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## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **California Marriage and Family Therapy License #37564**

#### **Education**

San Francisco State University: Master of Science in Marriage, Family and Child Counseling

William James College in Boston: Certificate in Child and Family Forensics

University of California: at Davis Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

#### **Professional Associations/Memberships**

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) National Chapter  
AFCC California Chapter  
AFCC Colorado Chapter  
Bay Area Psychological Association  
California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)  
Collaborative Practice of San Mateo County  
International Academy of Collaborative Professionals  
Professional Consultation Group for Parent Coordinators Facilitated by  
Steven Friedlander, PhD and Mary Halbert, JD

#### **Presentations and Publications**

“Anchoring and Expanding: The Unique, Creative Role of the Child Specialist,” Collaborative Practice California Celebration XVII; Redwood City, CA. April 2023

“The Value of the Child Specialist. How Including a Child Specialist Can Help You Settle Your Case and Settle Down Your Clients,” Vermont Collaborative Practice Group, August 2023

“Making the Case for Family Recovery in Addiction Treatment” Speaker/ Faculty Member at the Accelerating Innovations Symposium for The Albert Family Wellness Initiative; Alberta, Canada. October 2013

“Adolescents, Addiction and Families. Addiction Theory and Practice for Clinicians Applied to Work With Adolescents and Families” A training for staff providing services in the areas of mental health, substance abuse, domestic violence and crisis intervention for individuals, children and families throughout the Northern Peninsula. StarVista; Redwood City, CA. March 2012

“A Developmental Model of Addiction and Recovery for the Family. Addiction Theory and Practice for Clinicians: A Developmental Framework of Attachment, Trauma and Recovery” Santa Clara University School of Education and Counseling Psychology– Center for Professional Development; Santa Clara, CA, April 2011

“Psychosocial Aspects of Cancer Genetics Specifically related to BRCA Mutations,” Genetic Counseling Program Stanford School of Medicine; Palo Alto, CA, March 2007; August 2008 and November 2011.

“Cancer Risk and Psychosocial Implications,” UCSF Genetic Counseling Program; San Francisco, CA, May 2012.

“Living At Risk: A Mental Health Perspective” Cancer Risk Program Review Published Spring 2008.

“Family and Friends Psychoeducational Series on Addiction in The Family System” – created and implemented curriculum. Women’s Recovery Association; Burlingame, CA 1998–2001.

Child Abuse Assessment and Reporting; Adolescent Suicide Lethality Assessment– Crisis Hotline Staff of Youth and Family Assistance; Burlingame, CA 1997 & 1998.

## **Partial List of Recent Continuing Education and Professional Training Programs:**

Qualified 730 Expert (per rule 5.225 of the California Rules of Court regarding Court appointed child custody evaluators) with specialized education, training, experience, and expertise in family law matters including those that involve divorce, custody, family dynamics, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, child maltreatment and resist/refuse dynamics (i.e. cases that involve contact resistance by a child with regard to one parent).

Domestic Violence Update by Philip Stahl, PhD, ABPP & Honorable Lauren Zorfas (Bay Area Psychological Association). July 2023.

Child Custody Evaluator Update Training by Philip Stahl, PhD, ABPP, "Parenting Plan Evaluations: Cognitive and Implicit Bias", Keneth Perlmutter, PhD & Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC, "Brief Focused Assessments," Brian Ludmer, JD, "Legal Analysis & Litigation", Virginia Griffin Donnell, Esq, MA & Caitlin Burgess, JD, MFT, "Intensive In-Home Intervention in Alienation Cases," Jones Donnelly, MFT, "Challenges for Single Mothers", Paul Marcille, PhD, "Divorced Fathers". July 2023

Child Custody Evaluator Update Training, by Benjamin Barber, PhD, "Children in Polarized Family System," Robert Kaufman, PhD, ABPP, "Considerations for Children with Autism Spectrum Disorder," Jorge Wong, PhD, "Chinese and East Indian Cultural Considerations," Philip Stahl, PhD, ABPP, "Relocation Evaluations," Michele Bissada, JD and Marisa San Filippo, JD, "Legal Update." July 2022.

Domestic Violence Update Training by Matthew Sullivan, PhD and Deborah Reece. July 2022.

"The Fundamentals of Parenting Coordinating" by Debra K. Carter, PhD, Robin M. Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Mindy F. Mitnick, EdM, MA, Shely Polar, PhD, Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD. December 2021.

Domestic Violence Annual Update Training by Matthew Sullivan. July 2021.

Custody Evaluator Annual Update Training by Sol Rappaport, PhD. July 2021.

“Custody Evaluations 101” by Lori A. Love, PhD. January 2021.

Domestic Violence Annual Update Training by Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Yvonne Seeley, JD, Ruth Darlene, M.A. July 2020.

Child Custody Evaluator Update Training, by Robin Deutsch, PhD, ABPP, Nancy Read, PhD, Marcia Clark, LMFT, Mildred “Bud” Dale, PhD, ABPP, JD, Marisa San Fillipo, Esq. (Santa Clara County Psychological Association “SCCPA”). July 2020.

