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EDUCATION

- M.A.** *Counseling* (Marriage & Family; Community), Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana (2002).
- B.S.** *Secondary Education* (English), Taylor University, Upland, Indiana (1992).

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (#39001655A), Indiana (2004)

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist (#35001637A), Indiana (2008)

National Certified Counselor, 2002

Registered Play Therapist (In Process)

Registered Play Therapist Supervisor (In Process)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, IN (05/2009-7/2009). Teaching and supervising graduate counseling students in their Practicum Placement at the Graduate Counseling Clinic.

Positively Play: Child & Family Therapy Center, LLC, Kokomo, IN (3/2009) Private practice specializing in children, adolescents and families.

Child & Adolescent Therapist, Community & Family Resource Center: The Counseling Center, Lafayette, Indiana (10/2006-3/4/2009). Individual child, adolescent and family therapist, assessment therapist, sexual abuse assessments for DCS of Tippecanoe County. Participation with the SAFTIP program to work on treating victims of sexual abuse and also reunification between family members. Experience using expressive therapies, play therapy, sandplay therapy, family systems, and cognitive/behavioral therapies.

Field Placement Supervisor, Community & Family Resource Center: The Counseling Center, Lafayette, Indiana (1/2008-5/2008). Supervision of undergraduate psychology student in field placement in areas of children and adolescents, family, and play therapy.

Outpatient Child & Adolescent Therapist, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana (8/2004-9/2006). Individual child and adolescent therapist, group therapist (sexual abuse, preschool, parenting, Children's Acute Partial Hospitalization Program, After Care groups), & family therapist. Experience using expressive therapies, play therapy, sandplay therapy, cognitive/behavioral, Dialectal Behavioral Therapy and family systems.

Acting Youth Team Leader, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana 10/2005-3/2006) Responsibilities include child and adolescent treatment, individual and group supervision of non-licensed clinicians and case managers, employee evaluations, training in play therapy

Individual, Child & Adolescent & Family Therapist, Wabash Friends Counseling Center, Wabash, Indiana (1/2003-4/2008). Experience working with individual children, adolescent, & adult clients and families, focusing on trauma and abuse; utilizing play therapy, expressive therapies, sandplay, cognitive/behavioral, Dialectal Behavior Therapy, and family systems.

Field Placement Supervisor, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana (4/2005-8/2006). Supervise Master's level interns in clinical field placement—assessing clinical skills, completing mid-term and end of term evaluations, weekly individual supervision, watching tapes and/or sessions.

On-Call Crisis Therapist, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana (12/2004-3/2006). Responsibilities include addressing crisis phone calls, emergency room consultations, and coordination of placement for inpatient treatment, as well as follow-up treatment in outpatient setting.

Inpatient Therapist, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana (2/2003-8/2004). Experience with patients (children-adults) in acute care setting as part of treatment team including psychiatrist, occupational therapy, and nursing staff. Responsible for groups, assessments, family sessions, individual treatment, and coordination of follow-up care.

Field Placement Supervisor, Wabash Friends Counseling Center, Wabash, Indiana (9/2003-4/2004). Supervision of undergraduate psychology student in field placement in areas of children and adolescents and play therapy.

Counseling Intern, Family Care Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana (1/2002-12/2002) Treatment experience with individuals, children, families, couples, and groups. Experience using play therapy, sandplay, and cognitive/behavioral approaches to address issues regarding divorce, abuse, and self-injury.

Counseling Intern, Indiana Wesleyan University Graduate Counseling Clinic, Marion, Indiana (4/2002-12/2002). Experience included children, play therapy, sandplay, individual and couple counseling.

Counseling/Research Intern, CAPA: Counseling Center, London, England (10/1999-4/2000). Observed and participated in counseling sessions with individuals, researched current and related issues via internet, and participated in training seminars sponsored by CAPA.

PROFESSIONAL COMMITTEES/ORGANIZATIONS

Indiana Play Therapy Association Board Member, newsletter editor (2004-2005)

Wildcat Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Team (2003-Current)

Prevent Child Abuse Community Service Committee Howard County (8/2004-9/2006)

Tomorrow's Hope Abuse Interview Team (2003-Current)

ADDITIONAL EDUCATION/TRAINING

Association for Play Therapy Leadership Academy (2005). Training including leadership of organizations, nonprofit organizations, directions and trends in leadership.

Suicide Prevention, Intervention & Postvention (2004). Training including: CISM model with suicide prevention, interventions, and postventions.

Critical Incident Stress Management Application with Children (2004). Advanced CISM training to utilize CISM Model with children and families.

Families and CISM: Developing a Comprehensive Program (2003). Training including: CISM model with application for families of responders and families of trauma victims.

Critical Incident Stress Management: Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support (2003). Training including CISM model with individuals, crisis interventions, and peers.

