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PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

6/2009 to Present

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Self-Employed in Private Practice
 Scottsdale, Arizona

Licensed Clinical Social Worker providing assessment, evaluation and treatment of childhood trauma. Provides psychotherapy for children with a variety of adjustment, developmental and psychiatric disorders. Focus is on children needing attachment and bonding therapies. Children of divorce, adoption, child maltreatment such as emotional, physical and sexual abuse and early childhood trauma are also treated. Family therapy is provided in most cases as this is paramount when working with children with attachment issues. Performs in a variety of Court ordered therapeutic interventions including: Court ordered therapy for adults and children, therapeutic supervision and home evaluations.

4/2015 (Prescott)

7/2016 (Vermont)

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Overcoming Barriers *Family-Centered Programs for Families in Conflict: High-Conflict Family Camp*

Provided psycho-educational groups to families and children in high conflict/litigious situations in an effort to reduce conflict and regain connection, interventions provided to meet the individual needs of each family, pairing family members up in parent-parent, parent-child, or whole family configurations, provided problem solving skills for the children and for the parents, camp is experiential

6/2008 to 6/2011

Clinician, Child Crisis Center
 Mesa, Arizona

Provided psychotherapy to children that had been maltreated sexually, physically and/or emotionally and were enrolled in the Regional Behavioral Health Authority in Maricopa and Pinal Counties. Many were involved or had been involved with Child Protective Services. Focus was on trauma and providing attachment and bonding therapies to children and their families. Consulted on child and family teams in coordination of treatment for children. Completed staffing's, case presentations, treatment plans, progress notes, and termination summaries for each client.

3/2010 to 12/2010

9/2014 to 12/2014

4/2016 to 09/2015

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Windstone Behavioral Health
 Scottsdale, Arizona

Licensed Clinical Social Worker provided in-home assessment and screening to individuals on Medicare to establish a mental health diagnosis and make referrals for outpatient care if needed.

4/2008 to 4/2010

Clinician IV, Rapid Response Team, TERROS INC.

Phoenix, Arizona

On an emergency basis, clinically evaluated children and adults in hospital settings such as emergency rooms, medical inpatient and intensive care, to assess for safety and evaluate for high level of care in a psychiatric setting. Included Court attendance to testify in accordance with court ordered treatment for individuals that remain at risk and are incapacitated to make informed decisions.

1/2007 to 5/2008

Program Director, Arizona's Children Association

Apache Junction, Arizona

Clinical and Administrative oversight of multiple community mental health clinics in Pinal and Gila Counties. Managed and provided clinical oversight for clinicians working with children and families from Gila River Regional Behavioral Health Authority. Provided monitoring of budget, Quality Assurance, Program Improvement and Implementation. Also managed and provided clinical and administrative oversight and implementation of Rapid Response Program to assess children removed from parents and taken into Protective Custody. Provided and attended to staff management, oversight of accreditation activities and data validation audits.

3/2006 to 1/2007

Clinical Supervisor, Arizona's Children Association

Apache Junction, Arizona

Clinical oversight of behavioral health services being provided to children and families. Provided clinical supervision to a maximum of twelve clinicians who were working towards behavioral health licensure. Provided clinical oversight to clinicians working with children and families from Gila River Regional Behavioral Health Authority. Assisted in data validation and other necessary audits.

11/2004 to 3/2006

Program Supervisor, Arizona's Children Association

Apache Junction, Arizona

Supervised three contracted programs that provided services to children and families involved in Child Protective Services. Provided program development and supervision of therapeutic foster care for the Gila River Indian Community and Regional Behavioral Health Authority. Monitored budget and staff.

11/2003 to 11/2004

Clinician, Arizona's Children Association

Phoenix, Arizona

Provided in home support and psychotherapy to families who provided therapeutic foster care to children that had been maltreated sexually, physically and/or emotionally and were enrolled in the Regional Behavioral Health Authority in Maricopa County. Completed staffing, case presentation, treatment plans, progress notes, and termination summaries for each client. Consulted on child and family teams in coordination of treatment for children. Facilitated placement for children.

8/2003 to 11/2003

Clinician-Family Preservation, Arizona's Children Association
Phoenix, Arizona

Provided in home psychotherapy to children and families at risk of removal from Child Protective Services. Program was time limited. Families were at risk due to abuse, trauma and substance abuse issues. Completed staffing, case presentation, treatment plans, progress notes and termination summaries for families.

