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Shari Uncapher received her Masters of Social Work degree from The Ohio State University in 1986 with an emphasis in clinical child and family studies. In 1990 she became a Licensed Independent Social Worker in the State of Ohio. Her Supervisor status was received in 2008, the first year of eligibility for the state.

Ms. Uncapher has been employed at Nationwide Children's Hospital since 1986. She was hired as a psychotherapist with the Family Support Program (FSP) housed at that time within the Psychology Section of the hospital. In that capacity, Ms. Uncapher completed diagnostic assessments, organized treatment planning and facilitated individual and family treatment with children and families affected by sexual abuse. In 1987 she developed an adolescent sexual offender treatment program within FSP. In addition to providing specific risk assessment and group therapy, the creation of this program allowed her to organize and chair professional community working groups regarding the interventions for sexually aggressive youth and the providers who treated them.

Ms. Uncapher continued in her role as a fulltime mental health clinician for child victims of sexual abuse, adolescent sexual offenders and the families of both until 1996 when FSP was merged into Behavioral Health Services and she became the Team Leader of the Family Support Program. Over the course of the next nine years Ms. Uncapher provided clinical services and clinical and administrative leadership for the program. During that same time frame Ms. Uncapher continued to chair several community groups concerned with sexual abuse/assault issues as well as hold membership on The Governor's Task Force on the Investigation and Prosecution of Child Abuse (2000-2003) and participate in planning activities for The Ohio Coalition On Sexual Assault (2000-2004).

In 2005 the Family Support Program relocated into the Center for Child and Family Advocacy (CCFA) at Nationwide Children's Hospital. Ms. Uncapher became the Clinical Manager for CCFA while retaining her role with Behavioral Health Services (BHS).

Presently Ms. Uncapher is the Program Manager for CCFA and BHS leading a multi-disciplinary team of more than 20 individuals charged with the resolution of behavioral health concerns related to child maltreatment and exposure to trauma. Recent statewide activities include active participation with The Supreme Court of Ohio's Guardian ad Litem Education Program curriculum development and training and the Ohio IPV Collaborative.