Finding Words Indiana (2002): an intensive 40 hour forensic interviewing training regarding child sexual abuse victims.

Prepare/Enrich Training (2002): a premarital and marital assessment tool.

Critical Incident Stress Management, Basic Training (2001). Training including: Demobilization, Crisis Management Briefings, Defusing, Critical Incident Stress Debriefing, and One-on-one crisis interventions.

Critical Incident Stress Management, Advanced Training (2001). Continued training including: complicated interventions (multiple event, suicide of colleague, line of duty death, disaster/multi-casualty incident, children), debriefing the debriefer, trauma, and PTSD.

Introduction to Deep Release, CAPA Counseling Center (2000). Training included: The “Baptismal Model,” Principles of Primal Integration, Working with Blocked Emotions, Managing & Releasing Anger, Working with the Inner Child, and Pre and Perinatal Trauma.

Association of Christian Counselors, Level One Training, Great Britain (2000). A 40 hour level one training course required for certification as a Christian Counselor in Great Britain.

PRESENTATIONS

“Crisis Intervention with Children and Adolescents.” Indiana Wesleyan University: Senior Psychology Seminar, presented at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana (April 2008)

“Laughter Therapy: Is Laughter the Best Medicine?” Howard Regional Health System’s First Friday Series presented at Howard Regional, Main Campus, Kokomo, Indiana (April 2005)

“Helping Children Cope with Divorce: Growing Not Just Going Through Divorce.” Presented at Day of Healing sponsored by Wabash Friends Counseling Center, Wabash, Indiana (October 2004)

“Stress & Stress Management” presented to Howard Regional Health System Extended Care Staff, Kokomo, Indiana (July 2004)

“Finding Words Indiana Overview” presented to Family Care Center staff, Fort Wayne, Indiana (November 2002)

“Depression” presented to Youth for Christ junior high after school groups, Fort Wayne, Indiana (October 2002)

“Sandplay Therapy” poster presentation at the Indiana association of Counselors Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana (February 2001)

“Sandplay Therapy” poster presentation, at the professional development conference sponsored by graduate studies at Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana (October 2000)

PROFESSIONAL CONTINUING EDUCATION

- June 2009** “Free to Feel: Play Therapy for Trauma & Attachment Problems.” Risë VanFleet, Ph.D. presenter, Indiana Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- October 2008** “Playing in the Sand: Searching for Symbols,” Laura Recio, ACSW, LMFT, LCSW, BCD, RPT-S, presenter Counseling Solutions, Plymouth Indiana.
- May 2008** “Playing in the Sand: Assessment Through Sandtray Process,” Laura Recio, ACSW, LMFT, LCSW, BCD, RPT-S, presenter Counseling Solutions, Plymouth Indiana.
- October 2007** “Day of Healing Conference:” Dan Allender, Presenter, Wabash, Indiana.
- October 2007** Association for Play Therapy: 25th Annual Conference, Various presenters, Hollywood, California.
- September 2007** “Child Abuse/Neglect Reporting Training,” Pam Biggs-Reed, MS, NCC, LMHC, presenter Community & Family Resource Center, Lafayette, Indiana.
- June 2007** “Playing in the Sand: Basics & Beyond,” Laura Recio, ACSW, LMFT, LCSW, BCD, RPT-S, presenter Counseling Solutions, Plymouth Indiana.
- June 2006** “Bag-O-Tricks: Creative Interventions for Children,” Scott Riviere, LPC, RPT-S, presenter Indiana Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Nashville, Indiana.
- June 2006** “Too Cool to Play: Creative Interventions for Adolescents,” Scott Riviere, LPC, RPT-s, presenter, Indiana Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Nashville, Indiana.
- October 2005** “Group Work with Sexually Abused Children,” Eliana Gil PhD, presenter, Association for Play Therapy National Conference, Nashville, Tennessee.
- October 2005** “Supervision of Play Therapists” presented in Nashville, Tennessee.
- October 2005** Association for Play Therapy: 22nd Annual Conference, Various presenters, Nashville, Tennessee.
- October 2005** “Day of Healing Conference:” Les and Leslie Parrott Presenters, Wabash, Indiana.

