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Professional License and Certifications

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, 1990, Louisiana Board of Examiners in Clinical Social Work (#2767).
Qualified Parenting Coordinator (La. R.S. 9:358.3) since 2007
Qualified Child Custody and Visitation Mediator (La. R.S. 9:334) since 2007
Board Approved Supervisor, since 2014
Presently undergoing training for certification as an EFT therapist (Emotional Focused Therapy); completed externship in July, 2018

Professional Experience

Qualified expert witness in East Baton Rouge, Ascension, and West Feliciana Parishes
CLE/CEU presenter statewide and nationally
Monthly teacher/contractor for Ascension Parish's District Attorney's classes (DAPP) since 2015
(Anger Management, Substance Abuse, Responsible Decision-Making)
Solo private practice in clinical social work since 1991
Custody Evaluator. since 1998;
Parenting Coordinator and mediator for court-ordered and voluntary parents since 2003;
Mental health coach in collaborative divorce, since 2007;
Child specialist in collaborative divorce since 2007;
Consultant to family-owned businesses since 1992.

Professional Committees

Board of Directors, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Louisiana Chapter, 2016-2019
Child Custody Evaluations Task Force, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 2015
Planning Committee, 52nd International Conference, Association for Family and Conciliation Courts, for May 2015 Conference.
Planning Committee, Association for Conflict Resolution's 8th Annual Spirituality Retreat, held July 17-20, Red Feather Lakes, Colorado.
Board of Directors, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Louisiana Chapter (AFCC-LA) 2007-2014 (founding President)
Member, Family Law Committee, Louisiana State Law Institute, 2009
Distance Therapy Regulation Committee, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 2008;
Parenting Coordination Committee, Louisiana State Law Institute, 2007;
Chairperson, Publicity, Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers, 2003-2005;
Custody Evaluations Task Force, Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners, 2004

Professional Presentations:

2019:

“Using Genograms to Frame and Address Divorce and Stepfamily Conflicts,” 7931 Picardy Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809. May 17th, 2019. (3 ceus)

“Using Genograms for Assessment and Intervention,” LSU School of Social Work Conference, The Tracy Center, Baton Rouge, LA 70803. April 5, 2019. (1.5 ceus)

“Familiar Evil and Silent Witnesses: How Child Sexual Predators Gain Power and Why We Must Address Barriers to Reporting,” Leslie Todd, LCSW and Rannah Gray, M.A., NASW-LA Annual Conference, Hilton Capitol Center, 201 Lafayette St., Baton Rouge, LA 70801. March 21, 2019. (3 ceus)

2017:

“Grandparent Visitation: Legal Issues Affecting Children” copresented with Wendy Edwards, JD, 7th State Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Louisiana Chapter, LSU Paul Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, January 27, 2017.

2016:

“Creativity and Journaling Workshop: Exercises for Your Depressed & Anxious Clients,” 7931 Picardy Ave., Ste. C, Baton Rouge, LA, 1:00-4:00, July 8, 2016.

“Cadillac or Chevy? Providing High Quality, Affordable and Trustworthy Processes,” Pre-Conference Institute, presenting with Arnold Shienvold, PhD (Harrisburg PA), Brent Cashatt, JD (Des Moines, IA), and Hon. William Fee (Angola, IN), AFCC 53rd Annual Conference, Sheraton Seattle Hotel, Seattle, WA, June 1-4, 2016

“Your Myers-Briggs Personality Type in Your Work Environment,” for all EBR Family Court Judges and their staffs, EBR Family Court, Baton Rouge, May 5, 2016.

“Expand Your Practice: Family Court-Related Roles for LCSWs and LPCs,” NASW-LA Continuing Education Program, Vermillion Conference Center, Lafayette, LA, April 8, 2016 (morning)

“Left to Their Own Devices: On-Line Gaming, Sex and Social Media Addictions,” NASW-LA Continuing Education Program, Vermillion Conference Center, Lafayette, LA, April 8, 2016 (afternoon) and at Goodwood Library, Baton Rouge, June 17th, 2016 (morning).

2015:

“Compulsive Disorders: Online Addictions,” Family Law Section seminar, Baton Rouge Bar Association, Juban’s Restaurant, Nov. 13, 2015. (2 hrs)

“Left to Their Own Devices: Behavior Addictions of Gaming, Sex, and Social Media,” Jewish Family Services, Metairie, Oct. 23, 2015 (3 hrs)

“Creativity Workshop for Therapists,” First Friday series at my office, Aug. 7, 2015 (3 hrs)

“Compassion Fatigue and the Reflective Brain,” with Nan Waller Burnett, M.A., 52nd Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Hilton New Orleans Riverside, May 30, 2015.

“Called To Court: Engaging With the Legal System,” Master Session co-presented with Hon. Ann Richey, NASW-LA Annual Conference, March 20, 2015, Baton Rouge.

“Psychological Barriers in Mediation,” Fifth State Conference, AFCC-LA, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, January 31, 2015.

“Improving the Parenting Coordination Model,” Fifth State Conference, AFCC-LA, Paul M. Hebert Law Center, Baton Rouge, January 30, 2015.

2014:

“Compulsive Behavior Disorders,” Baton Rouge Bar Association Family Law Section, CLE Luncheon, Beausoleil Restaurant, Baton Rouge, November 19, 2014.

“Mediation: Understanding How Your Personality Style Affects Your Practice,” Civil Law and Mediation Clinical classes, LSU Law School, August 29, 2014.

