



# DONNA MELYNDA CLARKE

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## Summary

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Highly qualified licensed psychotherapist, program administrator and educator with extensive background in clinical counseling, supervision, public policy, and ethical considerations that impact the healthcare environments. A social advocate with excellent background in legislation, human rights, and the criticality of appropriate responses to a diverse and evolving social environment.

## Skills

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- Trauma-Informed Clinical Counseling
- Crisis Management
- Relationship Building
- Training & Development
- Supervision & Leadership

## Experience

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Fresh Oil Counseling, Inc.

**Founder, CEO**

8/2022 - Current

- Sole Proprietor of private practice offering professional clinical counseling through various modalities including individual, group, and couples counseling. Conduct workshops and educational forums.

Talkspace & BetterHelp

3/2023 - Present

- Provide clinical counseling services through telehealth platforms using various interventions including CBT, DBT, Solutions-Focused Therapy, Narrative Therapy.

MASERVIC of MCA | White Marsh, MD

**Vice President** 07/2022-06/2023

**President** 07/2023 - Current

- Provide leadership in offering training and other resources for counseling professionals in the state of Maryland.

Johns Hopkins University Baltimore, MD

**Adjunct Faculty Instructor**

8/2022 – Current

- Provide technical expertise in the instruction of graduate level credit courses in Mental Health Counseling

African Methodist Episcopal Church |  
Nashville, TN

**Content Writer**

09/2018 - Current

- Performed in-depth research into topics and wrote clear, accurate, and insightful lessons for Christian and other religious education.

African Methodist Episcopal Church |  
Upper Marlboro, MD

**Pastor**

04/2012 - Current

- Worked with church leaders, staff and ministry teams to achieve growth of church and to foster positive community impact.
- Managed all aspects of ministry.
- Visited, counseled and prayed with church members to provide pastoral care.
- Collaborated with staff and volunteers to administer pastoral care in times of celebration and grief for any member of the community.

University Of Maryland Medical System |  
Largo, MD

**Program Administrator**

11/2007 - 03/2022

- Directed the Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault Center that provided 24-hour crisis intervention, medical/forensic exams, clinical counseling services, community outreach, and advocacy support and resources for social, legal, and emergency services.
- Managed program operations and provided strategic leadership for workers.
- Hired and developed clinical staff.
- Secured grants, fundraising and other resources to successfully run programs.
- Spearheaded program planning and staff development to promote growth.
- Collaborated with stakeholders to support and execute internal and external communication efforts.
- Member of state and local boards and commissions to address sexual and domestic violence.
- Fostered community connections and networks, driving collaboration with local organizations and businesses.
- Facilitated educational forums for staff and community stakeholders.
- Established strategy for program using evaluation outcomes and research to set goals and direction.
- Generated short- and long-term strategic direction for program priorities to meet organizational objectives and metrics.

**Heartland Hospice – Chaplain**

2005 – 2007

Provided pastoral counseling, emotional and psychological support services to patients and family members facing end-of-life experience.

**U.S. General Services Administration**

1982 – 2004

Performed various functions in executive leadership and management including contract administration, facilities management, change agent, agency liaison to Congressional boards and commissions.

African Methodist Episcopal Church |  
Upper Marlboro, MD  
**Ordained Minister**  
05/2003 - 04/2012

- Managed all aspects of ministry.
- Carried out church mission by planning and leading worship services, writing sermons and working with church leaders.
- Demonstrated effective leadership to church, including managing daily operations, developing and administering annual budget and promoting compassionate pastoral care to members and public.
- Led community outreach by supporting and expanding mission initiatives.
- Developed and cultivated professional relationships with various third parties, including county, state, and national officials, and civic groups to promote health communities and families.
- Led various groups in international missions to conduct medical missions and relief efforts.
- Served as Pastor and Associate Pastor in urban, rural, and suburban areas..

Heartland Hospice | Laurel, MD  
**Hospice Chaplain**  
01/2005 - 02/2007

- Delivered high level of spiritual guidance, emotional support and practical assistance to residents, loved ones and employee teams.
- Provided pastoral assistance and support to both patients and loved ones during crisis situations.
- Sat with patients in need of companionship and emotional support.

U.S. General Services Administration |  
Washington, DC  
**Director**  
01/1991 - 08/2004

- Led the Agency Liaison Program to provide critical administrative support to key senior boards and commissions to ensure needed support for hiring personnel, procurement of equipment and services, obtain needed office space and facilitate timely launch of new programs.
- Directed various departments to provide contract services to government agencies.

## Education and Training

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Virginia Union University | Richmond, VA  
**Doctor of Ministry** in Spirituality & Mental Health  
05/2016

Capella University | Minneapolis, MN  
**Master of Science** in Mental Health Counseling  
12/2013

Wesley Theological Seminary | Washington, DC  
Divinity  
05/2005

American University | Washington, DC  
**Master of Science** in Public Administration  
05/1996

University of Maryland - College Park | College Park, MD  
**Bachelor of Science** in Human Ecology  
05/1979