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National Register of the Council of Health Service Providers in Psychology

Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology (State Reciprocity):

(Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards).

Certificate of Clinical Training in Psychology (NJ)

Post-Doctoral Certificate in Family Forensics, Washington Square Institute (NY)

Mental Health Panel Member, New York State Law Guardian Program

Forensic Psychologist Expert, New York City Assigned Counsel Program

Approved Forensic Psychologist for NJ Office of the Public Defender

CURRENT STAFF AND CONSULTING POSITIONS:

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST (2011-Present): Rutgers Biomedical and Health Services (RBHS), University Behavioral Healthcare: This is a regular half-time Forensic Psychologist staff position for Rutgers-The State University of New Jersey. I provide specialized forensic and psychological testing and assessment of patients, which includes psychological diagnosis, psychosocial history, trauma history, criminal history, child abuse/neglect and alcohol/substance abuse assessments. I provide Forensic and Psychological report writing, communication of findings to other staff, consultation with other agency staff, including social workers, physicians, nurses and psychiatrists as well as referral to the State of New Jersey office of the Attorney General for civil commitment. I conduct and review forensic evaluations including suicide assessments, sex offender specific assessments, risk assessments of sexually violent predatory patients, assessment of malingering of emotional and mental symptoms, assessment of patients reporting sexual and physical assaults and related evaluations to assess risk of dangerous behavior toward self and/or others. Currently assigned to East Jersey State Prison (EJSP), in Rahway, NJ where I provide the above services to inmates who have special emotional and mental needs. Other tasks include pre-release evaluations, suitability for work detail, changes in level of custody, disciplinary evaluations related to competency to attend court and administrative segregation evaluations. I also provide crisis intervention,

training of corrections officers in suicide prevention, individual and group psychotherapy as well as experiential psychodrama groups for inmates.

FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGIST (2006-Present): Rockland County (New York) Department of Mental Health Forensic Unit, Court Evaluation Service: I have been a Consulting Forensic Psychologist for the Rockland County courts since 2006. Providing court ordered forensic evaluations involving custody, visitation, competency, criminal responsibility, child abuse/child sexual abuse/neglect, domestic violence and juvenile delinquency/juvenile sexual offender risk assessments referred by Family and Supreme Court Judges as well as the Department of Mental Health. Duties include face-to-face interviews with all parties involved, psychological testing and interpretation, actuarial tests to assess risk, custody reports, court testimony, consultation with probation officers, mental health staff, attorneys, judges and other agencies involved in legal/psychiatric issues. Evaluations are performed at the County office building or Rockland County Correctional Facility. I specialize in assessment of domestic violence, assessment of parental capacity, emotional and developmental needs of children, parental alienation and other aspects of psychological assessment in court related matters.

FORENSIC AND EXPERT WITNESS PRACTICE:

Preface: I received my PhD in 1979 and worked as a Psychologist for the next four years for the largest foster care and group home agency in Brooklyn, NY (Catholic Charities). I have been a licensed psychologist since 1981. I have worked full-time over the last 35 years in independent practice as well as agency positions that gradually increased in responsibility to the point that I served for five years as the Director of a large mental health system for a community of over 100,000 Native Americans in Oklahoma. Upon my return to New York, I was hired as the Clinical Director of a large County Mental Health clinic that served dual-diagnosed patients (with mental health, developmental disabilities/autism spectrum disorders and psychosis). My doctoral dissertation at Wisconsin-Madison was on criminal behavior and I have been involved in Forensic work in various capacities since that time. I have been qualified as Psychologist expert in State and Federal Courts. As an expert witness, I have been qualified numerous times as a Psychologist, Child Psychologist, Forensic Psychologist, Expert in Child sexual abuse, Expert in Domestic violence, Expert in child custody cases and other areas. I have listed below many kinds of cases I consider myself experienced in as a forensic psychologist because I have actually worked on these kinds of civil, criminal and family court cases. Additionally, over the years I personally have diagnosed and treated thousands of patients, in outpatient, inpatient, alcohol/drug rehabilitation, residential schools and correctional settings and supervised other clinicians in clinical matters.

