

## **Curriculum Vitae**

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### **EXPERTISE**

- Advocate
- Abuse analyst and expert witness
- Corruption analyst and expert witness
- Parental Alienation Analyst and expert witness
- Interpersonal Communications Specialist
- Certified Life Coach
- Certified Disaster Recovery Coach
- Natural disaster mitigation and preparedness researcher and trainer
- Mass casualty mitigations and preparedness researcher and trainer
- Motivational Speaker
- Published author of educational, fiction, and nonfiction articles, and books

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Doctor of Public Safety/Criminal Justice**

Capella University-with Distinction 2018

Areas of concentration: the psychology of the criminal mind, legal system, law enforcement systems, natural disaster, trauma, types of abuse, corruption, individual reaction to traumatic events, leadership, mass casualty events, interpersonal communications

Dissertation topic: The study of encouraging people to prepare for mass casualty events

#### **Master of Arts in Organizational Management**

Ashford University 2010

Areas of study: Management studies, leadership, interpersonal communications, business ethics, collaboration, mediation, non-profit business organization, general business, accounting

### **Bachelor's in Marketing**

Loyola University      1988

Areas of study-marketing, advertising, company development, leadership, music, broadcasting

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **1988-Present-Executive Director**

#### **Life's Answers, LLC**

I consult, analyze, investigate, and act as an expert witness in high-conflict divorce and Child Protection Services cases, including children for abuse, parental alienation, and corruption. I assist approximately 1000 families per year. Today, thousands of children have been correctly placed in safety because of my assessments or expert witness testimony. My expertise affords me the ability to reveal all forms of abuse and corruption.

#### **Organizations that I have consulted and conducted abuse investigations with or for:**

- United States Departments of Children and Families
- Law enforcement agencies throughout the US and abroad
- United States Department of Homeland Security
- Senator Mary Landrieu
- Various law firms throughout the United States
- Federal Bureau of Investigations
- United States Federal Bureau of Investigations
- United States Department of Homeland Security
- Social Work England
- United States Federal Emergency Management Agency
- International Emergency Management Agency
- Mississippi Domestic Violence Organization
- Louisiana Domestic Violence Shelter
- United Kingdom Department of Education
- The National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children
- Louisiana Department of Public Safety
- American Red Cross
- Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

- United States Department of Housing and Urban Development
- Louisiana and Mississippi-based domestic violence shelters
- Southern Baptist Association
- WWL Radio
- WDSU Television

### **Sample Successes with Abuse Assessments and Expert Witness**

- Assisted the Federal Bureau of Investigations (FBI) in sending two Louisiana District Attorney (DA) employed prosecuting attorneys to be disbarred and sent to jail. I discovered their offenses and acquired the evidence that assisted in causing the FBI to open their investigation that freed thousands from undeserved charges.
- My testimony acquired supervised visitation and convictions when a psychologist was testifying that the child was safe with the sex offender. I challenged the Court to show how a two-year-old child could be safe with a sex offender when she admitted that he was a possible danger to himself and others. Yet, he could be trusted with a vulnerable child under the age of three. The Court ruled in favor of my statement over the psychologist's statement. The ruling led to the offender being convicted of domestic violence charges.
- I have testified and written complaints for numerous families whose children were being wrongly held by Child Protection Services. Today thousands of children's lives have been improved or saved per my assistance. Many of them have been returned to their parents.
- As a result of my investigation that revealed extreme abuse, I learned through communications with officials that the perpetrator was part of the leadership of the human trafficking ring. Many of those children are reaching safe homes today because I brought the case to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). The child of the perpetrator is now safely with her safe parent.
- I assisted Senator Landreau in ensuring thousands of displaced families acquired homes and support after Hurricane Katrina.
- As part of my concerts to further independent artists' careers, many are enjoying thriving careers. Furthermore, many non-profit organizations that assist trauma survivors acquired needed financial assistance.

