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EDUCATION

Masters of Social Work, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
1991 to 1995

- May 1995 Class Marshall.
- Specialization: Family Therapy; Concentration in Children and Youth

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Washington University, St. Louis, Missouri
1969 to 1974. Awarded four year full academic scholarship.

EXPERIENCE

Child and Family Therapist

1995 - Present

- Individual and family therapy: focusing primarily on treating children with attachment disturbances and their families.
- Areas of expertise: attachment disturbances/disorders, pre/post-adoption therapy, physical and sexual abuse, anxiety, trauma, stress, grief work, chronic pain.
- Therapies utilized: E.M.D.R. (Level II, 06/98), Cognitive-Behavioral, Systems, Bowenian, Narrative, Attachment Therapy, Solution-Focused, Strategic, Psychoeducational Modalities including assertiveness and relaxation training
- Conducted divorce recovery groups (1997 – 1999)

Private Practice, 1999 – Present

Family Wellness Counseling, 1995 – 1999

(formerly Epworth Counseling Services)

1200 S. Lindbergh Blvd., St. Louis, MO 63131

Illinois Department of Children and Family Services

#10 Collinsville Ave., East St. Louis, IL 62201

1980 – 12/31/02

Special Needs Adoption Specialist:

1987-12/31/02

Responsibilities included: Legal screenings - determining termination of parental rights of children in foster care; preparing requests for legal actions in conjunction with petitions to terminate parental rights; assessing and preparing children for adoption; recruiting, training, and preparing adoptive parents (included assessment and home studies); post-placement adoption services, including the monitoring of a private agency contracted for Adoption Preservation services.

Child Protective Services Worker:

1985-1987

Responsibilities included: Investigating child abuse (primarily sexual abuse) and neglect “Hotline” reports; crisis-intervention counseling; making resource referrals; documenting and presenting evidence to courts.

Follow-Up Caseworker:

1980-1985

Responsibilities included: Writing social histories; scheduling and conducting home visits; developing service plans and goals for birth (natural) parents; determining placement of children; assessing, documenting, and presenting evidence to juvenile courts; coordinating efforts with school districts, medical facilities, courts, law enforcement agencies, and mental health services; arranging visits between children in foster care and their parents.

Missouri Division of Family Services, St. Louis City Office

111 North 7th Street, St. Louis, MO 63101

1975 - 1980

Social Service Worker, Protective Services Unit

1977 – 1980

Responsibilities included: Conducting crisis intervention counseling with families; writing social histories; making resource referrals; documenting and presenting evidence to courts; diagnosing problems and determining treatment; investigating “Hotline” reports.

Caseworker, Food Stamp Unit

1975 – 1977

Responsibilities Included: conducting intake interviews; investigating and verifying client data; determining client eligibility for food stamps; preparing client budgets; authorizing food stamp payments.

Mental Health Association of Houston and Harris Counties

Houston Medical Center, Houston, Texas

Summer 1969

Intern. Awarded internship in a residential and out-patient facility for clients with moderate to severe mental health disorders.

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT:

Cognitive Behavioral Supervision Group
June - August 1993

Associations

- EMDR supervision group (1998-present).
- Former member of attachment therapy supervision group.
- Registered Clinician of ATTACH
(Association for the Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children)
Completed over 300 training hours in attachment therapy workshops
- Member, NASW
- Member, Missouri Society of Clinical Social Workers
- Member, American Mental Health Alliance
- Member, Psychotherapy St. Louis.

Additional Training

- Child Abuse and Sexual Abuse
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR Level I & II)
- EMDR with children
- EMDR with victims of childhood abuse, neglect, and other traumas
- EMDR and Attachment Disorders
- Six national conferences sponsored by ATTACH
- Special Needs Adoption
- Play Therapy
- Art Therapy
- Parenting Skills
- Family Therapy
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy
- Adolescents in Crisis
- Juvenile Law
- Stress Management
- Communication Skills
- Compulsive Behaviors
- AIDS Training
- Early Infant Trauma
- Racial and Cultural Differences
- Loss, Separation, and Grief
- Eating Disorders
- Sensorimotor Psychotherapy
- Brief Therapy
- Brief Solution-Oriented Therapy
- Couples and Intimacy Therapy
- Dialectical Cognitive Behavioral Therapy

Workshops and Training Conducted/Planned

June 8, 2013: Workshop on “Working with Children with Early Trauma and Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Central Missouri Foster Care & Adoption Association (DeAnna Alonso), Jefferson City, MO.

