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For more than 24 years, Ken Noyes has been an advocate for the rights of domestic violence survivors and abused and neglected children. His law practice, established in 1994 specialized in child abuse/neglect and family law matters. In 1996 his work led to co-founding the Children's Law Center (CLC) in Washington, D.C., a legal advocacy non-profit organization that today has over 100 employees focused on representing children and families in the D.C. child welfare system. Ken is a current member of CLC's Emeritus Board.

In 1998, Ken joined the D.C. Coalition Against Domestic Violence (Coalition) and served in a few different roles until 2010, having begun his tenure as Operations Director of the Domestic Violence Intake Center, D.C. Superior Court. In 2000, he was promoted to Deputy Director of the Coalition and was the Executive Director from 2005 until 2010.

From April, 2010 to August, 2016 Ken served as a Senior Program Specialist in the Family Violence Prevention and Services Program, Administration for Children and Families, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. His responsibilities included policy and systems change as well as federal interagency collaborations that addressed the intersections of domestic violence, child support, child abuse/neglect, housing, and LGBTQ populations. Ken also served as a member of the White House Working Group on HIV/AIDS, Violence Against Women, and Gender-related Health Disparities and was a member of the Federal Interagency Work Group on Violence Against Women, led by the Office of the Vice President. He was the team leader of a portfolio of formula grants with total annual appropriations in excess of \$150 million. He also led the development and implementation of the National LGBTQ Capacity-building Learning Center on Domestic Violence and worked closely with the Office of General Counsel on legal and legislative issues. Ken is a principal author of the Family Violence Prevention and Services regulations published in January, 2017.

From August, 2016 through February, 2018, Ken served as the Chief Operating Officer of the National Domestic Violence Hotline (Hotline) in Austin, TX. In that position, he managed all staff responsible for organizational operations, with principal oversight of programs and services for both the Hotline and LoveisRespect, the national teen dating violence helpline.

On June 27, 2018, Ken joined the Department of Defense in the Office of Military Family Readiness Policy as Associate Director/Family Advocacy Program Manager. He oversees child abuse and domestic abuse program and policy initiatives focused on prevention, intervention and rehabilitation supporting military members and their families. Ken is excited to be a member of this dynamic and passionate team. He considers this step in his career to be a return to his roots having begun his professional life in the United States Air Force in 1984 where he honorably served until 1988.