- **Civil litigation (related to emotional and mental injury):** Personal Injury Litigation evaluations for both defense and plaintiff counsel. I have special expertise in the forensic evaluations necessary in civil matters, with interview, data collection, collateral interviews, record review and the use of psychological tests to document in metric terms the emotional and mental symptoms related to posttraumatic stress (PTSD) reported by plaintiffs and to assess whether a

plaintiff may be minimizing, suppressing or exaggerating symptoms of PTSD or other emotional reactions. Cases that I have worked on have included:

1. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD)/Emotional pain suffered by people who have Disabilities, Intellectual retardation, Developmental delays, Autism spectrum disorders, Brain injury/trauma, Asperger's disorder.
2. Injured Child Assessments.
3. Children who have been burned, bitten/injured by animals, sexually abused, emotionally abused or neglected in foster homes, hospital, group home or other settings (e.g. a neighbor's home, children's camps, school bus drivers, school bus aides, classroom).
4. Post-traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD) and stress reactions.
5. Assessment of children and adults who do not show obvious signs of PTSD or effects related to trauma due to cultural/family taboos about showing or talking about the trauma (e.g. Punjab culture, Native Americans, closed, suppressive family system rules) or due to developmental/autism spectrum disorders/Brain injury/verbal expression problems.
6. Foster care (standards), group homes (standards), institutional care for intellectually retarded/developmentally disabled (standards regarding level of supervision required, pain and suffering), psychological care (standards) and assessment of evidence-based treatment.
7. Malpractice/ethical issues of behavioral health providers/institutional staff.
8. Psychological, Psychiatric and Alcoholism Treatment Record Review (inpatient and outpatient).
9. Inappropriate psychiatric hospitalization, negligent child welfare agency performance and care.
10. Alcoholism and other drug abuse problems, Accidental death caused by alcohol and other drug abuse. Addictions to prescription pain medication, Adderall, and other substances.
11. Personal injury, sexual harassment, emotional pain, long-term effects, long-term psychological treatment plans and estimation of costs.
12. Symptoms and signs of child sexual abuse.
13. Children with special needs (psychological, educational), learning disabilities.
14. Bullying (effects of), School and agency response to bullying, inappropriate handling of school issues by schoolteachers, guidance staff, school principals.
15. Suicide, homicide, psychological autopsy, crime victims, accidental death and liability.
16. Work-related Injuries (emotional and trauma assessments).
17. Assessment of emotional pain to victim or plaintiff's significant others/family.
18. Eating disorders, sexual addictions, gambling addictions, other compulsive disorders (treatment of, effects of).
19. Native American issues (alcoholism, inter-generational posttraumatic stress, cross-cultural psychology, domestic violence, adoption issues, criminal involvement, pain and suffering).

20. Postpartum depression,
 21. Police officers and stress, Critical incident stress.
 22. Pain and suffering caused by false arrests, inappropriate police/security guard behavior.
 23. Americans with disabilities Act (ADA) and alcoholism/drug/psychiatric claims.
 24. Independent medical examinations related to accidents/motor vehicle accidents/other accidents.
 25. Case and trial consultation to legal team regarding psychological/emotional aspects of and analysis of pertinent psychological issues of a case.
 26. Emotional pain and suffering due to domestic violence/abusive spouse.
 27. Review and analysis of case documents, including medical records, peer review and critique of evaluation reports performed by opposing experts, and other consultation regarding psychological/psychiatric/mental health treatment discovery.
 28. Assessment of symptom under- or over- reporting related to recovered memories of childhood sexual abuse and other reported emotional/mental issues.
 29. Written briefs on related forensic/ethical issues for attorneys (e.g. the inappropriate use of a psychological test by another forensic practitioner with a plaintiff from a different culture in which the test was not standardized/normed).
- **Criminal behavior:** I provide the review and analysis of criminal behavior. Received PhD from the University of Wisconsin with a doctoral dissertation entitled: "Criminal Behavior and Arousal: Test of a Theory," Presented a paper at the APA annual meeting: "Criminal Behavior, Individual Differences and Emotional Implications". Published article on the applications of Parental Acceptance-Rejection theory to forensic Psychology (2009). Mental health panel expert of the NYC Assigned Counsel program. New York City Dept. of Corrections legal pass holder and approved forensic psychologist for the New Jersey Office of the Public Defender. Recent criminal case assignments include "death row" evaluation for the Federal Public defender (Arizona), evaluation for the Dutchess County public defender in murder case, triple homicide/kidnapping case (PA), evaluation of a Military defendant and consultation to counsel regarding a Court Martial (related to allegation of spouse abuse). Experienced in the following crimes, assignments and evaluations:
 1. Murder, Multiple murders, Rape, Robbery, Bank robbery, Conspiracy, Arson, Assault, Burglary, Sexual assault, Sexual abuse, Child abuse, Child sexual abuse, Domestic violence, Hit and Run, DWI, Vehicular Homicide, Use of child pornography and White Collar Crime (embezzlement, fraud).
 2. Evaluations performed in County, State, City of New York, County jails in other states and Federal correctional facilities.
 3. Mental impairment/diminished capacity assessment.

