

Gary M. Blau, Ph.D. has been a Licensed Clinical Psychologist for nearly 30 years and for the past 14 years he has been the Chief of the Child, Adolescent and Family Branch at the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration where he provides national leadership for issues related to child and youth mental health.

Dr. Blau has over 70 professional publications and is the editor of eight books. His latest volume is titled, *Handbook of Childhood Behavioral Issues (2nd Edition): Evidence Based Approaches to Prevention and Treatment.* He also co-edited a 2014 volume titled, *Residential Interventions for Children, Adolescents and Families: A Best Practice Guide.*

Dr. Blau has been the recipient of many awards in his career. Most notably, he received the Governor's Service Award in Connecticut for his outstanding contribution to children's mental health, and the Making a Difference Award presented by Connecticut's Federation of Families for Children's Mental Health. He was also proud that upon the occasion of his leaving Connecticut, the Governor proclaimed December 12, 2003, as 'Dr. Gary Blau Day.' For his national work, Dr. Blau was the recipient of the HHS Secretary's Award for Meritorious Service for his national leadership in children's mental health. He was also the first recipient of the Rock Star Award, presented by Youth M.O.V.E., National for "being a true champion for the youth movement and advocate for youth voice." This award has now been named the "Dr. Gary Blau Award" and is given yearly to a mental health professional who has distinguished themselves as a voice for youth. Most recently, he was the recipient of the SAMHSA Administrator's Award for "unparalleled and innovative leadership in children's mental health" and the HHS Spirit Award for being "an outstanding HHS employee who is making a real difference in the Department."

Dr. Blau received his Ph.D. from Auburn University (Auburn, Alabama) in 1988. He is happily married since December of 1982 to his best friend, Gwenn Blau, and they are incredibly proud of their wonderful children, Jennifer (a proud Penn State graduate!), her husband, Riley (and their sons, Logan and Evan), and Andrew and his wife, Kristina.