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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND (UNE - Australia)

Ph.D. in Counseling

Thesis: Therapists' Conceptualization, Treatment, and Experience of Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems

March 2007

CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, FULLERTON (CSUF)

M.S. Degree in Clinical/Community Psychology

May 1984

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (USC)

B.A. Degree in Psychology

June 1982

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATION

- Licensed Marriage, Family Therapist, State of California (MFC22808) January 16, 1987
- Licensed Marriage, Family Therapist, State of Colorado (835) April 10, 2008
- Continuing Education Provider, Board of Behavioral Sciences, State of California (PCE 1579)
- Certificate in Treatment of Child Abuse – 40 Hours (1990)
- Certificate in Treatment of Adult Children of Alcoholics 40 Hours (1994)
- Certificate in Animals and Human Health - University of Denver - 70 Hours (2010)

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- American Counseling Association (ACA)
- American Counseling Educators Association (ACES)
- California Association of Marriage, Family Therapists (CAMFT)
- National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN)
- Colorado Counseling Association (CAC)
- American Association of Marriage, Family Therapists (AAMFT)
- Colorado Association of Marriage, Family Therapists (CAMFT)

PROFESSIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

20th Annual National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) Conference (2/7/05) Denver, CO

- Adolescent Sexual Reactivity: Current Research Findings

8TH International Conference of the International Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders (10/07/04) Athens, Greece

- Treating Sexually Reactive Adolescents

9TH International Conference on Family Violence (9/21/04) San Diego, CA

- Boundary Building and Repair: Helping Clients Help Themselves

8TH International Conference on Family Violence (9/18/03) San Diego, CA

- Sexually Reactive Adolescents

California Association of Chemical Dependency Counselors Santa Ana, CA

- Codependency

Orange County Child Abuse Council / Prevent Child Abuse Orange County Anaheim, CA

- Boundary Issues for Professionals
- Substance Abuse: Assessment and Treatment Strategies

PUBLICATIONS AND MEDIA

- My Strange Addiction (televised October 2011)
- Davidson, John (Sept. 2010). Animals Lend a Paw in Therapy. *Denver Post*
- Interview with Linda Chassman & Mazey (July 2010). *Life on Capital Hill*.
- Chassman, L. (2010). From Feral Cat to Future Healer: Mazey Finds a Home. *Mountain Connection*, xviii(6), 5.
- Chassman, L., Kottler, J., & Madison, J. (2010). An Exploration of Counselor Experiences of Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems. *Journal of Counseling & Development*, 88(3), 269-276.
- Chassman, L. (2006). *How therapists conceptualize, treat, and experience adolescents with sexual behavior problems*. University of New England, Australia, Armidale.
- Chassman, L. (2002). I didn't go there. In J. Kottler (Ed.), *Counselors finding their way*. Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.
- Chassman, L. (1998). I didn't go there. *Counseling Today*, 239-241.
- Chassman, L. (1994). Between relationship blues. *National Singles Register*, 28(8), 7.
- Televised interview on *An Hour with Dr. Stewart*, April 1999.

SPECIAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Subject Matter Expert; State of California, Board of Behavioral Science Examiners for Marriage, Family Therapist licensure (MFT)
- Oral Examiner; State of California, Board of Behavioral Science Examiners for MFT candidates
- Provided individual supervision towards successful licensure for 15 M.F.T.'s & LPC's and successful certification for one (1) C.D.A.C. candidate in State of California and State of Colorado
- Former Foster Parent licensed through County of Orange, California
- Recipient of Letter of Commendation from the County of Orange, California
- Two-time winner of Employee of the Month, Kaiser Permanente Chemical Dependency Recovery Program

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

- 16 Hours Continuing Education in Supervision
- Provide Supervision of Master's Level Interns and Post Graduate Interns since 1998
- Participated in State Licensing Process as Oral Examiner and Subject Matter Expert (writing licensing exams) for State of California

UNIVERSITY/COLLEGE TEACHING EXPERIENCE

University of Colorado and Health Sciences Center, Denver

Department of Counseling Psychology

- Theories of Counseling (CPCE 5010)
- Group Therapy (CPCE 5110)
- Counseling Issues and Ethics (CPCE 5330)
- Advanced Abnormal Psychology (CPCE 5250)
- Internship (CPCE 5960)

