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INTRODUCTION

Over the course of the preceding twenty two years, I have been committed to the field of Child Welfare. I am a skilled clinician in terms of the assessment of risk, diagnosis and the development of treatment plans for children and their families. Further, I am experienced in the field of Child Welfare and Adoption involving the Assessment of Adoptive Families, the treatment of children and families involved in the Adoption process and the life long adoption/permanency journey. The following experience provides a summary of my professional career.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

May 1996 to Present

PATRICIA BRADY & ASSOCIATES-MEDFORD, MA

Court Investigator - Guardian Ad Litem - Parenting Coordinator-Evaluator

Conduct independent interviews with all parties and professionals involved with children and families brought to the attention of the court;

Observe parent/child visitation and assess the interaction based upon a series of contacts;

Review records, mental health reports, psychological assessments;

Evaluate high conflict family systems where issues of custody, visitation and child protection are at issue;

Prepare a comprehensive written report on the findings in a timely manner, including a summary and recommendation for the court's consideration based upon factual information and clinical impressions;

Testify as an expert witness in child custody hearings/trials;

Coordinate parenting plans in high conflict divorce and custody actions;

Provide written explanations on decisions rendered in a timely manner; and

Intervene where disputes exist and mediate a resolution driven by the principle "in the best interests of the child/children."

EXPERT QUALIFICATIONS IN TRIALS ON ISSUES INCLUDING

Adoption and Attachment Disorder - Placement and Permanency Planning

Child Welfare and Child Custody Evaluations

Trauma - Sexual Abuse - Risk Assessment -

Family Systems Parental Alienation - Factitious Disorder By Proxy

July 2007 to Present

Massachusetts General Hospital Children and the Law Program - Boston, MA

Forensic Evaluator-Consultant

Conduct forensic evaluations in child welfare cases involving issues related to parental fitness, visitation, where children have been alleged to be victims of severe abuse and/or neglect or subject to a high conflict custody disputes;

Interview family members and important others in an effort to gather all perspectives on the referral question;

Examine records from a variety of disciplines;

Integrate data gathered and psychological testing in formulating a clinical opinion and recommendations;

Prepare a report bringing together all of the data collected; and Appear in court as a witness in child custody proceedings.

December 2009 to Present

CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL FAMILY CONNECTIONS PROGRAM - BOSTON, MA

Senior Mental Health Consultant Supervisor

Provide training to early care professionals on mental health for young children using training modules while integrating the Brazelton Touchpoints Approach;

Promote resilience in children, families and providers involved in early care for children;

Consult with early care providers, children and their families where there are crisis' using touch point strategies

Supervise Mental Health Consultant in Community Based Early Care and Education Programs in the city of Boston

February 2005 to April, 2010

MSPCC - ACT OF LOVE ADOPTIONS and AFT Adoptive Families Together-BOSTON, MA

Clinical Director

Supervised social work staff related to clinical work in a domestic infant adoption program;

Developed programs for the purpose expanding clinical adoption services with the goal being to prevent the disruption of the adoption in accordance with the mission of the agency;

Directed clinical staff in the completion of child adoption assessments, home studies, and post adoption clinical intervention;

Approved adoption plans to allow for finalization of the adoption for the identified children;

Oversaw the Program budget in a fiscally responsible manner;

Ensured compliance with the Office for Child Care Services and Good Case Practice;

Provided training to staff and prospective adoptive families on clinical issues related to adoption; and

Advocated for advancement in child welfare programs and mental health services for children.

September 2005 to April, 2010

BOSTON COLLEGE - BOSTON, MA

Field Supervisor - Graduate School of Social Work

Supervised graduate students in the Second Year MSW Program on a clinical track;

Developed learning contract ensuring that the internship fulfills requirements of the curriculum of the Boston College School of Social Work;

Provided current research data in the field of child welfare;

Integrated and applied theory to the case loads assigned; and

Evaluated student's clinical practice and capacity to utilize theory in the work they perform with case load assigned.

October 1997 to January 2005

MSPCC - ACT OF LOVE ADOPTIONS-BOSTON, MA

Adoption Consultant

Interviewed prospective adoptive parents with regard to their desire and aspirations for adoption and parenting;

Conducted home studies in accordance with the requirements of the Office of Child Care Services;

Prepared reports for the courts with regard to the recommendations for the finalization of the adoption after evaluating the attachment relationship and parenting capacity of the pre-adoptive parents;

Facilitated workshops for professionals and families, including parents and children involved in the adoption experience; and

Assessed complex family situations where adoption disruption has or could occur.

