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BRIEF BIO:

Leena K. Augimeri, Ph.D., is the Director, Scientific and Program Development & Centre for Children Committing Offences at Child Development Institute (CDI) in Toronto. She is also an Adjunct Professor at the University of Toronto. For the past 30 years, this scientist practitioner has developed a comprehensive mental health crime prevention model for young children engaged in antisocial behaviour which is being adopted around the world. Dr. Augimeri is co-founder/developer of the longest and most fully developed evidence-based intervention for children under 12 years of age in conflict with the law – the SNAP[®] (Stop Now And Plan) Model, a noted author issues related young children in conflict with the law, researcher/evaluator, program developer, consultant and skilled group leader who also co-authored the Early Assessment Risk List for Boys (EARL-20B) and Girls (EARL-21G) which have been translated in various languages to assess risk for future antisocial behaviour in young children. In addition, she is also known for chairing a task force, which led to the development of Canada's first police-community referral protocol for children under 12 years of age in conflict with the law which has subsequently been adopted by other communities. She consults to numerous national and international projects pertaining to young children at risk for future antisocial behaviour and has participated on many national demonstration projects. Currently, Dr. Augimeri is on the Minister of Education's Accepting Schools Expert Panel and the Premier's Award Panel for Accepting Schools and a Fellow of the Academy of Experimental Criminology. She is also the recipient of numerous awards such as the Child Welfare League of Canada's inaugural *Outstanding Achievement Research and Evaluation Award*, the *Elizabeth Manson Award for Community Service in Children's Mental Health* in recognition of exemplary contributions to the promotion of children's mental health by the Hospital for Sick Children, and accepted (Dec. 2012) on behalf of CDI, the *Prime Minister's Award – Regional Social Innovation Award for SNAP[®]*. In addition, SNAP[®] was selected by the *Pecaut Centre for Social Impact* as their inaugural social innovation to scale up across Canada -- Dr. Augimeri is leading this 5 – year initiative 2013 – 2019).

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