4. Assessment of competency to stand trial.
5. Criminal behavior affected by intellectual, mental, cognitive and emotional disability.
6. Clinical assessment of personality, psychopathology, organic deficits and intelligence.
7. Administration and analysis of objective and projective psychological tests.
8. The effects of alcohol and various kinds of drug abuse on criminal intent and behavior.
9. Assessment of acute vs. chronic alcohol use as related to DUI sentencing.
10. The assessment of posttraumatic stress disorder related to violent crimes.
11. Assessments to rule-out malingering of posttraumatic stress disorder.
12. Clinical Assessment and detection of Malingering and Deception in defendants.
13. Not guilty by reason of insanity/criminal responsibility.
14. Post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) and its effects on criminal behavior.
15. Battered Woman Syndrome as a legal defense.
16. Effects of domestic violence and symptoms of battered women.
17. False arrest
18. False confession.
19. Coerced confession
20. Assessment and evaluation of incarcerated defendants.
21. Dangerousness, criminality assessment, recidivistic sex offenders.
22. Administration of actuarial tests and other indicators of recidivism and future risk.
23. Sex offender re-offense risk assessments.
24. Pre-sentence Family studies and Bio-psycho-social evaluations,
25. Immigration/deportation matters (the effects on family of person to be sentenced or possibly deported).
26. Police officers and Post-traumatic stress disorder.
27. Victim Assessments
28. Mitigation reports prior to sentencing.
29. Review of interview transcripts and recordings of other investigators (therapists, caseworkers, and police) related to standards and protocols used in assessing children about alleged child sexual abuse.
30. False allegations of child sexual abuse and domestic violence.
31. Problems with children's testimony (suggestibility, recantation, memory issues, delayed outcry, the phenomena of "Believed-In Imaginings").
32. Forensic interviewing of children.
33. Interview protocols used in assessment of children alleged to have been sexually abused.
34. Rebuttal witness to other experts who promote "syndrome evidence" such as "child sexual abuse accommodation syndrome" (CSAAS), and "intrafamilial child sexual abuse syndrome."
35. The phenomena of delayed disclosure in child sexual abuse and rape.
36. Explanation and discussion of myths and realities in true and/or false allegations of child sexual abuse.
37. Testimony about "red-flag" indicators of possible child sexual abuse.
38. Research on causes of eyewitness identification error, memory and perception.

39. Stalking and harassment.
40. Crime sprees, mass murders.
41. Gangs
42. Stalking
43. Media consultation.
44. Parental-acceptance-rejection syndrome related to homicide, depression and other aberrant behavior.
45. Rejection sensitivity related to criminal acts.
46. Pornography, internet addiction, inappropriate use of on-line sites.
47. Cross-cultural factors in the assessment of defendants.
48. Litigation Consultation to legal team regarding analysis and pertinent issues of a case.
49. Assessment of complex psychological dynamics and “counterintuitive victim behavior” specific to complex domestic violence cases (delay in reporting, not leaving, numerous unexplained inconsistencies).
50. Analyst for CBS evening News regarding “the Craig’s list killer.” Analyst for WABC TV (Inside Edition) regarding the segment on “the BTK killer.”

- **Family Court/Custody evaluations:** Expert to the Court in New York City (all boroughs) also providing custody evaluations in Rockland, Westchester, Putnam, Nassau and Orange Counties (New York) as well as numerous counties in New Jersey. Qualified as a Psychologist expert witness by New York State Supreme Court, Family Court, and Integrated Domestic Violence Court (IDV) as a Psychologist expert witness, Psychologist Expert for the assigned counsel plan (18 B), City of New York (all boroughs) and the Law Guardian Program as an expert custody evaluator (Supreme Court Appellate Division, First and Second Judicial Departments, State of New York, State of NJ Office of the Public Defender in parental representation cases (for forensic child risk assessments, parent-child bonding assessments, determination of parental capacity) and New Jersey Superior Court as a Psychologist expert witness. *Received a Post-Doctoral certificate in Family Forensics, after successfully completing a two-year advanced training program at the Washington Square Institute. This is one of the only post-graduate training programs in advanced issues related to performing custody/family forensic evaluations.* Experienced in cases that have included the following areas and evaluations:

1. Child Custody and Visitation evaluations that focus on the best interests of the child (“A Best Interests Evaluation”).
2. Special expertise in domestic violence, parental alienation, child sexual abuse. physical/emotional abuse, and neglect.
3. Juvenile delinquency evaluations.

