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Education

PhD in Psychology
United States International University
(currently known as Alliant International University)
San Diego, California
1992

MS in Counseling; Marriage & Family Therapy
California State University, Fullerton
Fullerton, California
1989

MA in Christian Education
Biola University, Talbot School of Theology
La Mirada, California
1982

BA in Business Administration
Seattle Pacific University
Seattle, Washington
1979

Other Educational Experiences

Applied Behavior Analysis Professional Development Program - Florida Institute of Technology; 2008 - present
Videotape training on the Autism Diagnostic Interview – Revised (ADI-R); Western Psychological Services;
9/2005

Workshop on the Autism Diagnostic Observation Schedule (ADOS); Western Psychological Services; 3/2004
Gestalt Therapy Institute of Los Angeles; Intensive Weekend Training program; 1993 – 1997

Coursework in Neuropsychological Assessment taken without degree objective; United States International
University, 1997

Reitan Neuropsychological Laboratory; Workshops I & II in Neuropsychological Assessment of Children; 1996
Child Development Center; University of California, Irvine; Parent Training Workshops (ABA) 1991, 1995; Multiple
Family Group experience, 1995 - 1996

Participation in various other continuing educational experiences in support of maintaining the psychologist
license

Experience in the helping professions

The Regional Center of Orange County; Staff Psychologist; Santa Ana, CA. June 2003 to present. A non-profit
agency affiliated with the California Department of Developmental Services. Review psychological data
accompanying applications for eligibility or continued eligibility for developmental services. Provide in-home
behavioral consultations with consumers and their families. Participate in the Behavioral Services and Supported
and Independent Living Resource Groups making decisions concerning services and level of care requirements.
Participate in the Interagency Autism Group (RCOC and OC Department of Education) and its subcommittees.
Participate as an expert witness in fair hearings involving eligibility and service provision. Conduct psychological
assessments and participate in multidisciplinary assessments with RCOC physicians and service coordinators.

Meier Clinics, Inc.; Clinic Director, Costa Mesa Outpatient Clinic. September 2000 to June 2001. Laguna Hills
Outpatient Clinic. October 2005 to present. Manage the business operations of an outpatient psychology clinic.
Staff Psychologist; Clinical Supervisor; Laguna Hills, Costa Mesa, Orange, and San Juan Capistrano, CA. June
1998 to present. Provide outpatient psychotherapy and psychological, educational and neuropsychological
assessment services. **Clinical Director;** New Liberty Program; September 1999 – October 2000; Direct the clinical
portion of an intensive outpatient program. Clinical supervision of three post-doctoral psychological assistants and
three marriage and family therapy interns. Served a general population seeking psychological services as well as
providing assessment and treatment services for children, adolescents and adults on the autistic spectrum, ADHD
and other learning and behavioral problems.

Psychologist in Private Practice; Fullerton, Laguna Hills, Orange & San Juan Capistrano, CA. March 1995 to Present. Outpatient psychotherapy and psychological/neuropsychological and educational assessment services to children and adults/couples, organizational consultation, and parent training.

BehavioralCare of America, Inc./Integrated Behavioral Health; Case Manager; Irvine, CA. July 1998 to November 1999 and November 2000 to August 2001. A p/t position involving the evaluation of disability claims for major insurance companies.

Independent Contractor Arrangement with Professional Assessment Group / Assessment Specialists; Tarzana, CA; **JNK Assessments,** Los Angeles, CA; **Pacific Resources;** Long Beach, CA June, 1995 to July, 1998. Provide psychological/neuropsychological and educational assessment services of children and adolescents referred from county social service departments, private group homes and foster agencies. Up to eight children tested per week with test batteries consisting of neuropsychological, intellectual and achievement tests, projective tests, behavior checklists and continuous performance tests.