### **1986-1988-Executive Director**

#### **Help Is Here, Inc.**

My duties included working with domestic violence organizations as a business consultant. I also was a rape counselor. As a rape counselor, I was trained to help victims cope with the medical examination. This experience also trained me to understand how individuals react to traumatic experiences. I assisted many rape victims by administering the rape kit and obtaining assistance.

**Prior to 1986**, I was a successful broadcaster for various radio stations throughout the Southern region of the United States.

My duties while working with the radio stations included:

- Public relations with non-profit organizations and local businesses
- Advertising sales
- Production and writing of advertisements, public service announcements, and shows
- Master of ceremonies at small and large events and concerts
- General speaking engagements

### **1988-1990-Anything Anywhere Marketing**

#### **Concert Producer/Executive Director**

I started a program that helped to introduce independent artists. I organized concerts and tours. In addition, I developed marketing campaigns with Coca-Cola, Dominos Pizza, Stevie Wonder, and the band Journey.

The concerts also benefitted organizations such as:

- The Red Cross
- The Salvation Army
- Various domestic violence shelters
- Federal Emergency Management Agency
- Louisiana Coalition Against Domestic Violence

### **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS AND CONFERENCES**

#### **Abuse me. Why?**

- Wrote and presented a series on coping with PTSD and recovery
- Wrote and presented a series on understanding the different forms of abuse, including parental alienation

- Also, “Abuse me. Why?” is a group on Facebook dedicated to offering survivors of trauma a chance to talk with me to learn how to cope with recovery from any form of trauma.

### **Legal Advocate for You, Not Family Court**

- A successful group on Facebook that offers advice and information on coping with Family Court.

### **Legal Advocate for You, Not Family Court YouTube Channel**

- I produce and narrate a series that offers information on the different forms of abuse, parental alienation, and coping with Family Court.

### **American Red Cross**

- Natural Disaster Preparedness Natural Disaster Mitigation and preparedness
- Safety
- Man-Made Incident Preparedness
- Man-Made Incident Mitigation
- Leadership

### **Louisiana and Mississippi Schools**

- Conferences and training students on how to cope with abuse
- Natural Disaster Preparedness
- Leadership Skills
- Life’s skills for teens workshops

### **International Association of Emergency Management**

- Presenter at “Partner’s in Mitigation” Workshop

### **Southern Baptist Association**

- Presenter of “Life’s Skills Workshops” for teens

## **PUBLICATIONS AND JOURNALISM EXPERIENCE**

*The Remains of Hurricane Katrina* is a story of a single mother’s journey through a lifetime of abuse. The shock of the traumatic incident caused memories to become unlocked from her dissociative trance.

Chapter in the textbook ***Terrorism Inside America's Borders***. The chapter title is: Need to Understand the Unpredictability of Terrorism to Increase Preparedness.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency**-I wrote a series of articles on mitigation and an Educational Workshop.

**American Red Cross**-I wrote a series of articles on mitigation and preparedness for natural and man-made critical incidences.

## **CERTIFICATIONS**

### **Certified Trauma Life Coach**

I developed an “Unstick Yourself” approach to encouraging survivors of trauma not to give up on recovery. I have successfully worked with survivors in helping them reach their potential. Please refer to my business website for more information regarding what clients say about me, <https://www.lifesanswers.care>

### **Certified Disaster Recovery Coach**

I work with individuals and organizations regarding the necessity to mitigate and be prepared for natural and man-made critical incidences. I also train large and small groups in emergency management preparedness. I also coach individuals who experience traumatic incidences in their lives.

## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

- General psychology
- Different types of abuse
- Processes of recovery
- Domestic Violence
- Specialized training in how to help rape victims cope and report
- Suicide prevention
- How to help survivors of sudden disasters
- How to help individuals experiencing Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Parental alienation
- Law enforcement
- Interpersonal communications
- Parenting
- Dissociation
- Leadership
- Public speaking
- Mass casualty events

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- How to motivate people
- The legal system

References are available upon request. Or, find additional information and references on my business website, <http://www.lifesanswers.care>

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