4. Consultation to attorneys regarding adverse custody evaluations.
5. Relocation and removal evaluation cases.
6. Cases in which children of a batterer (or who formerly lived in a domestic violence situation) choose to live with the perpetrator (and the reason why as well as what the emotional and psychological injuries are that would cause a child or teenager to choose to reside with the batterer).
7. Risk Assessment regarding visitation.
8. Domestic violence/issues of power and control/assessment of allegations of domestic violence.
9. Sexual assault perpetrated by a spouse or the other parent.
10. Parental alienation/irrationally alienated children/assessment of allegations of parental alienation.
11. Individual and parent-child treatment for alienated children and targeted (rejected) parents.
12. Parents who cause their children to be estranged from them.
13. Alcohol and substance abuse related to custody issues.
14. Parental capacity/fitness.
15. Child attachment and emotional bonding.
16. Child abuse, child sexual abuse and neglect.
17. False allegations of child sexual abuse.
18. Juvenile delinquency/sexual assault perpetrated by adolescents/fire-setting/violence/substance abuse.
19. Evaluation of psychopathic tendencies in adolescents.
20. Recidivism and risk assessment for re-offense in adolescent sexual abusers.
21. Credibility assessments.
22. Symptoms of Battered Women.
23. Analysis of Evaluation reports and Peer Review/critiques of other expert child custody reports.

24. Consultation to legal team regarding relevant case issues and Briefings on related forensic issues.
25. Assessment of Potential for Parental child abduction/evaluation of children who have suffered international parental child abductions.
26. Termination of parental rights.
27. Home visits/observation of parenting skills/observation of transition between each parent.
28. Grandparent custody and visitation issues.
29. Posttraumatic stress disorder in children and adults/traumatized children.
30. Parents with criminal history/or who are incarcerated.
31. Home visitation and related family system analysis.
32. Supervision and training in conducting custody evaluations.
33. Parental acceptance-rejection syndrome related to parents and children in custody, delinquency, abuse and neglect cases.
34. Folie-a-deux/Shared delusional disorder (mother and child).

INDEPENDENT CLINICAL PRACTICE:

- I continue to have a small independent psychology practice providing psychological services to a broad spectrum of clients. I have experience and have supervised other clinicians in the treatment of clients with bi-polar and other depressive disorders, personality disorders (including borderline personality), anxiety disorders, pain disorders, sexual problems, victims of child sexual abuse, alcohol and drug problems, family, marital and other mental health issues, organic and brain dysfunction. Experienced in psychotherapy and psychological testing. Consultative expert evaluations to assess children and adults for intellectual, emotional and mental abnormalities as defined by federal regulations. Expert witness for the Office of Hearings and Appeals related to disability claims.
- Agency consultation: Process consultation to agencies to improve team effort and communication and reduce conflict. Facilitation of executive and leadership committee meetings and goal setting. Staff training and clinical supervision of other therapists. Forensic Consultant and custody evaluator for the Rockland County (NY) Department of Mental Health. Child Custody evaluator for the Bergen Family Center, Court Services Program. Consultant to agencies that include: outpatient and inpatient alcoholism and drug abuse treatment centers, schools, foster care agencies as well as a variety of group homes for emotionally handicapped, children with special needs, adolescents, developmentally delayed

and dual-diagnosed people. Training of colleagues in short-term, intensive therapy modalities (brief therapies) in role as founder of the Hudson Valley Satir Training Group. This group provides experiential, growth workshops based upon family systems theory for professionals and the public. Volunteer Supervisor of Counselors for the Volunteer Counseling Service in New City, New York (a domestic violence clinic that serves abused women).

- Services to law enforcement personnel regarding treatment for alcohol and emotional problems as well as fitness for duty evaluations. Member of the Rockland County De-briefing team for police officers, firefighters and emergency medical technicians who have been involved in traumatic situations and the treatment of posttraumatic stress disorder. Serve as a clinician for the member assistance program of the New York City Patrolman's Benevolent Association. Serve as an EAP clinician for agents and staff of the U.S. Drug Enforcement Agency (DEA).

RECENT AND PAST CONSULTING POSITIONS

Bergen Family Center, Court Services Program (Hackensack, New Jersey): Providing court ordered forensic evaluations involving custody, visitation, and relocation for Bergen County Superior Court.

The Port Authority of New York and New Jersey: Performing assessments of police officer candidates. This includes reviewing of all written testing material and other relevant documentation, as well as performing one-to-one interviews with candidates, to determine their suitability for employment and/or fitness for duty. I provide legally defensible clinical reports that clearly document evaluation findings in terms of candidate suitability.