Independent Contractor Arrangement with Psychogeriatric Consulting Services; Affiliated Psychiatric Medical Group, Inc.; El Monte, CA June, 1995 - February, 1996; November, 1997 - June, 1998. Provide psychological services to a geriatric population in SNF and retirement/B&C facilities.

San Bernardino County, Department of Mental Health, Office of Alcohol and Drug Programs; Clinical Therapist; Psychologist; Chino, CA November 1993 to June 1995. Provide outpatient psychological services to a low income, multiethnic population, dually diagnosed with substance - related and other mental disorders. Work includes individual and group psychotherapy and assessment. Work environment emphasizes a multi-disciplinary approach that includes psychiatry, family medicine, psychology, social work, marriage and family therapy, and nursing/case management. Administrative duties include serving on the Utilization Review Committee which reviews patient charts, approving or disallowing Medi-Cal funding and limited supervision of social work interns assigned to the clinic.

Shepperson Psychological Associates, Inc.; Staff Therapist; Fullerton, CA July 1993 to March 1995. Provide outpatient and inpatient psychological and psycho-educational services, including psychotherapy and psychological and educational assessment, to a wide range of clientele. Services were provided as a registered psychological assistant under Vance L. Shepperson, PhD, ABPP, supervision also provided by Bethyl J. Shepperson, PsyD.

Shepperson Psychological Associates, Inc.; Pre-doctoral Intern; Fullerton, CA February 1992 to June 1993. An organized clinical/counseling psychology internship program set within a private practice group. Supervisory staff included two licensed psychologists and three licensed Marriage, Family, Child Counselors. Provided general clinical psychological services to a private pay/third party pay clientele. Experiences included individual, conjoint/family and group psychotherapy, psychological assessment, consultation and public speaking at support groups as a representative of the practice.

Temple Baptist Church; Assistant Pastor of Counseling; Fullerton, CA November, 1987 - November 1990. A part-time staff position providing counseling services to church members and the community. During the first year of tenure my caseload was supervised by a licensed psychologist. My services were provided as a member of the pastoral staff trained in counseling ministry and licensed to the Gospel ministry.

Orange County Center for Health; Counselor - Practicum Trainee; Anaheim, CA November 1987 - November 1988. A practicum site for my master's degree. Supervision of caseload was one hour a week individual and two hours a week group, an additional two hours a week was spent in group supervision at the university. Cases included individual and family treatment for substance - related disorders, mood, anxiety, and personality disorders, and a wide variety of marital and family concerns.

Grace Baptist Church; Associate Pastor of Christian Education and Youth; Salem, OR September 1982 - April 1984. A full-time pastoral staff position. Responsible for the Christian education and youth program administration, discipleship of volunteer leaders and youth, visitation, pastoral counseling, and other pastoral functions.

Bloomfield Community Free Methodist Church; Youth Pastor; Lakewood, CA September 1981 - August 1982. A part-time ministry while in seminary. Organized and led the youth program, trained youth and adult leaders.

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Faculty; Concordia University, Irvine - Department of Psychology. Taught one section of Developmental Psychology - Childhood (undergraduate) a semester; Fall, 1999 and Spring, 2000

Adjunct Faculty; Azusa Pacific University, Orange County Center - Department of Graduate Psychology; Orange, CA. Taught one section of Advanced Developmental Psychology to students in the MA in Clinical Psychology program, Fall, 1998

Adjunct Instructor in Counseling; Biblical International Graduate School; Fullerton, CA. Taught two sections of Counseling techniques and one section of Marriage & Family Counseling taught to students preparing for the pastoral ministry. Winter and Spring quarters, 1994; Fall quarter, 1995.

Publications

Pontius, K. (2007). "Destructive behavior: Understanding what's behind harmful activities ". In (Publisher) The Emergency Response Handbook for Youth Ministry. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.

Pontius, K. (2002). "Starved self-esteem - Helping students with eating disorders". In K. B. Trujillo (Ed.) The Comprehensive Guide to Youth Ministry Counseling. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.