May 1996 to January 1998

MEDFORD PUBLIC SCHOOLS - MEDFORD, MA

Family Resource Specialist

Educated parents of children between the ages of zero to six on developmental issues and effective parenting techniques;

Consulted in crisis situations to educational professionals servicing children and their families; and

Provided training to educators and clinicians on issues related to child development, family systems, child abuse and neglect and intervention strategies.

May 1996 to January 1999

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - STATEWIDE - Consultant

Conducted foster care reviews related to the placement of children in substitute care; and

Provided training to department personnel related to child development, family systems, trauma, risk assessment and service planning.

September 1990 to May 1996

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES - CAMBRIDGE AREA OFFICE

Supervisor/On Call-Supervisor

Supervised and provided training and clinical support to ongoing protective service social workers related to their specific caseload;

Evaluated personnel and administered progressive disciplinary procedures when necessary;

Facilitated services for cases with HIV related issues, as well as other life threatening illness issues, in the capacity of Area Aids Monitor;

Influenced the careers of Undergraduate and Graduate Interns as their mentor and supervisor;

Established/coordinated treatment plans with collaterals and families across the Commonwealth regarding the safety and well being of children in emergency situations; and

Problem solved issues on an emergency basis in accordance with department policy and appropriate case work practice.

April 1986 to August 1990

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICE - BOSTON, MA

Social Worker

Initiated referrals for support services in an effort to improve the quality of life for the children, adults and the family unit;

Established and implemented service plans for the purpose of strengthening the family;

Proposed legal action for the purpose of alleviating serious risk to children and for the purpose of providing permanency to children in substitute care;

Maintained written documentation of all occurrences in relationship to the respective cases assigned; and

Analyzed the level of risk to children, by conducting a comprehensive risk assessment relative to allegations of physical, emotional and sexual abuse/neglect.

October 1983 to January 1988

MEDFORD SCHOOL COMMITTEE - MEDFORD, MA

School Committee Member Re-elect Two Terms - Vice Chairperson/Secretary

Directed the operation of the Medford Public Schools;

Designed academic programs and the related curriculum in cooperation with the Superintendent, reflective of the ever changing needs of the school community;

Established policies which promoted improvement in educational standards;

Implemented formal and interactive tools to evaluate personnel;

Identified, addressed, and maintained educational constituency; and

Participated in conferences as a representative of the Committee as a Whole.

April 1985 to April 1986

INTERNATIONAL HOMEMAKERS, INC. - BROOKLINE, MA - *Service Coordinator*

Served as a liaison between case managers and family members;
Evaluated needs and implemented services in accordance with the needs of the clients;
Supervised 80 homemakers through home visits and a review of reports;
Maintained written documentation matters related to the family serviced; and
Educated homemakers on the subjects related to the clients whom they served.

October 1984 to March 1985

EAST MIDDLESEX ASSOCIATION FOR RETARDED CITIZENS - STONEHAM, MA

Vocational Adjustment Counselor

Assessed client's physical and emotional ability;
Established goals for clients in the form of their individual Service Plans; and Advocated for clients on appropriate work habits, daily living skills, and attitudes

EDUCATION

May 1984

LESLEY COLLEGE - CAMBRIDGE, MA

Bachelor of Science - Human Services - Major Psychology - Minor

September 1990

UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS - BOSTON, MA

Master of Science Human Services - Clinical Services - Major

Massachusetts School of Professional Psychology Center of Excellence for Children, Families, and the Law.