New York State Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance, Division of Disability Determinations: Providing consultative expert evaluations to assess children and adults for intellectual, emotional and mental abnormalities including post-traumatic stress disorder, attention deficit disorder, childhood emotional problems, developmental disabilities, organic disabilities (due to brain trauma, seizure disorder and stroke), alcohol and drug abuse problems as well as pervasive developmental disorders as related to federal guidelines for disability determination.

United States Social Security Administration, Office of Hearings and Appeals: Providing review records, interrogatories and testimony at appeals hearings involving disability related to emotional and mental problems; consultation to attorneys and their clients by providing independent medical evaluations related to disabilities as defined by Federal listings.

Rutgers Law School, Rutgers Urban Legal Clinic: Assist clinic legal team with client needs; specifically provide risk assessment and evaluation for defendant use concerning parole board hearings and other consultation as needed.

New York City Police Department, Department Advocate's Office: Provided consultation and testimony to support prosecution of NYPD detective in relation to reasons for delayed disclosure in a sex abuse case.

Hamaspik of Orange County Inc.: Providing positive behavior management plans and staff training in Group Homes for developmentally delayed children, adolescents and adults and performing evaluations for referral and placement.

The Legal Aid Society, Brooklyn, New York: Providing consultation to legal staff about the Battered Woman Syndrome as a defense and helped prepare for a Clayton Hearing. Providing CLE workshop for legal staff on Battered Woman Syndrome.

RECENT PRESENTATION:

With Linda Gunsberg, PhD "A Child's preference for the batterer in child custody cases: An assessment protocol." A workshop presented at the 49 th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). Chicago, Illinois: June 7, 2012.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS:

Heller, C. H. (2009) Applications of Parental Acceptance-Rejection Theory and Evidence to Forensic Psychology. *Interpersonal Acceptance*, International Society for interpersonal Acceptance and Rejection, September 2009, University of Connecticut: Storrs.

CURRENTLY BEING REVISED FOR RE-SUBMISSION FOR PUBLICATION

(2015-2016): "A Child's Paradoxical Preference for the Batterer in Child Custody Cases: Consideration of domestic violence, diminished parental capacity, impaired attachment, traumatic bonding, parental alienation, as well as developmental failures and short and/or long-term psychological injuries to the child."

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT:

Director of Mental Health, Alcohol and Substance Abuse Services – (1983-1988. Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma, Tahlequah, Oklahoma).

In this role, I developed and administered an extensive mental health and addiction services program for 100,000 Native Americans in a 9,000 square mile area. Program administration tasks included the provision of psychological services, the supervision of a variety of other mental health professionals, the development of school-based, outpatient and inpatient programs, and the leadership and development of a number of mental health and alcoholism/substance abuse staff training work-shops for service providers and clients. Provided direct care and supervision of all cases and specialized in substance abuse treatment, child sexual abuse/physical abuse/child neglect, domestic violence and suicide/depression. I was responsible for all fiscal oversight, grant writing, budgets, interviewing and hiring of staff, policy and procedures for the mental health and

substance abuse programs. Developed a model residential chemical dependency treatment center for Native American adolescents and coordinated efforts with the State and Federal agencies such as the Indian Health Service

Clinical Supervisor, Clinic for the Multi-disabled-(1988-1991. Dutchess County Department of Mental Hygiene, Poughkeepsie, NY). Clinical Director of a mobile team to supervise and provide services for dual-diagnosed patients (MR/EH) and to provide advanced training for professional personnel. Provided assessments of patients (children and adults) with organic brain syndrome, retardation, and psychosis, as well as ongoing direct care and supervised treatment. I supervised all treatment plans, quarterly reports and administration of the mobile program clinical services. Supervised cases included sexual abuse/assault of clients by other clients and/or staff, substance abuse and co-morbid conditions related to posttraumatic stress disorder, developmental and organic problems.

Staff Psychologist, (1979-1983. St. Vincent's School and Clinic, Brooklyn, NY). I had clinical responsibility for psychological services provided to children and teenagers residing in three group homes and 120 foster homes. In this role, I developed staff training programs, policies, and procedures for both organizational guidelines and therapeutic outcomes. I provided assessment and therapy services for children and teenagers who were traumatized by foster parents or group home staff, biological parents and inner city crime. Cases included anti-social personality disorder, bi-polar personality disorder, and borderline personality disorder as well as child/adolescent sexual abuse victims.

