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Licensed Psychologist - PSY13259

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## Areas of Expertise

- **Forensic Evaluation:** Custody Evaluations; Brief Focused Assessments; Emergency Screenings; Recommending Mediation; Psychological Testing and Assessment
- **Forensic Services:** Expert Witness; Client Coaching / Mentoring; Reviewing Expert; Special Master; Recommending Mediator; Parenting Coordination
- **Psychological Assessment:** Testing and assessment of children, adolescents and adults. Psychological and Neuropsychological Evaluation for diagnosis, documentation, recommendations and referrals
- **Educational Assessment:** Evaluation of learning disabilities, educational needs, classroom accommodations, experience with school placement and Bay Area public and private schools as well as therapeutic and residential placement
- **Risk Assessment:** Assessment for danger to self, danger to others, violence and threat assessment, abuse, crisis intervention and bullying

## Applied Experience

**PlusFour Solutions**, Los Altos, California

1991 - Present

*Owner and Director of practice specializing in forensic and psychological assessment.*

### *Forensic*

- Custody Evaluations; Brief Focused Assessment; Emergency Screening, Recommending Mediation. Significant experience with complex issues in family law including relocation, alienation, domestic violence, physical, emotional and sexual abuse, and blended families
- Specialty expertise in child development, special needs children and family systems
- Expert witness; Reviewing Expert; Expert Consultant
- Client Coaching and mentoring; consultation regarding all Family Law matters
- Psychological Evaluation and Testing; Assessment of emotional, behavioral and personality functioning; Assessment of cognitive functioning, mental retardation and memory
- Member of approved panel of evaluators in San Mateo and Santa Clara Counties
- Conducted over 3,800 test batteries and 240 forensic evaluations
- Parenting Coordinator, Special Master, Recommending Mediator

### *Clinical*

- Evaluation and diagnosis of emotional concerns including depression, anxiety, eating disorders, adjustment disorders, substance abuse, sexual and identity disorders

- Evaluation and diagnosis of behavioral concerns including angry-acting out behaviors, oppositional and defiant behaviors, hyperactivity and sensory integration disorders
- Evaluation and diagnosis of ADHD, memory and cognitive impairment; mental retardation
- Evaluation and diagnosis of Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD) including high functioning autism, Asperger's Disorder, Non-Verbal Learning disorders, Tic disorders
- Evaluation and diagnosis of personality functioning; personality and projective testing
- Evaluation and diagnosis of schizophrenia, psychosis, delusional disorders and Pediatric and Adult Bipolar Disorder
- Risk Assessment: Evaluation for danger to self and others, violence assessment, bullying
- Home visits and off-site testing; Urgent Response capability
- Experienced therapist (twelve years): Individual, family, marital, co-parenting, group therapy.  
*Not currently carrying a therapy case-load.*

#### *Neuropsychological and Educational*

- Adult and pediatric neuropsychological assessment: Intelligence and Achievement testing
- Evaluation of: Attention, Memory and Learning; Language; Executive Functioning; Visual-Spatial, Sensory and Motor functioning;
- Evaluation of students with cognitive impairment, mental retardation, developmental delays, and learning disabilities both language-based and non-verbal
- Evaluation of gifted and twice-gifted individuals
- Consultation and recommendations regarding classroom accommodations, IDEA regulations, IEP and 504 plans; support services for individuals with disabilities; Classroom observation and attendance at IEP meetings; Treatment and placement recommendations
- Behavioral Assessment; Developmental Assessment, Assessment of the acting out child, teen and adult

**Bodin Associates, Educational Consultants**, Los Altos, California

1994 - 2002

*Clinical Director of local educational consulting firm specializing in placement of students in traditional, special-needs and therapeutic boarding school programs.*

- Supervision of all clinical training services and unlicensed interns
- Developed systematic testing procedures for adolescents in wilderness treatment and boarding at therapeutic schools and treatment centers
- Provided consulting regarding treatment options and placement options for at-risk teens
- Provided all educational, psychological and neuropsychological testing

**Charter Behavioral Health System of Northern California**, San Jose, California

1996 - 1997

*Director of Youth Services for this stand-alone psychiatric facility with a 35-bed adolescent and child locked unit. Administrative duties balanced by a full clinical caseload of two-thirds child and adolescent patients and one-third adult inpatients.*

- Supervised the clinical operation of the child and adolescent service
- Developed and implemented professional education programs
- Oversight of the quality management for youth services
- Supervised graduate interns; Served on the Medical Executive and Management committees
- Led rounds daily, responsible for admissions, treatment and discharge caseload with full attending privileges
- Provided all psychological testing services for adult and youth services

**Pacific Center at San Jose Medical Center, San Jose, California**

1989 – 1996

*Senior Staff Psychologist and Clinical Director for this 24-bed child and adolescent locked unit.*

