

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Educational History and Licenses

Doctor of Psychology in Marital and Family Therapy, May 2013

Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), Irvine

Licensed Psychologist, California, 2017; PSY 29090

Licensed Psychologist, Texas, 2022; #39426

Master of Arts in Marital and Family Therapy, May 2007

Alliant International University, California School of Professional Psychology (CSPP), San Diego

Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, California, 2012 (2024 - license renewed and inactive)

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology, May 2005

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge

Clinical and Forensic Experience

Independent Consultant in Child Custody Matters and Private Child Custody and Psychological Evaluator, April 2017 to present

Consultant for attorneys and mental health professionals in the areas of complex post-separation parenting disputes, parenting plans, and co-parenting issues. Qualified to conduct child custody evaluations and psychological evaluations in California and Texas. Completed all requirements set forth in California Family Code Sections 1815, 1816, and 3111; California Rules of Court 5.225 and 5.230; Texas Family Code § 107.104; and the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists Rule 465.18 (e)(3) to serve as a child custody evaluator in California (2019) and Texas (2022).

Licensed Psychologist and Marriage and Family Therapist in Private Practice, February 2017 to April 2021

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families addressing issues including depression, anxiety, substance use and misuse, trauma, reintegration/reunification, and parenting and co-parenting challenges.

Leslie M. Drozd, Ph.D., Clinical and Forensic Psychology, Private Practice, May 2012 to April 2016
BOP Registered Psychological Assistant, supervised by Leslie M. Drozd, Ph.D.

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families. Psychological assessment. Assisted with interviewing and analyzing data in parenting plan evaluations. Assisted with review of other professional's parenting plan evaluations. Administered, scored, and interpreted various objective personality and parenting measures.

Leslie M. Drozd, Ph.D., Clinical and Forensic Psychology, Private Practice, February 2009 to May 2012

Assistant to Leslie M. Drozd, Ph.D.

Assisted in interviewing parties, reviewing documents, administering testing, and performing administrative tasks related to parenting plan evaluations. Assisted in developing questionnaires for use in parenting plan evaluations and psychological evaluations.

Newport Community Counseling Center, April 2009 to November 2011

BBS Registered Marital and Family Therapist Intern, supervised by Linda Belt, LCSW

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families. Co-facilitated parenting groups and “Women in Transition” group.

Straight Talk, Inc., October 2007 to May 2008

BBS Registered Marital and Family Therapist Intern, supervised by Tim Butler, LMFT and Rick Riegel, LMFT

Provided individual therapy to at-risk youth in three Garden Grove Unified School District elementary schools. Developed and implemented positive learning and behavior strategies to enhance educational progress.

Home Start, Inc., June 2006 to June 2007

Marital and Family Therapist Trainee, supervised by Jeannine Reeves, LMFT

Provided therapy to individuals, couples, and families. Co-facilitated “Playing with PRIDE,” an Introduction to PCIT skills group at the MCAS Miramar Brig; “Parenting the Traumatized Child” parenting group; and “In Your Hands,” a CPS approved parenting class.

Publications: Books and Chapters

Drozd, L., Saini, M., & Vellucci-Cook, K. (2019). *Trauma and child custody disputes: Screening, assessment and interventions*. Book chapter in Evidence-Informed Interventions for Court-Involved Families: Promoting Healthy Coping and Development. Editors: Lyn Greenberg, Barbara Jo Fidler, & Michael Saini, Oxford University Press.

Vellucci, K. L. (2014). Perceived relationship approval and inclusion by parents-in-law as predictors of marital satisfaction and stability. *Dissertation Abstracts International: Section B: The Sciences and Engineering*, 74(9-B(E)).

Invited Addresses and Presentations

Mock Trial: Testimony and Examination Issues with Mental Health Professionals (with Carrie Beaird, MA, LPC, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC, Susan Fletcher, Ph.D., Michael Flynn, Ph.D., J.D., Zac Grisham, MS, LPC-S, Victoria Harvey, Ph.D., Darcy Loveless, J.D., Rob McAngus, J.D., Jane Phillips, Ph.D., LCSW-S, and Aaron Robb, Ph.D., LPC-S), AFCC 62nd Annual Conference, New Orleans, LA, 2025.

Can the Clarity and Transparency of Visuals Create Better Co-Parent Outcomes? (with Karen Rhyne, Esq., Terry McNiff, Esq., and Honorable Shawna Schwarz), AFCC 60th Anniversary Conference, Los Angeles, CA, 2023.

The Power of Visuals to Open Minds for Difficult Conversations (with Karen Rhyne, Esq., Terry McNiff, Esq., and Honorable Shawna Schwarz), AFCC Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA, 2020.

What Women Need to Know About Divorce (with Karen Rhyne, Esq. and Megan Stirrat, CFP), Second Saturday, Irvine, CA, 2017.

Relationship Approval and Inclusion by Parents-in-Law as Predictors of Marital Satisfaction and Stability (with Drs. Jackson & Willoughby), AAMFT Annual Conference, Milwaukee, WI, 2014.

Research Experience

Journal of Child Custody, January 2008 to January 2009
Editorial Assistant

Professional Organization Memberships

American Psychological Association (APA)
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)
North Texas Families in Transition (NTXFIT)
Texas Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (TX-AFCC)