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Education and Licensure

- June 1998 University of South Florida, Sarasota, Florida
Masters of Arts, Mental Health Counseling/Psychology
- May 1994 University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida
Bachelors of Science in Special Education
Teacher EH/MR K-12
- May 2002 Licensed Mental Health Counselor Florida: LMHC 7032

Clinical Experience

- October 2005 Staff Psychotherapist
to present Comprehensive MedPsych Systems, Inc. (*private group practice*)

Individual, Child, and Family Psychotherapy

Child Behavior Therapy

Substance Abuse Counseling (Communicare Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Clearwater

TBI rehabilitation Counseling at Communicare Traumatic Brain Injury Program, Clearwater

Neuropsychology Psychometrician (pediatric and adult):

all types of IQ, cognitive, academic, motor, and personality/emotional testing

- March 2003 - Private Practice - Psychotherapist
October 2005

Individual, Child, Couples, Family Psychotherapy

Family Mediator specializing in:

- Child and Family Clinical Psychotherapy
- Adoption Counseling and Mediation
- Adult Post-Adoption search counseling
- Family Mediation/ Divorce and Custody Counseling
- Art/Play Therapy

March 1999
to May 2002

Clinical Mental Health Counselor
Lifelink Child and Family Services /
Director of Sarasota County Adoption Preservation Program

- Mental Health Counselor on the adoption team for Lifelink Child and Family Services, which was part of the Coalition of Children and Families under the direction of the Sarasota County YMCA. Carried a case load of 20 clients. Clients included children adjudicated dependant and those who were becoming adopted. In-home counseling services were provided to the children and their foster/adoptive families using a family systems approach. Behavior, play and art therapy utilized.
- Issues addressed included the range of child emotional and mental disorders as well as processing grief, attachment disorder, and adoption/bonding issues.
- Other responsibilities included: attendance of case staffings and parental termination hearings. Therapist testimony at court hearings and judicial reviews performed 4 times per year for each case. Created treatment plans and task list for families. Provided termination summaries, treatment plans, and follow-up therapy as needed.

Administrative accomplishments included: creating and presenting to the county committee a three year grant for the Sarasota Adoption Preservation Program. This grant was accepted and I created, implemented, and preformed the standards of treatment for this program and the families it served. Also conducted, developed, and performed county adoption seminars and family workshops.

December 1998
to March 1999

Mental Health Counselor Intern

Conducted psychotherapy with children and families under supervision of a licensed psychologist. Clients treated included those who had been diagnosed with ADHD, conduct disorder, depression, oppositional defiant disorder, and adjustment disorder. Adoption counseling was also included. Performed assessments and created treatment, behavioral, and discharge plans for clients.

December 1995
to June 1996

Mental Health Counselor Intern,
Health South Rehabilitation Hospital of Sarasota
Department of Psychology
Geoffrey Kanter, Ph.D., Neuropsychologist, Supervisor

- Provided rehabilitation psychotherapy to inpatient children and adolescents who had suffered traumatic brain injuries or other neurological disorders, and their families.
- As a psychometrician, conducted testing which included: Mental Status Exams, Coma Recovery Scales, I.Q. tests (WISC and Stanford-Binet), Woodcock-Johnson Tests of Cognitive Abilities and Achievement, and the Bender Visual Motor Gestalt Test. Worked in a multidisciplinary treatment team with Speech, Occupational, and Physical Therapists.

**August 1995 to
February 1997** **Special Education Teacher
The Thinking Center, Inc.**

- Privately taught learning disabled and behaviorally disordered students K-12. Developed individual educational and behavioral programs designed to assist students in demonstrating compensation strategies.

**April 1993
to June 1995** **Special Education Teacher
Sarasota County School Board**

- Taught a fifth grade classroom of Severely Emotionally disturbed students at Oak Park School. Interned in EH/MR and became certified in each.

Volunteer Experience

- Life of Riley Foundation program fundraising Chairperson, Children's Program Chairperson for the 2003 and 2004 Gala. Press Coverage co-chair for Life of Riley Foundation Annual Beach 5KRun/1Mi.Walk for years 2003 & 2004.
- Ringling Museum Ungala Volunteer 2001 & 2003.