February 1, 2013: Workshop on “Working with Children with Early Trauma and Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by CHASI (Karan Kowal), Collinsville, IL

January 25, 2013: Workshop on “Working with Children with Trauma and Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Bonnie Bobbett), Wentzville, MO.

December 9, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Missouri Association of Clinical Social Workers (Jesse Berg, LMSW), St. Louis, MO

November 9, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Lincoln, NE

November 8, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Omaha, NE

October 19, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Pittsburgh, PA

October 18, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Erie, PA

October 17, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Cleveland, OH

September 10, 2012: Panel Discussion on “Children with Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances and Addictions”, sponsored by State of New Mexico, Las Vegas, NM

August 7, 2012: Webcast/radio broadcast on “Children with Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by www.womr.org (Larry Mahon), Cape Cod, MA

June 22, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com and Middle Flint Behavioral Healthcare Americus Outpatient Clinic, Americus, GA

May 2012: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by St. Theodore School, Wentzville, MO

May 15, 2012: Webcast/radio broadcast on “Children with Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by www.womr.org (Larry Mahon), Cape Cod, MA

March, 2012: Workshop on “Working with Children with Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Cindy Luce), Union, MO

March 23, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Arlington Heights, IL

March 22, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Oakbrook, IL (***national webinar***)

March 21, 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Tinley Park, IL

February 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, San Diego, CA

February 2012: Workshop on “Children with Trauma & Attachment Disturbances, Healing the Most Challenging Children”, sponsored by www.pesi.com, Carlsbad, CA

November/December 2011: Series of workshops on “Working with Children with Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker), Wentzville, MO

October 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Spoede School, St. Louis, MO

October 2011: Panel Discussion on “Using EMDR for Complex Trauma”, sponsored by CoCan (Nancy Spargo), St. Louis, MO

October 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker), Wentzville, MO

September 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Mehlville High School, St. Louis, MO

August 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker), Wentzville, MO (training for staff only)

July 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by JTC Academy (Melissa Harris), E. St. Louis, IL

June 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Residential Setting”, sponsored by Transitional Center (Joyce Pfennig), Centreville, IL

June 2011: Panel Participant at FCC (Families with Children from China) cultural event (Jackie kam-Blackard), St. Louis, MO

April 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Sr. Thea Bowman School, E. St. Louis, IL

April 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Open Arms Ministries (Kim Smith), St. Peters, MO

March 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Church (Tammy Moran: 636-464-1013, ext 226), Imperial, MO

March 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by NAMI Illinois (Jane Roennigke), “Piecing It All Together Conference”, Edwardsville, IL

March 2011: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Fort Zumwalt School Dist. (Linda Burke), St. Peters, MO

January – December 2110: Series of 8 training sessions on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker, Children’s Services Manager), Wentzville, MO

December 2010: Training on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, Sponsored by Love Basket (Frank Block)

November 2010: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, Sponsored by MO Society of Clinical Social Workers (Dawn Winters, www.msosw.com), St. Louis, MO

October 2010: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, Sponsored by Open Arms Ministry (Kim Smith), St. Peters, MO

October 2010: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances”, sponsored by Franklin County Crider Health Center (Cindy Luce, Franklin County Children’s Program Manager), Franklin County, MO

October 2010: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker, Children’s Services Manager), Wentzville, MO

October 2010: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Community Council of St. Charles County (Cindy Wynn, Community Networking Forum Coordinator), St. Peters, MO

August 2010: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Wentzville School District (Georgean Rustemeyer), Wentzville, MO

April 2010: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Pevely Elementary School (Sherri Lindquist), Pevely, MO

March 2010: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Crider Health Center (Vicky Walker, Children’s Services Manager), Wentzville, MO

March 2010: Workshop on “The Impact of Attachment Disorder on the Educational Setting,” sponsored by Special Education, Edwardsville Schools (Beth Crumbacher, Coordinator, Special Education), Edwardsville, IL

December 2009: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Special School District of St. Louis County (Dee Byrnes, Director of Ritenour School District), St. Louis, MO

October 2009: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Winfield R-IV School District (Rita Oddie, Director of Special Services), Winfield, MO

October 2009: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by St. Joseph Catholic Elementary School (Mary Ellen Smith, Principal), Imperial, MO

October 2009: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Bellerive Elementary School (Christine Sweeney), St. Louis, MO

August 2009: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by St. Ambrose School (Joan Stark), St. Louis, MO

June 2009: Workshop on “Healing Attachment Wounds”, sponsored by Family Resource Center (Laura Gulley), St. Louis, MO

May 2009: Workshop on “Early Trauma/Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Kaiser Hayward Medical Center (Dr. Michael Sands), Union City, CA