California State University, Fullerton

Department of Counseling

- Career Exploration (COUN 252)
- Child Abuse Seminar (COUN 449)
- Modes of Individual Counseling (COUN 520)
- Science of Human Inquiry (COUN 521)
- Counseling and Culture (COUN 523)
- Counseling Couples and Families (COUN 562)
- Advanced Practicum (COUN 584)
- Thesis / Final Project (COUN 597)

Human Services Department

- Child Abuse (HUSR 430)
- Drug & Alcohol Treatment Issues (HUSR 415)
- Theories and Techniques of Counseling (HUSR 380)
- Case Management (HUSR 310)

Freshman Programs

- Introduction to University Studies (UNIV 100)

North Orange County Community College District

Cypress College

- Dealing with Child Abuse
- Parenting Skills

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

April 2010 - Present

FOUNDER/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado (AATPC)

- Provide fiscal & clinical oversight to community mental health counseling center serving children, teens, adults and elderly clients with the assistance of trained therapy animals.
- Provide professional training & supervision to clinicians on using animals in therapy.
- Provide low-cost community workshops

August 2007 – May 2010

ADJUNCT FACULTY – University of Colorado and Health Sciences Center at Denver

- Department of Counseling Psychology

July 1985 – May 2007

OWNER, Chassman and Associates

- Specialty: trauma and depression of children and adolescents
- Conduct in-depth clinical assessments of severely disturbed children and adolescents Private psychotherapy practice, specializing in treatment of children and adolescents
- Develop clinical and milieu programs for residential treatment centers for severely abused and neglected children and adolescents
- Supervise and train licensed clinicians and clinical interns
- Conduct training seminars for group home administrators
- Provide consulting services as needed for treatment programs for children and adolescents

August 1996 – May 2007

ADJUNCT FACULTY - California State University, Fullerton (CSUF)

- Human Services Department
- Department of Counseling
- Freshman Programs

August 2006 – May 2007

COUNSELOR – Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS) - California State University, Fullerton

- Provided short term counseling and psychological services to students.

December 2005 – April 2006

July – December 2002

CLINICAL SUPERVISOR (Interim) – Canyon Acres Children's Services

- Training and supervision of clinical staff working towards licensure.

September 1999 - February 2001

CLINICAL DIRECTOR – New Directions for Women

- Developed and supervised long term residential treatment program for chronic chemically dependent women

December 1996 - June 1997

PERSONAL COUNSELOR - CSUF Career Development and Counseling Center

- Provided individual and conjoint therapy to university students on mental health concerns

September 1996 - June 1999

PART TIME INSTRUCTOR – North Orange County Community College District

- Provided college-sponsored instruction to staff and Orangewood Children's Home in Dealing with Child Abuse and Parenting Skills

October 1995 - June 1999

VOLUNTEER CLINICAL SUPERVISOR – Mariposa Women's Center

- Supervised three Marriage, Family Therapy Interns toward successful licensure

July 1992 - September 1999

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER – Canyon Acres Residential Treatment Center

- Conducted psychotherapy and case management with severely abused and neglected and sexually reactive youth

October 1988 - July 1992

PROGRAM DIRECTOR – Kaiser Permanente Chemical Dependency Program

- Designed, administered and supervised the first outpatient adolescent chemical dependency program for the Orange County Kaiser Permanente Medical Centers

July 1987 - October 1988

DIRECTOR OF PREVENTION SERVICES – Western Youth Services

- Program Director for two (2) outpatient mental health programs within the agency, including Fullerton Community Counseling Service (FCCS) and the Detour Program (Juvenile Diversion).

