

Bio: Scott J. Modell, Ph.D.

Scott J. Modell received his Ph.D. from the College of Education at Florida State University in 1997. Dr. Modell is currently serving as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Children's Services. Most recently he has served as the Deputy Commissioner for the Tennessee Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. Prior to moving to Tennessee, Dr. Modell spent fifteen years as a Professor at California State University, Sacramento. Over his last five years at the university, he additionally served as Director of the university's Autism Center for Excellence. He is an expert in child abuse, crime victims with disabilities, disability etiology, and interview techniques. He has authored nine books and has over 250 published articles and abstracts. Dr. Modell is frequently invited to lecture at national and international conferences regarding child abuse and crime victims with disabilities. Dr. Modell has taught for the Office of Victims of Crime (OVC), National Children's Advocacy Center (NCAC), National Adult Protective Services Association (NAPSA), National Organization for Victim Assistance (NOVA), and the Singapore National Council of Social Service (NCSS). He has conducted workshops and trainings reaching thousands police officers, educators, child protective service and adult protective service professionals across the country. He has received international recognition for his work in the area of crime victims and interview techniques for individuals with disabilities.