Consultant: Edwin Gould Academy, Chestnut Ridge, NY – 1995-1996. I provided psychological evaluations for the Committee for Special Education Team Meetings. These adolescents were adjudicated as juvenile delinquents and referred to this facility by the New York City Courts.

Consulting School Psychologist, New York City Board of Education – 1982-1983.

Private Practice with Children, Adults and Families, Douglaston, NY – 1981-1983.

Clinical Psychology Internship, Ancora Psychiatric Hospital, Hammonton, NJ – 1977. This was inpatient and outpatient treatment and diagnosis of psychiatric patients.

Clinical Psychology Internship, Psychology Department, Johnstone Training and Research Center, Bordentown, NJ – 1976-1977. I was trained in assessment and psychotherapy with patients who had organic brain syndrome, retardation and personality problems.

FACULTY EXPERIENCE

Rockland County (NY) Council on Alcoholism, Certified Alcohol Counselor Training Program – 1995-1997. I taught several courses on alcoholism issues related to Native American and Jewish populations as well as on intervention techniques.

Dutchess Community College, Poughkeepsie, NY – 1988-1992. Professional Development Faculty (Concurrent with Practice).

Northeastern Oklahoma State University, Tahlequah, OK – 1986-1990. Adjunct Associate Professor. Conducted classes in clinical techniques in the Department of Social Work. I commuted back to Oklahoma several times to teach these weekend mini-courses.

EDUCATION

Ph.D. 1979, University of Wisconsin-Madison

Dissertation: **“Criminal Behavior and Arousal: Test of a Theory”**

M.A. 1974, St. John’s University, Jamaica, NY (Clinical Psychology)

B.A. 1971, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (Psychology)

POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Certificate in Basic Theory and Practice of Eclectic Cognitive Behavior Therapy from Long Island University and the New York Center for Eclectic Cognitive Behavior Therapy, awarded December 2010.

Post-Doctoral Certificate in Family Forensics awarded by the Family Forensics Training Program of the Washington Square Institute of Psychotherapy and Mental Health, New York, NY (A program chartered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York). This is a certification program in Family Forensics. This two-year certification program included training and coursework in child development, adolescence, family, parental assessment and significant issues in conducting custody evaluations. The program requirements included an externship and a final research paper. 2006 –2008.

Apprenticeship in Family Therapy and Empowering Leadership with Virginia Satir
– 1986

Residential Training and Performance Development Program, Satir Institute of the Southeast - 1998-1999

ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION

Trauma, PTSD & Traumatic Grief: Effective Assessments and Immediate Interventions (6 CEU), October 20, 2015, Edison, NJ. Sponsored by PESI M.J. Harwood.

Reasoning with Unreasonable People: Focus on Disorders of Emotional Regulation. (6 CEU), October 22, 2015, Tarrytown, NY, Sponsored by IBP, M. Schneider, PhD.

Integrated Domestic Violence Court Training Program: Forensic Evaluations, Court decisions and Statutory Provisions (2 CEU). Sponsored by Rockland County Family Court (Hon. Sherri L. Eisenpress). October 7, 2014.

Psychologists as Expert Witnesses: Challenges and Opportunities (5 CEU). Presenters: Eric Drogin, J.D. PhD, Leslie Drozd, PhD., Susan Esquillin, PhD., Justice Mathew D'Emic, Danile Murrie, PhD. Sponsored by the St. John's University Postgraduate Professional Development Program. September 21, 2014.

Incorporating Distress Tolerance Skills into Treatment (6 CEU). Presenter Michele Galietta, PhD. Sponsored by the Trauma Institute of Orange County (NY). August 1, 2014.

The Model Standards and Beyond: Custody Evaluations and Risk Management (12 CEU). Presenter David Martindale, PhD. AFCC in Collaboration with University of Baltimore School of Law Center for Families, Children and the Courts. Baltimore, Md. December 2-3, 2013.

Satir Annual Meeting: Raleigh, North Carolina. November 10-13, 2013.

Risk Assessments of Sexually Violent Offenders Completed by Psychologists (6 CEU). Presenter Mitch Abrams, Psy.D. University Correctional Healthcare. Trenton, NJ. August 14, 2013.

Psychological Evaluations Related to Disciplinary Charges (4 CEU). Presenter Mitch Abrams, Psy.D. University Correctional Healthcare. Trenton, NJ. August 8, 2013.

Working with the Criminal Justice Client (1.5 CEU). Presenter Christine Sutter, CASAC. Rockland County Department of Mental Health. April 24, 2013.

Criminal Justice and Mental Health (3 CEU). Rockland County Department of Mental Health. April 17, 2013.

