



## **BIO**

Kathleen Tavenner Mitchell is currently the Vice President and National Spokesperson for the National Organization on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and a noted international speaker on *Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders* (FASD) and *Women and Addictions*. Ms. Mitchell is a licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor, has a Master of Human Services degree and twenty-three years of experience as a national educator, clinician, and lecturer. She was appointed to the National Task Force on Fetal Alcohol Syndrome/Fetal Alcohol Effects by the Secretary of Health and Human Services. She is a faculty member of the Medical Ethics and Humanities Program at Northwestern University Feinberg School of Medicine and the Georgetown University School of Medicine, Department of Family Medicine Selective. She authored *Fetal Alcohol Syndrome; A Guidebook for Parents and Caregivers*, and co-authored *Making a Difference: Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Public Awareness Guide*. Ms. Mitchell created and supervised the development of FASD prevention curricula for students K-12 as well as curricula for addiction professionals and other allied health professionals. She co-founded the *Circle of*

*Hope*, an international program for birth mothers of children with FASD. She has testified to the United States House of Representatives on behalf of several bills, worked with a writer of *NBC's Law and Order; Special Victims Unit* to create a show that addressed legal issues of FAS, and has been featured in several documentaries, *Glamour Magazine*, and on *NBC's "Real Life"* and the "*Later Today Show*."