- June 2005** “Putting the Pieces Together,” various presenters, Indiana Association for Play Therapy, Nashville, Indiana.
- May 2005** “Filial Therapy,” Diane Ferree, LCSW RPT-S, presenter; Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- February 2005** “Challenges in the Treatment of Bipolar Disorders,” Daniel A. Deutschman, MD, FAPA, presenter; Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- November 2004** “Brief Therapy,” Richard Ruhrold, PhD, HSPP, presenter; Howard Regional Health System, Frankfort, Indiana.
- November 2004** “Cymbalta,” Dr. El-Khalili, presenter, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana
- October 2004** “Being Redeemed by Our Stories & Having a Part in Redeeming Stories,” Dan Allender, PhD, presenter; Day of Healing, Wabash, Indiana.
- October 2004** “Helping Parents cope When Their Child Has Been Sexually Abused,” Laura Michmerhuizen, presenter, Wabash, Indiana.
- October 2004** Association for Play Therapy: 21st Annual Conference, Various presenters, Denver, Colorado.
- September 2004** “Adderall,” presented by Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- September 2004** “Sepracor,” Julie Stein, presenter, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- September 2004** “Concerta,” presented by Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- August 2004** “Play Therapy Through the Ages,” Davi Stein, MA, RPT-S, presenter, Howard Regional Health System, Kokomo, Indiana.
- June 2004** “Playful Techniques for Preventing Burnout,” Terry Kottman, PhD, presenter, Indiana Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- June 2004** “Designing Therapeutic Metaphors for Specific Issues,” Terry Kottman, PhD, presenter, Indiana Association for Play Therapy Annual Conference, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- May 2004** “Play Therapy and Beyond: Treatment Techniques & Strategies,” Paul White, LCSW, presenter; Indianapolis, Indiana.

- April 2004** Association for Play Therapy Spring Institute, Linda Homeyer presenter, Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- February 2004** “Risperdal,” S. Christopher Shim, MD, presenter, Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, Indiana.
- October 2003** Association for Play Therapy: 20th Annual Conference, Various presenters, Norfolk, Virginia.
- October 2003** Day of Healing Conference, John Townsend, PhD, presenter, Wabash, Indiana
- October 2003** “Emotionally Focused Therapy for Couples: Creating Secure Attachment Bonds,” Brent Bradley, PhD, presenter, Wabash, Indiana.
- October 2003** “Maintaining Personal Vitality in a Stressful Workplace,” Denny Howard, Day of Healing, Wabash, Indiana.
- August 2003** “Abilify,” Dr. Sanker Jayachandra, presenter, Howard Community Hospital, Kokomo, Indiana.
- August 2003** “Trauma & Abuse Survivors Brief Therapy Treatment Model,” Rose Harrison, LMHC, NCP presenter; ASPIN Education Network, Indianapolis, Indiana.
- October 2002** “Sexual Addiction: Assessment & Treatment” Doug Weiss, PhD, presenter; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- October 2002** Day of Healing Conference, Greg Smalley, presenter; Wabash, Indiana.
- September 2002** “Maintaining Confidentiality in Records Management,” Gregory Sowles, PhD, HSPP, presenter; Fort Wayne, Indiana.
- July 2002** “DSM-IV-TR: Overview and Update Specifics in Process and Application & Diagnosing and Treating the Personality Disorders.” Sophia F Dziegielewski, PhD, LCSW, presenter; Indianapolis, Indiana.
- July 2002** “Crossroads to Healing: From Trauma to Restoration.” V.O.I.C.E.S in Action 20th Annual International Conference; Cincinnati, Ohio.
- May 2002** Grief Seminar for Professional Caregivers. Dr. Alan Wofelt, presenter; Fort Wayne, Indiana.

- March 2002** “Clinical Diagnosis and Treatment Planning.” Dr. Miriam Stark-Parent, presenter; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- October 2001** Day of Healing Conference. Dan Allender, PhD., presenter; Wabash, Indiana.
- October 2001** “Suicide, Violence, and Other Life Threatening Behaviors: Assessment and interventions for Counselors.” Gerald Juhnke, PhD., presenter; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- August 2001** American Association of Christian Counselors World Conference, various presenters; Nashville, Tennessee.
- August 2001** “Play Therapy,” Garry Landreth PhD and Daniel Sweeny PhD., presenters; Nashville, Tennessee.
- August 2001** “Ministering to Adults and Children During Grief and Crisis.” H. Norman Wright, presenter; Nashville, Tennessee.
- June 2001** “How Caregivers Can Respond Effectively to Traumatic Events.” Jayne Crisp, ITAC, presenter; Anderson, Indiana.
- May 2001** “Partnering to Protect Children.” Mindy Mitnick, presenter; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- March 2001** “Solution-Based Brief Therapy.” Gary Oliver PhD, Presenter, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- March 2001** “Anger Management.” Gary Oliver, PhD, presenter, Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.
- October 2000** “Understanding, Diagnosing, and Treating Children of the new Millennium.” Henry G. Martin, PhD, HSPP, presenter; Indiana Wesleyan University, Marion, Indiana.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS/HONORS

American Counseling Association, *Professional Member*

Association for Play Therapy, *Professional Member*

Indiana Association for Play Therapy, *Professional Member*

International Association of Marriage & Family Counselors, *Professional Member*

International Critical Incident Stress Foundation, *Professional Member*