Attachment in the Courtroom. (6 CEU). 49 th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). Chicago, Illinois: June 6, 2012.

Attachment and Brain Development: The Micro Context, Attachment in Child Custody Evaluations: An Emerging Methodology and the Credible and Helpful Custody Report (4.5 CEU). 49 th Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC). Chicago, Illinois: June 6-7, 2012.

Best Practices in Forensic Mental Health Assessment: Evaluation of Criminal Responsibility. (5.5 CEU). Consolidated Continuing Education and Professional Training (ConCEPT). May 20, 2012.

Forensic competence, detecting malingering and denial, Custody cases involving domestic violence, expert testimony and the insanity defense: New York State Psychological Association Forensic Division Conference, September 2010, Columbia University. N.Y.

Participant in “Breakthrough at Caron” June 2009. Breakthrough is a 5 ½-day professional and personal growth residential program at the Caron Center for Self Development. Wernersville, PA.

Sexual Assault in Intimate Relationships: Best Practices for Intervention. The Center for Court Innovation, Goshen, N.Y. Feb. 2008.

Fact or Fiction: Assessing the credibility of self-report in custody evaluations. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C. May 2007.

Complexities of Child Alienation: From Assessment to Options for Intervention. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C. May 2007.

Abuse, Family Violence and Memory in Child Custody Cases. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C. May 2007.

Cross-Examination and Expert Testimony. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C. May 2007.

Psychological Testing in Custody Evaluations: Implications for Clinical Practice and Social Justice. Annual Conference of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Washington D.C. May 2007.

Family Forensics Training Program, 2006-2008.

A Court Response-Batterers’ Program, the New York Model. Rockland County Family Court, New City, New York, provided by Pace Law School Center for Continuing Legal Education. January 2007.

Custody, Domestic Violence and Sexual Abuse, Rockland County Family Court, New City, New York, provided by Pace Law School Center for Continuing Legal Education. November 2006.

Abuser’s Legal Tactics in Custody Cases, Rockland County Family Court, New City, New York, provided by the Women’s Bar Association of the State of New York, June 2006.

Matrimonial Law, Continuing legal education seminar, Rockland County Bar Association, Congers, New York, April 2006

Child Abuse Certification Workshop, Training in the identification and reporting of suspected cases of child abuse and maltreatment. New York City. November 2005

Complex Issues for Experienced Child Custody Evaluators, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC. August, 2005.

Children, Courts & Custody, Rockland County Bar Association, November, 2005.

A Scientific Approach to Personality Profiling of Homicide Cases, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC. August, 2005

A Forensic Approach to Fitness for Duty Evaluations, American Psychological Association, Washington, DC. August, 2005

Expert Witness Training in Child Welfare Cases, School of Social Work, Rutgers University and New Jersey Department of Youth and Family Services. Piscataway, New Jersey, 2005.

Healthcare Safety-Medical Training: CDC, OSHA, EPA, NFPA. MedSafe Training, Monroe, N.Y.

Survey of Forensic Psychology Practice: Issues and Applications, American Academy of Forensic Psychology, Tampa, FL.

Satir System Residential Training Program, Chapel Hill, NC.

Continuing Education Series on Providing Psychotherapy with Batterers, presented by the Volunteer Counseling Service, New City, NY.

“Police Officers in Psychotherapy,” Adelphi University, Garden City, N.Y.

Conference on Orthodox Judaism and Mental Health, Miami Beach, FL.

“Suggestibility, Trauma and Memory,” Rockland County Family Shelter.

Update on AIDS/HIV and Chemical Dependency, Recovery Center at Nyack Hospital, Nyack, N.Y.

“Out of the Darkness: Treatment of Paranoid Schizophrenia,” sponsored by the Rockland County Psychological Society, (NY).

Basic Training in Critical Incident Stress De-briefing, presented by the Rockland County (NY) Stress De-briefing Team.

“The Family and Beyond,” with Virginia Satir, Seattle, WA.

“Solution-Focused Therapy: A Time Effective Approach, Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

Self-Esteem and Peak Performance, presented by Dr. Jack Canfield at Berkeley College, White Plains, NY.

Child abuse mandatory reporter training, Pomona, N.Y.

Family Therapy and Empowering Leadership, personal apprenticeship to Virginia Satir Crested Butte, CO.

Participant in Avanta Network Summer Training Institute and Process Community (Module 2), Crested Butte, CO. (Avanta Network is an active educational organization founded by Virginia Satir in 1977, whose members have been trained by Satir in systems analysis, organizational intervention and training to facilitate human growth and community empowerment.)

Participant in Avanta Network Summer Training Institute and Process Community (Module 1), Crested Butte, CO.

