



San Diego Trauma-Informed Guide Team

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About the Presenter

Mark Katz, Ph.D., is a clinical and consulting psychologist in San Diego, California, and author of the book, *Children Who Fail at School but Succeed at Life: Lessons of Lives Well-Lived*, published in 2016 by W.W. Norton and Company. The book is a follow-up to his earlier book, *On Playing a Poor Hand Well*, also published by W.W. Norton and Company.

For over 30 years, Mark has served as the Director of Learning Development Services, an educational, psychological and neuropsychological center in San Diego, California. He is a past recipient of the Rosenberry Award, a national award given yearly by Children's Hospital in Denver, Colorado, in recognition of an individual's contribution to the field of behavioral science. He is also a past recipient of the CHADD (Children and Adults With Attention Deficit Disorder) Hall of Fame Award, which the organization gives each year to recognize and honor individuals they feel have made significant contributions to improving the lives of individuals affected by ADHD. Mark is a contributing editor for *Attention Magazine*, and also writes the magazine's promising practices column. He has been a keynote presenter at a number of national conferences, and has conducted numerous trainings for schools, healthcare organizations, and community groups working to improve educational and mental health systems of care. Mark has been interviewed by reporters for Oprah Magazine, Time Magazine, Men's Health, CNN, and others in the media on topics pertaining to resilience and overcoming adversity.



For close to 30 years, Mark also served as a Supervising Psychologist and then Consulting Psychologist at San Diego Center for Children. He also served as a member of the National Advisory Committee for the Chadwick Trauma-Informed Systems Project, sponsored by the National Child Traumatic Stress Network. The committee worked with staff from the Chadwick Center for Children and Families to produce a guide for child welfare system administrators on how to create trauma-informed child welfare systems.

In addition, Mark has worked with colleagues from around the country on the *Stop Bullying Now!* campaign, a federally sponsored multi-year media campaign designed to increase public awareness of bullying and other forms of school violence.