Pontius, K. (2002). "I can't believe it happened here! - Helping students face community tragedy". In K. B. Trujillo (Ed.) The Comprehensive Guide to Youth Ministry Counseling. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.

Pontius, K. (2002). "Courage for tomorrow - Facing disease, illness, or handicap". In K. B. Trujillo (Ed.) The Comprehensive Guide to Youth Ministry Counseling. Loveland, CO: Group Publishing.

Pontius, K. (1992). A Descriptive Study of Motivational and Personality Characteristics in Evangelical Pastors. (Doctoral dissertation, United States International University) San Diego, CA: USIU.

Presentations

"What is Autism"; presentation as a guest lecturer in CBU's PSY 535 Advanced Psychopathology. Beverley Sales, PsyD CBU lecturer; Riverside, CA; September 2008.

"Classroom Behavior Management, Learning Styles, & Equipping the Classroom"; presentation given to volunteer leaders, and staff of Joni and Friends Disability Ministry; Mission Viejo, CA; August 2008.

"ADHD, Disruptive Behavior Disorders, Emotional Disorders, Mental Retardation, & Autism"; presentation given to volunteer leaders, and staff of Joni and Friends Disability Ministry; Mission Viejo, CA; April 2008.

"Facing Adolescence: Dealing Effectively with Problem Behavior in Teens with ASDs", given at the Winter Conference of the Autism Society of America, Greater Long Beach/South Bay/Whittier Chapter; January, 2008.

"Autism and Eligibility for the Regional Center of Orange County", given at the Asperger Syndrome / High Functioning Autism Parent Support Group at Saddleback Church; May, 2006

"Effectively Coping as a Family", initially given at the Spring Conference of the Autism Society of America, Greater Long Beach/South Bay/Whittier Chapter; May, 2004 This presentation was repeated for a parent support group in Lake Forest, CA and for the Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District.

"Help! My Child is Struggling, What Do I Do?", given as part of the Citizen's Action Committee of the South Orange County S.E.L.P.A. lecture series on April 18, 2002 at the Saddleback Unified School District.

"The Effects of Autism on Family Life", given initially at Sib Shop for the Autism Society of the Inland Empire, May, 2000. This presentation was repeated for parent support groups in Lake Forest, CA and for the Greater Long Beach Autism Society in Long Beach and Whittier and for the Huntington Beach School District.

Other presentations have been given at various parent support groups, schools and churches on topics surrounding developmental disabilities-autism, marriage & family, childhood and teen issues. I regularly teach the new hire orientation on Eligibility and the Role of the Psychologist at the Regional Center of Orange County.

Other Activities

Examiner, Standardization Project for the Wechsler Adult Intelligence Scale - Fourth Edition (WAIS-IV) & Wechsler Memory Scale - Fourth Edition (WMS-IV); The Psychological Corporation / Harcourt Assessments; 2007

Subject matter expert for the development of the California Jurisprudence Licensing Exam, California Board of Psychology; February/March, 2003

Oral Examination Commissioner, California Board of Psychology; January 1999 to June 2001

Facilitator, Asperger's Syndrome/High Functioning Autism Parent Support Group, April, 1998 to present; Adults with Asperger's Support Group, January 2006 – present, Saddleback Valley Community Church; Lake Forest, CA

Facilitator, Depression Support Group, Saddleback Valley Community Church; Lake Forest, CA September 1997 to March 1998.

Assistant Scoutmaster/Chaplain; Troop 690, Orange County Council, Boy Scouts of America; June 2001 to January 2005

Credentials, Honors and Organizations

California Licensed Psychologist - # PSY14186 (initially issued 3/2/1995)
Diplomate, Child Psychology; American Board of Psychological Specialties
Listed, National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
Kappa Tau Epsilon scholastic honor society; Biola University
Member, Autism Society of America
Member, American College of Forensic Examiners
Member, National Eagle Scout Association