Training in Life, Death and Transition, The Elizabeth Kubler-Ross Center, Headwaters, VA.

Training program for alcoholism, compulsive over-eating and other substance abuse rehabilitation, Certificate of Instruction for Visiting Professionals in Residence, United States Naval Hospital, Long Beach, CA.

On-site training in inpatient Alcohol Rehabilitation. Minnesota Indian Primary Residential Treatment Center, Duluth, Minnesota

Tiyospaye (A Sioux name for family) Seminars (seminars specifically designed to focus on ethnic and cultural issues, mental health perspectives, and building bridges of understanding between Indian and non-Indian cultures), conducted by Virginia Satir as Residential Training. Rapid City, SD.

Cross-cultural counseling training conducted by Dr. Paul Pederson, American Psychological Association Annual Convention, Anaheim, CA.

Workshop on Eating Disorders, Hillcrest Hospital, Tulsa, OK.

“Two Days with Virginia Satir,” sponsored by the Hillcrest Health Care System, Pastoral Care Department, Tulsa, OK (This was training in family systems and health issues).

Workshop on “Love and Violence: Directive Therapy”, presented by Jay Haley and Cloe Madanes, sponsored by the Family Therapy Institute Washington, DC.
Tiyospaye Network Training in Virginia Satir’s Concepts of the Extended Family, Rapid City, SD.

PROFESSIONAL SPEECHES & PRESENTATIONS

Suicide Prevention Training for NJ Dept. of Corrections Officers: “How to prevent suicides in the inmate and correction officer population:” Ongoing training as part of Rutgers University staff position.

“Battered Woman Syndrome as a Legal Defense-A Psychological perspective.” A continuing legal education seminar delivered in May, 2011. Sponsored by the Legal Aid Society of Kings County, Criminal Defense office.

“A day camp for your soul,” An experiential, full-day workshop presented by The Hudson Valley Satir Training Group, focused on overcoming old family rules and self-esteem issues, May, 2008.

"Developing Behavioral Plans and Growing with difficult, aggressive children and adolescents in New York, Full day work-shop presentation, White Plains, New York 2006.

"Facilitating Change in Individuals and Creating Organizational Resiliency”, Grand Rounds, presented At Nyack Hospital Recovery Center, Nyack, NY.

“Community Empowerment as a Prevention for Drug and Alcohol Problems in a Native American Tribe,” presented at the International Congress on Family Therapy, Prague, Czechoslovakia.

“Hope,” Workshop presented at the Oklahoma State Employment and Training Association Spring Conference, Tulsa, OK.

“Creating Change in Individuals and Families,” presented at the Fall Convention of the Oklahoma Association of Counseling and Development, Tulsa, OK.

“Mental Health Prevention and Community Empowerment: Promoting a Better Future for Cherokee Children, “presented at the 114th Annual Meeting of the American Public Health Association, Las Vegas, NV.

“Death and Dying, Grief, and Healing Processes,” In-service Workshop presented to the W. W. Hastings Hospital staff, Tahlequah, OK.

“Current and Future Approaches to Treating Co-dependency,” Conference Luncheon Address presented at the Native American and the Chemically Dependent Family Conference, Albuquerque, NM.

“Helping Children and Families Cope with Chronic Illness and Stress,” presented to the Green Country Juvenile Diabetes Association, Muskogee, OK.

“Cross-cultural Stress Management Workshop,” presented with a traditional healer (medicine man) to the Cherokee Nation W.I.C. (Woman, Infant, Children) Program. Tahlequah, OK.

“Group Treatment with Acting-out Teenagers in a Group Setting: Transforming ‘Street Empathy’ into Self-growth,” a colloquium presented at the Children’s Treatment Center, University of New Mexico Medical School, Department of Psychiatry, Albuquerque, NM.

“Criminal Behavior, Individual Differences and Emotional Implications,” presented at the American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, with Frank H. Farley, Ph.D., Montreal. (This was a presentation of the results of my doctoral dissertation.).

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

American Psychological Association, Div. 41, Psychology and the Law
The American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, Clinical Member
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
The Virginia Satir Avanta Network
The Orange County (New York) coalition against domestic violence.

CERTIFICATES OF APPRECIATION

“Exceptional Contribution to Our Community as a Volunteer Clinical Supervisor,” presented by the Volunteer Counseling Service of Rockland County (This is a domestic violence agency serving battered women), NY, June 2000.

“Outstanding Services to the Cherokee People,” presented by Wilma Mankiller, Principal Chief of the Cherokee Nation, June 1988.

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