AFCC Webinar Series Summer 2020 “Parental Alienation and Misinformation Proliferation,” “Rhetoric and Reason in Parental Alienation,” “Parental Alienation: False Positives and Myriad Concerns,” and “Allegations of Child Abuse During Child Custody Disputes.” June 2020.

“Bricks, Sticks or Straw: Strengthening Child Custody Evaluation with Best Record Review Practices,” by Bram Fridhandler, PhD, Jacqueline Singer, PhD and Brandon R. Blevans, JD. AFCC, California Chapter Conference, San Francisco, CA. February 2020.

“Custody and Co-Parenting in the Age of the Smartphone,” by Romy S. Taubman, JD, CFLS, Honorable Beverly Wood, Steven Friedlander, PhD, Nancy A. Nugent, JD. AFCC, California Chapter Conference, San Francisco, CA. February 2020.

“Research Toolbox: Integrating Research into a Custody Assessment Practice,” by Jeffrey P. Wittmann, PhD and David Martingale, PhD, ABPP. AFCC Conference, Pittsburg, PA, November 2019.

“Cracking the Divorce Conflict Nut: Is Divorce Conflict Addictive?” by Kenneth H. Waldron, PhD. AFCC Conference, Pittsburg, PA, November 2019.

“Custody Evaluator Orientation: Best Practice and Domestic Violence Safeguards,” by Dr. Arnold Shienvold, PhD and Darren Mitchell, JD. AFCC Conference, Pittsburg, PA, November 2019.

“A Roadmap for Success: Structuring a Coaching or Parenting Coordination Process,” by Amy Armstrong, LISW-S. AFCC Conference, Pittsburg, PA, November 2019.

“Law and Ethics: The Psychotherapist as the Creator of Outcomes” by Dave Jensen, JD. September 2018.

Parenting Coordination Program given by The Mediation Training Group; Boca Raton, Florida. October 2017.

“Essentials of Mediation and Divorce Mediation” 40 hour training given by The Northern California Mediation Center. March 2016

Collaborative Law Interdisciplinary Training given by The Seattle Collaborative Law Training Group; Seattle, Washington. September 2015.

### **Professional Experience (Clinical and Forensic)**

#### **Private Practice- (2001-present)**

Clinical- Individual client and family-focused clinical assessment, psychotherapy, counseling and other interventions for adolescents, adults and families. Integrating a family systems and psychodynamic perspective to address life transitions and stressors as well as various DSM diagnosed mental health disorders and/or symptoms.

Forensic- Child and family forensic services include formal Child Custody Evaluations and Brief Focused Assessments (BFA's), Co-parent counseling, Reconnection Therapy, Collaborative Divorce Coaching, Private Recommending Mediation Mediation, Confidential Mediation and Parent Coordination.

Consulting- Expert consultant for various Family Law firms in cases that involve high conflict divorce and child custody issues.

#### **The Addictions Institute, Clinical Associate with Dr. Stephanie Brown, Menlo Park, CA (2007-2018).**

Provided psychotherapy services for patients under the consultation and direction of Dr. Stephanie Brown. Practiced utilizing Dr. Brown's

Developmental Model of Recovery integrating family systems and developmental perspectives to understand childhood, family and adult difficulties related to addiction and recovery.

**StarVista's, Insights Program, Clinical Supervisor, Redwood City, CA (2012–2013).**

Provided individual clinical supervision to Master's level clinicians and trainees working with adolescents dealing with issues related to substance abuse.

**Women's Recovery Association, Clinical Director, Burlingame, CA (2009–2011).**

Responsible for clinical and programmatic oversight for residential substance abuse treatment program for women including women with young children in residence.

Developed and implemented transitional age youth (ages 18–24) programming for young women seeking recovery from addiction.

Developed a clinical training program including recruitment, training and clinical supervision.

**Project FOCYS of The Peninsula Family YMCA, Clinical Supervisor, San Mateo, CA (2005–2006).**

Provided individual clinical supervision to Master's level clinicians and trainees working in a mental health clinic setting serving youth and families.

**Women's Recovery Association, Clinical Supervisor, Burlingame, CA (2003–2005).**

Provided individual and group clinical supervision to Master's level clinicians and trainees serving women seeking recovery from addiction and their families.

**Women's Recovery Association, Outpatient Program Manager and Family Therapist, Burlingame, CA (1998–2001).**

Developed, staffed and managed outpatient psychotherapy clinic and family programs designed to serve family members of women in residential treatment seeking recovery from addiction.

Developed a curriculum and facilitated psycho-educational support group for the family members of women in residential substance abuse treatment program.

Provided family and couples therapy for the women in residence and their family members.

**Youth and Family Assistance Crisis Center, Youth Project Director, Burlingame, CA. (1997-1998).**

Responsible for general oversight and on-call support of the Youth Intervention Team responding to suicidal and non-suicidal crisis for San Mateo County Elementary, Middle and High Schools.

Coordinated workshops and trainings pertaining to suicide prevention for San Mateo County School staff and students.

Coordinated placement and oversight of clinical trainees in various school sites.