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OBJECTIVES

Opportunities to continue working with diverse populations, specializing in:

- A therapeutic approach that is eclectic and strength-based. Using Cognitive Behavioral techniques in group settings working with offenders.
- Working with Individuals and families utilizing different models, based on specific needs and issues.
- Therapeutic modalities adapted for client needs.
- Family, couple, individual and group treatment.
- Treatment of sexual offenders.
- Working with mandated parole and probation clients.
- Working with individuals who have been sexually abused, or victimized by violence and/or neglect.
- Working within the legal system as both an advocate for clients and a witness for the prosecution.
- Providing both professionals and the public with information about sexual offenders, and the impact of sexual abuse on victims and families.
- Developing and managing service programs.
- Facilitating adoptions as advocate, educator, and therapist.
- Working with clients suffering with Reactive Attachment Disorder and the unique challenges involved.

EDUCATION

1995: Master of Social Work Portland State University

1991: Bachelor of Arts Portland State University

Graduated with Honors, Emphasis in Psychology

Minors: Black Studies and Sociology

EMPLOYMENT

1998- Present: Owner and Therapist: Innovative Counseling Strategies

Southwest Washington and Northwest Oregon

Expanded a one- county, one-provider practice with limited clientele into a company with three full-time therapists providing services in four counties. Responsible for treatment of 40-60 adjudicated offenders. Provided classes, individual therapy, couples therapy and family therapy. Conducted sexual/social evaluations to determine safety issues, and risk for re-offending. Worked closely with parole and probation officers to maintain consistent communication regarding each client. Worked closely with Department of Human Services, law enforcement, community, schools and housing.

1995-1999: Independent Contractor, Horseshoe Lake Therapeutic Agency

Portland Oregon, Vancouver Washington

Conducted anger management classes for men, women, and adolescents. Provided sexual offender therapy, sexual abuse therapy, anger management, family and couples therapy, and reintegration plans for families separated following child related crimes. Advocated for adolescents in the educational system, legal issues and housing.

1995-1998: Independent Contractor, Pacific Psychological Associates

Central Washington and Northwest Oregon

Provided evaluations for individuals within the community or institution to determine amenability for community based treatment versus incarceration. Facilitated parenting protection classes and families working toward reunification and/or termination of parental rights. Facilitated domestic violence classes for men and women as well as adolescent sexual offender groups. Provided psychotherapy for individuals, families, and couples. Worked with Victims Assistance, employment related referrals. Provided diagnostic information regarding Axis I-V.

1993-1997: Director, Bridges Adoption and Family Services

Portland, Oregon

Developed a non-profit adoption agency licensed in the state of Oregon. Clientele consisted of all parties involved in the adoption process. Birth parents were actively involved in choosing the family for placement. Assisted in mediating visitation plans and plans for continuing contact. Conducted home studies, educated agencies on adoption issues, maintained State standards regarding licensure, and provided case management of clients.

1993-1995: Therapist, Westside Youth and Family Services

Portland, Oregon

Community educator and advocate for at-risk families. Worked within schools, housing facilities, Department of Human Services and the criminal justice system. Developed a community-based model in which individuals learned to identify natural leadership and community roles and strengthened their self-reliance.

1991-1993: Primary Therapist, White Shield Center

Portland Oregon

Clientele consisted of parenting and/or pregnant teens in residential treatment. Focus was on residents who had suffered from severe abuse and/or neglect. Provided intensive therapeutic intervention in a highly structured environment. Collaborated with schools, caseworkers, the criminal justice system and other agencies involved in clients' treatment goals.

1989-1991: Residential Counselor, Janis Youth Program

Portland, Oregon

Worked with adolescent males in a residential setting designed for emergency, short term stay while system and/or families made provisions for permanent placement.

TRAINING AND CONFERENCES

Annual Conferences of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, 2001, 2003 and 2004

"Exploitation and Sexual Trauma: A Special Focus on Cybersex" Presented by Family and Addiction Conferences and Educational Seminars, 2001

Forty hours Domestic Violence education, ongoing education in cultural and ethnic diversity issues.

State examination completed for LCSW and eligible for license.

References available on request