December 1986 - July 1987

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIALIST – County of Orange Health Care Agency

- Provided case management for chronically mentally ill patients in an Outpatient clinic with the goal of maintaining patient functioning within the community

November 1984 - July 1986

PSYCHOTHERAPIST – Hope House Residential Drug Treatment Center

- Conducted assessments and provided long term psychotherapy to chronic chemically dependent adolescents, adults and their families in an outpatient and residential treatment setting

July 1983 - November 1984

COUNSELOR, M.S. INTERN – West County Counseling Center

- Provided assessment, crisis intervention, counseling and case management of individuals, couples and groups

September 1982 - June 1983

VOLUNTEER COUNSELOR – Primary Adjustment Team – La Mirada Public School System

- Conducted individual play therapy with "high risk" and antisocial children to build self-esteem and teach positive social interaction skills

September 1981 - June 1982

COUNSELOR - LEARNING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT CENTER – University of Southern California (USC)

- Counseled and provided case management to college students on personal and academic matters

LECTURES, WORKSHOPS, & PRESENTATIONS (partial list)

Animal Assisted Therapy Programs of Colorado

Professional Training Series

- Introduction to Animal Assisted Therapy: Integrating Animals Into Your Professional Practice
- Animals Assisting Therapy With Veterans
- The Suicidal and Self-Injuring Client: How Animals Can Assist Treatment
- Animals Assisting Clients With Trauma
- Integrating Dogs Into Your Professional Practice

Regis University, Denver

Autism Society of Colorado

California State University, Fullerton

Human Services Department – Guest Lecturer

- Chemical Dependency Crisis Intervention
- Program Development and Grant Writing

Music Department - Workshop Facilitator

- Using Visualization to Enhance Performance

Adult Reentry / Women's Center

- Women: From Victimization to Personal Power
- Communication Skills for Women and Men
- Boundaries
- Eating Disorders

Student Leadership Institute

- Identifying and Intervention of Eating Disorders
- Career Development and Counseling Center (CDC) - Inservice Trainer
- Working with Grieving Children

- Assessment and Treatment of Borderline Personality Disorder

Goldenwest College

- Counseling Department Retreat - Stress Management Workshop
- Keynote Speaker - Seven Secrets of Successful Relationships
- Boundary Building

County of Orange - Health Care Agency/QRT Training Program

- Treatment of Attachment Disorders
- Treatment of Children with Difficult Behavior

Southern California Trainer's Network

- Working with Difficult Children
- Working with Sexually Reactive Children

Mariposa Women's Center

- Conduct Disorders and Attachment Problems in Children
- Treatment Interventions & Strategies
- Recovery from Child Sexual Abuse

Western Youth Services

- Psychodiagnostics
- Treatment of Adolescents
- Treatment of Chemical Dependency & Codependency
- Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse

Civic and Religious Organization Workshops

- Chemical Dependency
- Eating Disorders

McKinley Children's Services

- Boundaries for Professionals

Canyon Acres Children's Services

- Crisis Intervention
- Developmental Issues
- Adolescent Sexuality
- Conduct Disorders and Attachment Problems in Children

Crittenden Children's Services

- Avoiding Power Struggles
- Attachment and Conduct Disorders
- Boundary Issues for Professionals
- Conflict Resolution Skills
- Developmental Issues
- Development of Attachment

Maryvale Children's Services

- Stress Management
- Boundary Issues for Professionals
- Working with Difficult Behavior
- Eating Disorders in Children

Hathaway Children's Services

- Stress and Boundary Issues

Hillside Children's Services

- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder

Hollygrove Children's Services

- Childhood Grief and Loss

Hot Line of Orange County

- Adolescent Chemical Dependency

New Directions for Women Residential Drug Treatment Center

- Boundaries for Professionals
- Directing Your Own Recovery
- Recovery from Eating Disorders
- Recovery from Chemical Dependency
- Recovery from Codependency
- Support of Families in Treatment
- Learning to Play

Hope House Residential Drug Treatment Center

- Working with Families

CONTINUING EDUCATION SUMMARY

- 520+ Total Continuing Education Hours
- 170+ Continuing Education Hours - Assessment and Treatment of Abused Children and Adolescents
- 13.5 Hours Continuing Education Hours – Clinical Supervision
- Certificate in Animals and Human Health
- 8 Hours Continuing Education Hours – Working with Managed Care
- 36 Hours Continuing Education on HIV; and Legal and Ethical Issues
- 40 Hours Continuing Education – Treatment of Chemical Dependency
- 132+ Hours Continuing Education – Miscellaneous topics on Assessment and Treatment of Children, Adolescents and Adults

INTERESTS

- Fostering feral kittens from Humane Society
- Working on Certificate in Animal Behaviorism
- Singing
- Animal Photography
- Raising my 3 year old daughter
- Hiking with my family

