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Areas of Expertise

- *Testing and assessment of children, adolescents and adults. Psycho-Educational and Neuropsychological Evaluation, Clinical Evaluation to include diagnosis, report writing, recommendations and referrals*
- *Risk Assessment for danger to self, danger to others, violence and threat assessment, abuse and crisis intervention and bullying*
- *Forensic Assessment, Custody Evaluations: Assessments, testing and expert consultation for family courts and family law attorneys*
- *Assessment of Educational Needs: classroom accommodations, experience with school placement and Bay Area public and private schools*

Applied Experience

PlusFour Solutions, Los Altos, California

March 1991 - Present

Owner and Director of center specializing in psychological testing & assessment.

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 ADD/ADHD, memory and cognitive impairment
- Evaluation and diagnosis of autism-spectrum disorders including high functioning autism, Asperger's Disorder, Non-Verbal Learning disorders, Tic disorders
- Evaluation and diagnosis of personality functioning and personality and projective testing
- Evaluation and diagnosis of schizophrenia, psychosis, delusional and manic states
- Risk Assessment: Evaluation for danger to self and others, violence assessment, bullying, urgent response capability
- Home visits and off-site testing
- Experienced therapist (ten years): Individual, family, marital, co-parenting, group therapy. Not currently carrying a therapy case-load.

Educational

- Adult and pediatric neuropsychological assessment
- Evaluation and diagnosis of educational problems, language-based and Non-Verbal Learning disorders, treatment and placement recommendations
- Evaluation and diagnosis of students with cognitive impairment, mental retardation, developmental delays, and attention-based and executive functioning deficits
- Consultation and recommendations regarding classroom accommodations, IDEA regulations, 504 plans and support services for individuals with disabilities
- Classroom observation and attendance at IEP meetings

Forensic

- Custody Evaluations: Attachment, move away, visitation, and parenting ability
- Assessment of Domestic Violence and Abuse allegations
- Member of approved panel of evaluators with Family Court Services in Santa Clara County
- Expert witness and testimony
- Consultation regarding custody evaluations and family law matters
- Testing and review of testing relative to family law matters
- Conducted over 3,000 test batteries and 130 forensic evaluations

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
- Led rounds daily, responsible for admissions, treatment and discharge caseload with full attending privileges
- Provided all psychological testing services for adult and youth services
- Served on the Medical Executive and Management committees.

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

Practiced as an outpatient psychotherapist with this private practice of six psychologists that 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 large 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 Institute, Santa Barbara, California
Dissertation Topic: The Incidence of Depression, Eating Disorders and Substance Abuse in the Families of Anorexic Proband.

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, Angwin (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

Papers and Presentations

(representative listing)

- 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, Grand Rounds, Good Samaritan Hospital, February 1996.
- Psychological Assessment of Adolescent Personality Traits, Grand Rounds, 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.