March 2009: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Piecing It All Together (Jane Roennigke), SIU- Edwardsville, IL

January 2009: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Crider Center (Katrina Harper), St. Charles

January 2009: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Fostering Hope (Barbara Lara), Colorado Springs, CO

December 2008: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by St. Charles County Family Court (Raymond Grush), St. Charles, MO

December 2008: Panel Presentation on Evidence-Based Practice for Kids: Roadmap for Preventing Child Maltreatment, Sponsored by Washington University and Family Resource Center (Lora Gulley), St. Louis, MO

November 2008: Workshop on “Treating Trauma and Related Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Children’s Medical Resource Network (SIU – Medical School), (arranged by Ginger Meyer), Anna, IL

September 2008: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by Northeast Middle School (Parkway District), (arranged by Mary Jones), St. Louis, MO

August 2008: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by St. Mary’s High School, (arranged by Valerie Todd), St. Louis, MO

August 2008: Workshop on “Working with Children with Attachment Disturbances in the Classroom”, sponsored by St. Clement School, Des Pere, MO

July 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Family Facets, (arranged by Sheila Searfoss), St. Louis, MO

June 2008: Workshop on “Using the Family in Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Catholic Social Services of Southern Illinois, (arranged by Cyndi Thomas), Belleville, IL

May 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Phoenix Crisis Center: Safe From the Start, (arranged by Julie Pohlman), Edwardsville, IL

May 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Family Resource Center (arranged by Laura Gulley), St. Louis, MO

April 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by Women’s Support Connection (arranged by Ilene Bloom-Ellis), St. Louis, MO

April 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, sponsored by St. Louis County Juvenile Court (arranged by Steven Rettke), St. Louis, MO

April 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” at the 4th Annual Prevention & Interventions Conference sponsored by The Child Center (arranged by Cindy Eisenbeis), Wentzville, MO

April 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children”, Sponsored by SIU Edwardsville – School of Social Work (arranged by Emily Coffin), Edwardsville, IL.

March 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by FRUA (Families for Russian and Ukrainian Adoptions) National Conference (arranged by Sandy Davis), St. Louis, MO

February 2008: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Jewish Family and Children’s Services (arranged by Ai Ling Nunn), St. Louis, MO

December 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Chestnut Mental Health (arranged by Laurie Holdener), Belleville, IL

November 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Adoption and Foster Care Coalition (arranged by Ann Silea), Columbia, MO

August 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by St. Louis Mental Health Board (arranged by Meg Renner), St. Louis, MO

June 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Children’s Home and Aid Society (arranged by Rachel Newkirk), St. Louis, MO

May 2007: Presentation on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Children’s Hope International (arranged by Christina Ortwine), St. Louis, MO

May 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by St. Louis County Regional Center, St. Louis, MO

April 2007: Presentation on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Psychotherapy St. Louis, St. Louis, MO

April 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Boys and Girls Town, St. James, MO.

March 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Hawthorn Treatment Center (arranged by Dr. Marti Lenyard)

January 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children,” sponsored by Lutheran Family Services (arranged by Paul Fullerton), in St. Louis, MO

November 2006: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children” sponsored by Edgewood Children’s Home (arranged by Nancy Sturgel), St. Louis, MO

September 2006: Workshop on “Using EMDR in the Treatment of Attachment Disturbances of Children” (sponsored by Marcia Whissman and Sheri Rezak-Irons – EMDR Regional Training Coordinators), St. Louis, MO

August 2006: Presentation/Training in “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children” to class at Lindenwood University, St. Charles, MO (arranged by Helen Conway-Jensen, MA)

June 2006: Presentation/Training in “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children” (arranged by Mary Stein-Webber, MFT) to Counseling Agency in Oakland, California

March 2005: April 2006, April 2007: Workshop on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children” sponsored by The Adoption Exchange, St. Louis, MO

March 2006: Workshop for the Missouri Association of Marriage and Family Therapy on “Treating Attachment Disturbances of Children” – Annual Statewide Conference.

2005-2007: Numerous presentations/trainings for Parkway School District, St. Charles School Districts, Fox School District, Whiteside School in Belleville, IL, Churchill School on “Attachment Disturbances in the School Setting”

December 2005: Presentation/training in “Treating Attachment Disturbances in Children” for Family Wellness Counseling in St. Louis, MO.

October 2005: Presentation/training for the Association of Marriage and Family Therapists – St. Louis Chapter.

August 2005: Workshop for St. Louis Adoption/Foster Care Coalition, St. Louis, MO

April 2005: Panel Presentation for the St. Louis County Special School District