

RÉSUMÉ

Gesenia Sloan-Pena, Psy.D. Licensed Psychologist Neuropsychologist

EDUCATION

Pepperdine University- Los Angeles, CA
APA accredited Psy.D. Program
Dissertation: Assessment and Diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorder in Latino Children, April 2015

Master of Arts in Clinical Psychology
Pepperdine University, Los Angeles CA
June 2005

Bachelor of Arts in Communication and Speech
Northwestern University, Evanston IL
June 1998

LICENSURE

Florida Psychologist License: PY 9976

LANGUAGES

Bilingual Spanish- Native Fluency

CLINICAL TRAINING/ PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

**March 2018-
present**

Neuropsychologist

Comprehensive Med Psych Systems

Fort Myers and Sarasota, FL

- Conduct comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological assessment for children and adults in English and Spanish. This includes a wide variety of clinical as well as Workers Compensation and civil forensic cases.

**October 2016-
March-2018**

Post-Doctoral Neuropsychology Resident

Comprehensive Med Psych Systems, Inc.

AABN Recognized Post-Doctoral Neuropsychology Residency Program

Fort Myers and Sarasota, FL

- Conducted comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological evaluations for assessment for children and adults in English and Spanish

August 2013-April 2016

**Registered Psychological Assistant
Private Practice
Newport Beach, CA**

- Conducted comprehensive neurocognitive and psychological assessments for children and adults in English and Spanish
- Provided evaluation and consultation of intellectual disability, dementia and memory problems, stroke, learning disorders, ADHD/attention problems, autism spectrum disorders, traumatic brain injury, concussion, sports injury/CTE and epilepsy/seizure surgery
- Taught and trained Masters level interns in neuropsychological assessment and interventions

March 2015-April 2016

**Post-Doctoral Neuropsychology Psychological Assistant
Fullerton Neuropsychological Services
Brea, CA**

- Administered comprehensive neuropsychological and psychological assessment for children and young adults presenting with ADHD, learning disabilities, Autism Spectrum Disorder, mood disorders, anxiety and medical complications.
- Provided psychotherapy including play therapy, cognitive behavioral and family therapy to children, young adults and their families in English and Spanish

July 2010-April 2016

**Independent Mental Health Consultant
Hannah's Children's Homes
Adoption Program & Foster Program
Orange, CA**

- Performed interviews and psychosocial assessments of children and families for treatment planning and determining suitable foster family placement and community referrals
- Devised thorough and comprehensive Structured Analysis Family Evaluation (SAFE) Home Studies for foster/adoption families
- Directed in home, school and community interventions in English and Spanish for foster children and families
- Collaborated with and educated prospective/adoptive families to understand and cope with infertility and adoption issues

July 2010 – July 2011

**Independent Mental Health Consultant
Rancho Santiago Community College District
Early Headstart Program
Santa Ana, CA**

- Provided parent/child interaction therapy, play therapy, caregiver consultation and attachment oriented interventions, for Spanish and English speaking infants and toddlers and their families/caregivers within the family home and at the Center Based Early Headstart Program
- Performed initial intake, assessments, delivered crisis intervention, couple's/family therapy and individual psychotherapy for pregnant mothers and families of the children enrolled in the program
- Developed, facilitated and directed Spanish and English infant-child mental health, infant-parent dyad, child development and behavioral training programs for teachers, staff and parents of children in the program

August 2009- August 2010

**Doctoral Psychology Intern
Orange County Healthcare Agency
Clinical Evaluation & Guidance Unit (CEGU)
Orange, CA**

- Completed initial assessments and evaluations for minors dependent of the Orange County Court from birth to 17 years of age, at Orangewood Children's Home, group homes and foster homes
- Provided primarily brief and short term cognitive behavioral therapy, family therapy, crisis intervention and case management to children, adolescents, families and staff in English and Spanish and completed Orange County Medical documentation requirements
- Assisted in crisis calls and hospitalizations and conducted mental status and risk assessment evaluations of children and adolescents at psychiatric hospitals
- Completed comprehensive developmental and psychological testing of children and adolescents exposed to trauma, abuse and neglect, and wrote fully integrated reports to determine differential diagnosis and make appropriate treatment recommendations
- Administered developmental screening instruments including the Ages & Stages Questionnaire (ASQ) to infants and young children to facilitate referrals and assist with developing a treatment plan

July 2008- July 2009

Doctoral Psychology Intern
Kaiser Permanente Behavioral Health
Department of Psychology/Psychiatry
Tustin/Santa Ana, CA

- Conducted individual, family and couple's psychotherapy for Spanish and English speaking children, adolescents and adults
- Provided education regarding psychotropic medication and consulted with psychiatrists and physicians
- Facilitated process oriented, psycho-educational and psychotherapy groups for children/adolescents and adults including social skills and eating disorders
- Conducted evaluations of infants, toddlers, children and adolescents to assess for developmental delay and autism spectrum disorders,
- Completed comprehensive psychological testing of children, adolescents and adults to facilitate treatment planning
- Provided brief evaluations and consultations in an inpatient hospital facility to assist with appropriate treatment planning and medical care
- Provided evaluations, consultations and brief psychotherapy in a community based diabetes clinic to Spanish speaking adults

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

June 2004- June 2006

Research & Project Assistant
Pepperdine University, Psy.D. Department
Los Angeles, CA

August 2003- March 2004

Research Assistant
Bellevue Hospital & NYU School of Medicine
New York, NY

PUBLICATIONS

Harrell, S. P., & Sloan-Pena, G. (2006). Racism and discrimination. In Y. Jackson (Ed.), *Encyclopedia of Multicultural Psychology*. Thousand Oaks, CA: Sage Publications.