8/1998 to 8/2003

Child Protective Services I, II, III and Supervisor, Arizona Department of Economic Security, Administration for Children, Youth & Families, Child Protective Services
Phoenix, Arizona

Provided direct and/or indirect case management assistance to children and their families which included face-to face contact with children/caregivers in problem resolution and case planning. Crisis intervention skills were needed often. Knowledge of federal and state laws pertaining to child abuse and neglect was necessary. Maintained case load and produced legal documents which included Court reports and client interviews. Duties were also involved outside of the office to include attending Court hearings, Foster Care Review Boards and home visits.

8/1997 to 8/1998

Family Support Specialist, Parents Anonymous of AZ
Phoenix, Arizona

Provided in home parenting and support to children and families involved with Child Protective Services and/or Family Builders Program. Provided case management, worked with diverse populations, maintained a case load and formed supportive and nurturing relationships with multi-problem families. Completed case notes, developed treatment plans, reported observations and assessments to Child Protective Services case managers, testified in Court and attended Foster Care Review Boards. Provided supervised visitation between parents and children and monitored physical and emotional health of children while instructing parents how to demonstrate appropriate care for them.

1/1997 to 6/1997

Behavioral Health Technician, Southwest Education Center
Phoenix, Arizona

Administered and managed in-home family/individual counseling. Provided assistance in classroom participation and adaptation of materials. Evaluated and assessed for crisis situations and facilitated groups under clinical supervision. Completed progress notes, developed and implemented treatment plans and completed case presentations.

8/1995 to 1/1997

Behavioral Health Technician, Devereux of Arizona
Scottsdale, Arizona

Administered direct care to children and adolescents in a residential setting. Taught and provided activities of daily living, assisted in the classroom and charted and documented observed behaviors. Also provided updates on client progress to caregivers and worked with children and adolescents with behavioral issues and developmental delays.

EDUCATION/LICENCES/TRAINING

Education: Master of Social Work, 2003
Arizona State University

Bachelor of Science, Psychology, 1995
Arizona State University

Licenses: Arizona LCSW 11972
Vermont CSW 089.0120737

Trainings:

The Dynamic Duo: Blending the Techniques of Occupational Therapy and Play Therapy Together in the Playroom, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Cindy Gutierrez-Check, MOT & Dana Holtz, MA, RPT-S, November 10, 2018

Speaking the Client's Language, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Jessica Stone, Ph.D., RPT-S
April 7, 2018

The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPPA)- Revised, CE4Less, February 27, 2018

Topics in Human Sexuality: Sexuality and Childhood Sexual Abuse, CE4less, February 27, 2018

Ethics and Boundary Issues, CE4Less, February 27, 2018

The Arizona Statutes/Regulations Tutorial, Arizona Board of Health Examiners, February 26, 2018

Treating Transgender Youth, Children's Services Network, Gina De Simone, PsyD, February 8, 2018

Through the Looking Glass: Bringing Complex Family Issues into Focus, AzAFCC Annual Sedona Conference, January 26-28, 2018

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Webinar: Managing Holiday Time Conflict, AzAFCC, November 9, 2017

Smart But Scattered: Executive Dysfunction at Home and at School, PESI, Margaret M. Dawson, Ed.D. NCSP, September 22, 2017

Culture, Metaphor, and Play: Finding Resilience Through the Storms, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Joyce C. Mills, Ph.D., September 8, 2017

Trauma Impacts the Brain: Healing Happens in Relationships, Southwest Behavioral Health, Bruce D. Perry, M.D., Ph.D., March 24, 2015.

Tomorrow is Here: Confronting the Challenges of the Modern Family, AzAFCC Annual Sedona Conference, February 6 – 8, 2015

What is Theraplay®? An Overview Seminar for Professionals program and the Introduction to the Maschak Interaction Method (MIM) program, The Theraplay® Institute and the Arizona Association for Play Therapy (AZAPT), Marlo Winstead, MSW, LICSW, RPT/S, February 28 and March 1, 2014

Emotional and Cultural Competence in the Trauma-Aware Therapist, Courses for Mental Health Professionals, Laura S. Brown, Ph.D., February 25, 2014

The Continuum from Normal to Abnormal Child Sexual Behaviors: When to refer for Assessment or Evaluation, Children's Services Networking, Diana Vigil M.A., LPC, RPT/S, December 12, 2013

Play Therapy Techniques to Fight Bullying, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Nichole Boren, MSW, August 21, 2013

The Value of Integrated Play Therapy; Helping Children of Divorce Heal through Play Therapy; Play Therapy with Adults, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Teri Krull, MSW, LCSW, RPT-S. LLC; Gabrielle Lawrence, Ph.D., LP; and Deborah Pettitt, MC, LPC, RPT-S, Phoenix, AZ, May 5, 2012.

