social work from UNLV in 1999 and began practicing as a licensed clinical social worker in 2001. She has worked as a social worker in the field of child and family services and hospital trauma for several years until she adopted her son from Romania. At that point she started working for Children's House International Adoption Agency for the next 15 years serving as the social service supervisor. This job taught her so much about attachment and trauma. In 2016 she was awarded The Angels in Adoption Award and met Julie Beem a fellow awardee. She was so impressed that when an opportunity to work for The Attachment & Trauma Network came up she jumped in head first. She is married with four children and her greatest teachers about developmental trauma and special needs have been her children. She hopes to give back to parents in her professional life and through community support. She has been able to lead the Iron County Utah Autism Support Group and serve on the board of Gateway Preparatory Academy. She is honored to be a part the ATN team.