



Jerry Yager, Psy.D.

Jerry Yager has more than 30 years of experience in the assessment and treatment of neglected, abused, and traumatized children. He joined the



Denver Children's Advocacy Center in 2011 to pursue his passion of educating professionals who work with children about the impact of abuse and neglect on the developing brain. As director of training, Dr. Yager leads DCAC's far-reaching initiative to provide training and consultation to the professionals who work with traumatized children in many different capacities – therapists, social workers, educators, foster/adoptive parents, law enforcement officers, investigators and victim-advocates – to help them understand the often

difficult behaviors of child abuse victims and learn to provide appropriate and effective interventions that ameliorate rather than exacerbate the trauma. Dr. Yager and his training team conduct workshops and provide individual and organizational consultation throughout Colorado and the nation.

Before joining DCAC, Dr. Yager was the Executive Director of the Denver Children's Home for nine years. He has served as president of the Colorado Association of Families and Children's Agencies (CAFCA), was a member of the Governors Child Care Licensing Advisory Committee and the Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Systems Redesign Committee, and also served on the Kempe Children's Center Perpetration Prevention Study Group. Dr. Yager is frequently called as an expert witness in cases of child abuse and has been asked to testify many times in front of the Colorado State Legislature on the treatment, education, and care of children in the child welfare system. Dr. Jerry was recently nominated to join the Colorado Court Improvement Program and serves on the steering committee for redesigning Colorado's Systems of Care.

Dr. Yager received his Doctorate in Psychology from Nova University and a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from the University of Colorado.
