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David Paxton, LISW-S, is the Chief Clinical Officer for The Village Network in Ohio. For over seventy years the Village Network has been serving abused and neglected children in residential programs, treatment foster care and outpatient programs. TVN is currently providing mental health services to over Ohio's children in over 70 different schools. Mr. Paxton's department at The Village Network is responsible for assuring fidelity to TVN's chosen clinical models: The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics and the Collaborative Problem Solving approach. The Village Network was the first agency in Ohio to be certified in the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) by Dr. Bruce Perry. Since implementing NMT, The Village Network has significantly reduced the need for high risk interventions such as physical restraints. More recently, TVN has begun training all 200 foster parents and residential childcare workers in the NMT model. Additionally, TVN has developed fidelity measures and a formal program evaluation process to help assure the NM is integrated and sustainable into it's programs.

Mr. Paxton began his career in Chicago as a childcare worker and eventually was promoted to program manager and then clinical therapist. In 1997, Mr. Paxton helped the State of Illinois open a residential program that helped transition children back into the state and back to their own families and communities. Mr. Paxton obtained a B.A. degree from DePaul University in Chicago, Illinois and earned an MA in Clinical Social Work from the University of Chicago in 1995.