- Provided staff development, training and evaluations
- Oversight of clinical program development and implementation for entire continuum including partial, inpatient and outpatient programs
- Provided all psychological services including testing and supervision of graduate interns
- Managed community outpatient clinic
- Supervised social workers, art and recreation therapists, chemical dependency counselor and case managers.
- Insured compliance with Continuous Improvement activities
- Assisted in discharge planning and co-admission of patients
- Revised all policies and procedures

**Pacific Center Biobehavioral Sciences Group, San Jose, California**

1991 - 1996

*Affiliate in this twenty-three-member outpatient group which included psychiatrists, psychologists, and master's level therapists. Outpatient work included child, adolescent and family therapy and psychological assessment of referral clients from the community and area hospitals and medical groups.*

**Cognitive Therapy Center of Northern California, Los Altos, California**

1990 - 1996

*Outpatient psychotherapist with this private practice of six psychologists who are affiliated with Aaron Beck and represent this recognized specialty in the San Francisco Bay Area. The treatment focus is based on the Cognitive Therapy model popularized by Aaron Beck.*

**California Institute of Medical Research, San Jose, California**

1990 - 1992

*Research consultant for government grant that studied the effects of head trauma in spinal cord injured patients. Responsibilities included literature review, construction of test battery, data collection, statistical analysis and peer review process.*

**Psychology Services, Valley Medical Center, San Jose, California**

1989 - 1990

*Psychology internship. Studied for five months each on spinal cord unit and general rehabilitation unit (stroke, closed head trauma) in this Santa Clara county hospital. Supervised activities included assessment, inpatient and outpatient therapy, team consultation, and family crisis work.*

**RAE Group: Research in Adolescent Education, Los Altos, California**

1984 - 1990

*Speaker and consultant in a solo private practice that specialized in educational counseling and seminars for school-aged children. Topics included study skills, time management, self-esteem, creativity and parenting skills. Seminars given privately to groups of ten to twenty students and workshops were given in local elementary, junior high and high schools. Private tutoring was provided in study skills and time management.*

**Redwood Academy**, Santa Rosa, CA  
1974 - 1981

**Mountain View Academy**, Mountain View, CA  
1981 - 1989

*Responsible for planning and administering the counseling programs in both schools and for teaching classes in psychology and religion. Developed a testing and assessment program at MVA that included special emphasis on support for foreign students who are living in the U.S. for the first time. Sponsor of student and parent organizations.*

## Education

*(All requirements for Continuing Education are current)*

Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, *March 1991*      California License: PSY13259      *March, 1993*  
The Fielding Graduate Institute, Santa Barbara, California  
*Dissertation Topic: The Incidence of Depression, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse in the Families of Anorexic Probands.*

M.A., Counseling, *June 1985*  
Santa Clara University, Santa Clara, California  
Emphasis in child and adolescent development

B.A., Religion, *June 1974*  
Pacific Union College, Napa Valley, California  
Teaching Credential, June 1974

## Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association      California Psychological Association  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts      Santa Clara County Psychological Association

## Publications and Presentations

*(representative listing)*

- Obtaining and Analyzing School-Related Data in a Child Custody Evaluation, *Journal of Child Custody, Volume 8, Number 3, July – September 2011.*
- The Developmental Assessment Process, Workshop Presentation in June, 2010 - The Reading Clinic; and October 2010 - Los Altos School District - SELPA
- How to Understand the Comprehensive Test Battery, Workshop Presentation February 2006, International Dyslexia Association.
- Research site and data collection for the Millon Pre-Adolescent Clinical Inventory, 2004-2005.
- Custody Evaluations and Domestic Partnerships, Workshop Presentation, November 2004. Family Law section of the Santa Clara County Bar Association.
- The Assessment of Non-Verbal Learning Disabilities in School Aged Children, Workshop, May 2001.
- Applications of Psychological Assessment with Bay Area Youth, Applications for the next Century, Seminar, JFK University, April 1999.

- Psychological Assessment of At-Risk Adolescents in Wilderness Programs, Staff In-Service Training, SUWS, March 1999.
- Pathological Use of the Internet in Bay Area Youth, Staff In-Service, Good Samaritan Hospital, February 1996.
- Psychological Assessment of Adolescent Personality Traits, Workshop, Pacific Center, San Jose Medical Center, 1997.
- Treatment of the Multiple-Admission Youth Services Patient, Paper prepared for the California Psychological Association Conference, May 1995.
- Etiology and Treatment of Adolescent Self-Mutilation, Grand Rounds, San Jose Medical Center, October 1993.
- Family Dynamics with Children who Fail in School. Seminar, 1992 –93, multiple.
- De-escalation of the Hospitalized Adolescent without Use of Restraint. Workshop, 1995, Pacific Center, San Jose Medical Center.