

Sandra L. Bloom, M.D.

Biography

Dr. Sandra L. Bloom is a Board-Certified psychiatrist, graduate of Temple University School of Medicine and recently was awarded the Temple University School of Medicine Alumni Achievement Award. She is a Adjunct Professor of Health Management and Policy at the School of Public Health of Drexel University in Philadelphia, and President of CommunityWorks, an organizational consulting firm committed to the development of nonviolent environments. Dr. Bloom currently serves as Distinguished Fellow of the Andrus Children's Center in Yonkers, NY. From 1980-2001, Dr. Bloom served as Founder and Executive Director of the Sanctuary programs, inpatient psychiatric programs for the treatment of trauma-related emotional disorders. In partnership with Andrus Children's Center, Dr. Bloom has established a training institute, *the Sanctuary Leadership Development Institute*, to train a wide variety of programs in the Sanctuary Model®. The Sanctuary Model® is now being applied in residential treatment programs for children, domestic violence shelters, group homes, homeless shelters and is being used in other settings as a method of organizational development. Dr. Bloom is a Past-President of the International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies and author of *Creating Sanctuary: Toward the Evolution of Sane Societies* and co-author of *Bearing Witness: Violence and Collective Responsibility*.