“Introduction to Child Custody Evaluations,” a two-day training course, Strategies for Change, Baton Rouge, LA., August 1st and August 8, 2014.

2013:

“Issues in Parenting Coordination,” with Renee Wilkinson McCarthy, LCSW, BACS, Baton Rouge Bar Association Family Law Section Seminar, Camelot Club, Baton Rouge, November 3, 2013,

“Identifying and Managing High-Conflict Clients,” Family Mediation Clinic class, LSU Law Center,

“Professional Care and Burnout Prevention,” copresented with Buddy Stockwell III, JD, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Louisiana Chapter Annual Conference, New Orleans, March 8, 2013.

2012:

“Family Court: Roles for Social Workers,” NASW-BR monthly meeting, February 15, 2012.

“How to Best Represent a Client With a Personality Disorder,” Baton Rouge Bar Association Family Law Section & AFCC-LA Joint Seminar, Camelot Club, Baton Rouge Nov. 2, 2012.

2011:

“Stepfamily Dynamics in Custody Disputes,” Keynote speaker, Kids First Annual Fall Conference, Harraseekit Inn, Freeport, Maine, Nov. 9, 2011.

“Money, Love, Life and Death,” presented with Anita White, JD, Cristina Shapiro, JD and Helen Graf, Women’s Council of Great Baton Rouge’s Women’s Week, Unitarian Church of Baton Rouge, September 25, 2011.

2010:

“Stepfamily Dynamics in Custody Disputes,” Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, October 29, 2010, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

“Parenting Coordination in Louisiana,” Eighth Annual Mental Health Summer Symposium, Professional Training Resources, July 30, 2010, Lafayette, La.

“Understanding Psychological Testing in Child Custody Evaluations,” copresented with Dr. Alan L. Taylor, Louisiana Judicial College Summer School, June 7, 2010, Sandestin, Florida.

“Mediation and Parenting Coordination as Alternative Dispute Resolution Modalities,” copresented with Scott Gaspard, J.D., Louisiana Judicial College Summer School, June 7, 2010, Sandestin, Florida.

“New Research on Shared Parenting,” copresented with Dr. Alan L. Taylor, Family Law Section, Baton Rouge Bar Association meeting, January 14, 2010.

2009:

“Stepfamily Dynamics in Custody Disputes,” Texas Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Houston, Texas, October 24, 2009.

“Introduction to Parenting Coordination,” six-hour training, sponsored by National Association of Social Workers-Louisiana Chapter, Family Services of Greater Baton Rouge, September 25, 2009.

“Stepfamily Dynamics in Custody Disputes,” 46th Annual Conference, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New Orleans, La., May 30, 2009.

2008:

“Personality Disorders and Other Issues in Mediation,” Mediation Law class, Prof. Lucy McGough, Paul Herbert School of Law, LSU, Aug. 28, 2008.

“Mediation, Collaborative Divorce, and Parenting Coordination: New Roles For Social Workers,” NASW-LA State Conference, Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, April 10, 2008.

“Under the Alternative Umbrella: Interdisciplinary Approaches to Divorce,” sponsored by the Family Mediation Council of Louisiana, Capital Area Foundation, Baton Rouge, Oct. 18, 2007.

“Dynamics of High-Conflict Divorce,” a six-hour workshop for professionals, sponsored by the NASW-LA. Presented in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and Alexandria, 2004.

“Stepfamily Therapy,” a six-hour workshop for professionals, sponsored by the NASW-LA. Presented in Shreveport, Baton Rouge, and New Orleans, 2002.

Publications:

Contributing chapter author to Familiar Evil, by Rannah Gray in collaboration with Mary Jane Marcantel and the British survivor known as Ethan, The Lisburn Press, 2015.

“An Introduction to High-Conflict Divorce: Dynamics and Interventions for Parents,” an on-line course for three continuing education hours for MSW, LPCs and LMFTs. Published by yourceus.com since January 2006.

Mental health columnist for The Heart of Baton Rouge (1991-1996) and Baton Rouge Parents Magazine (1999-2001).

Teaching Experience

Adjunct Instructor, Our Lady of the Lake Nursing College, Sociology Department Sep. 2005-May 2007 (Marriage & Families)

Adjunct Instructor, Graduate School of Social Work, LSU, Sep. 1995-May 1999 (Direct Practice with Children and Adolescents; Community Organization)

English teacher, Episcopal School of Baton Rouge, Sep. 1985-May 1987

English Instructor, LSU Department of English, Baton Rouge, Aug. 1980-May 1985

English Instructor, University of South Carolina/Columbia, Sept. 1977-June 1979

Professional Memberships

International Centre for Excellence in Emotionally Focused Therapy since 2018
National Association of Social Workers (national and state) since 1987
Academy of Clinical Social Workers since 1991
Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers since 2001
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts since 2002
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Louisiana Chapter since 2009
Louisiana Group Psychotherapy Society since 2015

Education

M.S.W., Louisiana State University, 1987
M.A., American Literature, University of South Carolina, 1979.
B.A., English, University of South Carolina, 1975 (magna cum laude, Outstanding Senior in English)
A.A., Miami-Dade Junior College, Miami, Florida, 1973 (Fred Shaw Memorial Scholarship in Journalism)

Awards:

Ambassador Award, by Board of Directors of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 46th Annual International Conference, New Orleans, May 28, 2009.

Exemplary Service in the Advancement of Alternative Dispute Resolution, by Board of Directors of Capitol Area Community Mediation Center, Oct. 18, 2007.

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