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Dr. Statuto is currently a Lecturer at the Graduate School of Social Policy and Practice at the University of Pennsylvania. She teaches both Masters and Doctoral level students: Contemporary Issues in Social Policy (including a module on issues surrounding child abuse, neglect and infant fatality), Child and Family Policy, with a focus on child maltreatment and infant fatality policies at both the federal and state levels), and Social Welfare and Social Economics (module on the federal budget). Dr. Statuto is the Child Welfare Fellow at The Field Center for Children's Policy, Practice and Research at the University of Pennsylvania where she serves as part of an interdisciplinary team reviewing and advising on child maltreatment cases referred by the Department of Human Services, Child and Youth Division. Dr. Statuto is a Commissioner appointed by Congress to the Commission to Eliminate Child Abuse and Neglect Fatalities established under Protect Our Kids Act of 2012.

Cassie has held teaching positions at Catholic University and Marymount Manhattan College where she started the Child Advocacy Track in the Department of Psychology. This track included one of the first college courses in New York on research in child abuse and neglect. While in New York City, Dr. Statuto was a member of the Manhattan Inter-Hospital Council for reviewing cases of child fatality and severe child abuse.

Cassie Statuto received her doctorate in Child Development from Columbia University. She completed a Post-Doctoral Fellowship at the Bush Program for Child Development and Social Policy at the University of Michigan. Under the auspices of the Society for Research in Child Development and the American Association for the Advancement of Science, Dr. Statuto came to Washington DC having been awarded the Congressional Science Fellowship.

As a Fellow, Cassie worked on the Child Abuse Prevention and Treatment Act (CAPTA) of 1984, the Baby Doe amendment. After joining the Staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Children, Youth and Families and later the Committee on Ways and Means, Cassie continued to work on CAPTA amendments including, the 1996 establishment of the child fatality panels to review cases of child fatalities and near fatalities. In 2003, Dr. Statuto as the Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Majority Whip, worked on CAPTA with then Rep. Greenwood (R-PA) to ensure that a safe plan of care be put into place to handle cases when newborns are born drug-exposed. Cassie served as the Senior Policy Advisor to the U.S. Majority Leader this work included making decisions concerning which domestic and international proposals would be put to a vote on the floor of the US House of Representatives.

During her tenure on Capitol Hill, Dr. Statuto was a principal staffer on many domestic and international proposals that later became public laws including: the Inter-Ethnic Placement Act of 1996; the Adoption Tax Credit of 1996; the Adoption and Safe Families Act of 1997; the Foster Care Independence Act of 1999; the Inter-country Adoption Act of 2000; the DC Family Court Act of 2001; and, the Safe and Timely Interstate Placement of Foster Children Act of 2006. She was also instrumental in the passage of the Trafficking in Victims and Persons Act of 2003(TVPA). Cassie retired from the U.S. House of Representatives after twenty years of service in 2007.

Cassie has served as a Commissioner on the U.S. Commission on Child and Family Welfare. Dr. Statuto has also served as a consultant to the W.T. Grant Foundation, Pew Charitable Trusts, and the Center for Adoption Policy and Wendy's Wonderful Kids Programs through the Dave Thomas Foundation. Cassie has been a member of the Washington DC Fatality Review Commission and the District's Child Advocacy Clinic, Safe Shores. Dr. Statuto served as a Board Member of the Rio Bend Foster Care Community in Richmond, Texas for more than five years. Currently, Dr. Statuto is the President of the Board of Directors of the Rebecca Project for Human Rights, Washington, DC.

Dr. Statuto has testified numerous times on the federal and state levels on child welfare issues. Her most recent academic presentations include: Pennsylvania State Senate, Harvard Law School's Child Advocacy Clinic Conference; Yale University at the Edward Ziegler Center for Children and Policy; and Georgetown's Institute for Public Policy.

Dr. Statuto has received numerous awards for outstanding leadership in child advocacy. These awards came from organizations including the National Council for Adoption, the National Committee to Prevent Child Abuse, the National Association of Psychiatric Treatment Centers for Children, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and, the individual Award for Adoption Excellence from the United States Department of Health and Human Services.

