



### **Dave Melnick, LICSW**

Dave Melnick is the Director of Outpatient Services at NFI, Vermont, a statewide mental health agency primarily serving children, adolescents and families. He is also a CTA Fellow and an NMT Trainer. For the past 30 years, Mr. Melnick has worked in a variety of settings including outpatient, residential treatment, and public and day treatment schools. During his 20-year tenure at NFI, Vermont, he has held multiple positions, serving as the Director of Residential Treatment before becoming the Director of Outpatient Services (The Family Center). Mr. Melnick started The Family Center in 2004, and with the help of a gifted clinical staff, has brought the program statewide and regional recognition. His work at the Family Center focuses on family therapy and trauma-recovery work, serving clients of all ages. In addition to direct clinical work, Family Center staff also provide in-service training and evaluative and consultative services around the state. The staff work closely with multiple systems including child welfare, education, mental health, law enforcement, courts and medical.

Along with his focus on developmental trauma, Mr. Melnick has expertise in family therapy, adolescence and attachment. He is trained in EMDR, DDP (Dr. Hughe's attachment model), and a variety of family systems models. In 2015, he completed The ChildTrauma Academy NMT Training Certification Phase II/TTT Program and has been an active NMT Trainer since. Currently, his work focuses on providing trauma evaluations for individual youth, conducting in-service trainings, and consulting with child welfare, mental health and educational professionals. Dave and the Family Center staff are currently refining their Trauma-informed Schools Program; over the past seven years over 75 public and day treatment schools have participated in some form of training to improve educational practices for youth exposed to trauma.

Mr. Melnick received his Master's degree in social welfare from UC Berkeley in 1988, and he has been an adjunct instructor at the University of Vermont. He is licensed in both the state of Vermont and New York as a clinical social worker. Dave teaches graduate classes for the Vermont Higher Education Collaboration, and is a much in-demand presenter and consultant in Vermont and New York.

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