Weekend 1 of the EMDR Basic Training, Presented by Gerald Puk, Ph. D., EMDR Institute, Phoenix, AZ. March 30-April 1, 2012.

Cultural and Spiritual Competence in Victim Services, CE4Less.com, Online Course, February 26, 2012.

Using Play Therapy to Meet the Needs of Children and Adolescents Impacted by Child Maltreatment, Sueann Kenney-Noziska, MSW, LISW, LCSW, RPT-S, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Phoenix, AZ, February 24-25, 2012.

The Interrelationship Between Speech and Language Skills, Socio-emotional ability and Learning Problems in Children and Adolescents, Anita Werner MS, CCC-SLP, Children's Services Network, February 16, 2012.

Trauma, PTSD & Traumatic Grief: Effective Assessments and Immediate Interventions, Duane T. Bowers, LPC, CMI Education Institute, Phoenix, AZ, February 16, 2012.

You're Killing Me, Volunteer Attorney & Child Advocacy Training, Advocating for Victims of Child Abuse in Family Court, Scottsdale, AZ, December 8, 2011

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- *Educational Accountability*, Tamara Ballou and Kimberly Sterne
- *Neurological Development and Child Abuse*, Dr. Paul Beljan
- *Child and Family Health*, Dr. Art and Paige Frenkel Mollen
- *Child Abuse Allegations in Family and Juvenile Court*, Mario Micheli, Esq.
- *Effects of Abuse on Children*, Dr. Chris Monaco
- *Children with Attachment Difficulties*, Kathy Petefish

A Jungian Perspective on Play Therapy, J.P. Lilly, MS, LCSW, RPT-S, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, Phoenix, AZ, August 20, 2011

Free Your Authentic Self: Understanding Trauma and the Brain, Shelley Uram, MD, The Meadows, Wickenburg, AZ, June 17, 2011

Dissociation and Selective Mutism Resulting from Abuse (Webinar) May 19, 2011

Forensically Informed Therapy: Avoiding Legal and Ethical Dilemmas, Diana Vigil, LPC, Julie Skakoon, LPC, Faren Akins Ph.D., J.D., Childhelp USA, Phoenix, AZ, March 26, 2010

Play therapy with abused and traumatized children: An integrated approach combining expressive and behavioral therapies and the use of play therapy in the assessment and treatment of children with problem sexual behaviors, Dr. Eliana Gil, RPT/S, Mesa, AZ, February 26, 2010.

Implementing Father-inclusive Strategies with Low Income and/or Native American Families, Neil Tift, MSW, National Association of Social Workers, AZ Chapter, Mesa, AZ, February 5, 2010

Advanced Topics in Sand Tray Therapy, Roban Kubic, LPC, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, October 17, 2009

Expressive Arts in a Play Therapy Setting, Dixie Ciccarelli, MA, LAC, ATR, Arizona Association of Play Therapy, September 17, 2009

How Sensory Processing Challenges Contribute to Behavioral Challenges, Joann McFee, MS, OTR/L, Arizona Psychological Association, September 10, 2009

Pediatric Psychopharmacology: Psychodynamics, Practicalities and Controversies, Dr. Kenneth Zwier, M.D., Children's Services Network, Scottsdale, AZ, May 29, 2009.

Treating Trauma and Attachment Issues in Children and Families, Dr. Terry Levy & Michael Orlans MA, 2009 AzAMFT Spring Conference, March 6-7, 2009

San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, ***Institute on Attachment***, UCSD Department of Psychiatry and Rady Children's Hospital – San Diego, California, January 26, 2009.

Rady Children's Chadwick Center for Children and Families 23rd Annual International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment, San Diego, California, January 26 – 30th, 2009

Using Bibliotherapy in Play Therapy with Young Children, Freida Ling, MC, LMFT, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, November 20, 2008

Play Therapy and Beyond: Treatment Techniques and Strategies with Children and Pre-Adolescents, Paul White, LCSW, Cross County Education, November 7, 2008

Child Centered Play Therapy, Randi Herman, MC, LPC, RPT/S, Arizona Association for Play Therapy, August 16, 2008

Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, On-Line Course, July 6, 2007

Meeting the Needs of Children in an Ever-Changing World, School of Social Work Association of Arizona, Phoenix, AZ March 3, 2006

Memberships and Affiliations

Arizona Association for Play Therapy
AzAFCC