April 5, 2014 Certificate in Child and Family Forensics

February to March 31, 2013 MSPP - Divorce Custody Evaluation

September to October 5, 2013 MSPP - Child Maltreatment

November to November 16, 2013 MSPP -Mental Health and Juvenile Justice

March 3, 2014 to April 5, 2014 MSPP - Parent Coordination

February 2007

THE AMERICAN PSYCHOTHERAPY ASSOCIATION - SPRINGFIELD, MISSOURI

Board Certified in Professional Counseling - ID#7989

PROFESSIONAL LICENSURE

September 1990 to Present

Marriage and Family Therapist - License # 533

Mental Health Counselor - License # 1399

MEMBERSHIPS

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children

Massachusetts Association for Guardian Ad Litem

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

American Psychological Association

Published in Madison's Who's Who

AFCC Board Member Massachusetts Chapter

ADDITIONAL HUMAN SERVICE TRAINING

Somerville District Court Intern Probation officer - Adult/Juvenile

Brigham and Women's Hospital - Intern Neonatal Technician

Medford School System St. Francis School - Tutor

ADDITIONAL TRAINING INCLUDES THE FOLLOWING

- October 1992 MASSACHUSETTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
Court Investigator Training
- November 1997 COMMUNITY PROGRAM INNOVATIONS
Trauma Reactive Children & Adolescents
- November 1997 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF MARRIAGE AND FAMILY
THERAPY AND ANDOVER NEWTON THEOLOGICAL SCHOOL &
UNIVERSITY OF MASSACHUSETTS
Divorce: In Whose Best Interests
- November 1997 MASSACHUSETTS CHAPTER NASW
For Kids' Sake: Building Collaboration Among Child Welfare
Professionals
- December 1997 COMMUNITY PROGRAM INNOVATIONS
Loss In the Magic Kingdom: Helping Children & Adolescents Cope
With Grief & Loss Obsessive Compulsive Disorder-Munchausen
Syndrome By Proxy: Diagnosis/Treatment
- January 1999 MASSACHUSETTS ADOPTION RESOURCES
Clinical Issues In Adoption
- April 1999 COMMUNITY PROGRAM INNOVATIONS
Youth With Conduct Disorders & Oppositional & Defiant Behaviors
- January 2002 SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL
Guardian Ad Litem Practice
- October 2002 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES INC. Domestic Violence in the
Lives of Children
- November 2002 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIAN AD LITEM,
INC THE DIVISION OF PSYCHOLOGY AT CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
Miles Apart: The Relocation Dilemma for Divided Families
- July 2003 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT RESOURCES, INC.
Trauma and Recovery - Attachment Disorders
- April 2003 MASSACHUSETTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
Domestic Relations or Custody/Visitation/Adoption
- November 2003 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE PROBATE AND FAMILY COURT
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS AND BOSTON
MEDICAL CENTER CHILD WITNESS TO VIOLENCE PROJECT
Domestic Violence Training

May 2004 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY & THE
 ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE OF THE TRIAL COURT, JUDICIAL INSTITUTE
 Issues in Juvenile Forensic Mental Health: A Best Practices Conference for Legal
 and Mental Health Professionals

Nov. to Dec 2004 SUFFOLK UNIVERSITY LAW SCHOOL/THE
 MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL
 PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER FOR STUDY OF PSYCHOLOGY AND
 DIVORCE Understanding the Psychological Aspects of Divorce

December 2, 2004 MASSACHUSETTS CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION
 Guardian Ad Litem Training - Understanding the New Standards

June 3-4, 2005 THE TRAUMA CENTER AND BOSTON UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF
 MEDICINE Psychological Trauma: Attachment, Neuroscience & Body Experience

June 10, 2005 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, INC.
 Sexual Abuse Issues in GAL Evaluations for the Family Court

November 4-5 2005 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM INC.
 Attachment Theory: Implications for Probate and Juvenile Courts

December 29, 2005 MASSACHUSETTS MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELORS ASSOC.
 Managing Anger

April 7, 2006 ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY AND CONCILIATION COURTS
 Six and Under: The Magic Years With Divorcing and Never Married Parents

October 11, 2006 MCLE - GAL Training: Part II Advanced
 Nov. 3 & 4, 2006 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, INC.
 Parental Alienation: What It Is & What To Do About It

Nov. 9 & 10 2007 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, INC.
 In The Best Interest of the Child Series: Whose House Is It Anyway?
 Parenting Plans Revisited

January 2008 APSAC Annual Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect Prevention
 May 9, 2008 MASSACHUSETTS ASSOCIATION OF GUARDIANS AD LITEM, INC.
 Attachment Issues in Parenting Evaluations for the Probate and Family Court

March 1, 2, and
 3rd, 2010 BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS ILT Boston, MA

October 29 and
 30, 2010 AFCC 9th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations

March 27 -
 April 1, 2011 BRAZELTON TOUCHPOINTS Community Level Training
 SAN JOSE, CALIFORNIA

- May 4, 2012 **AFCC** Annual Conference in Weston, MA: On Truth, Memory, and Distortion in Family Law Cases.
- April 5th, 2013 AFCC Behind the Scenes: Mental Health Consultation in Child Custody Cases
Keynote Speaker: Matthew Sullivan, Ph.D.
- May 28th to May 31st, 2013 AFCC National Conference. Los Angeles California
Institute - Listening to Children in Divorce - Joan Kelly
Children Resisting Contact with a Parent Post Separation: A 3-Day Intensive In-Home Family Intervention
Parent Coordination - Show Down At the PC Coral
Therapeutic Reunification
Systematic Intervention Planning
The Nexus of Psychological Testing and Parenting

PRESENTATIONS

- December 13, 2013 Boston Bar Association - Holiday Parenting Plans - Panel Member
- May 3, 2013 Brazelton Touchpoints - Annual Forum - Family Connections Touchpoints Blend
- June 4, 2013 MCLE - Guardian Ad Litem - Category E and F Mandatory Training
- June 10, 2013 Norfolk Juvenile Court - CAFL Training The Role of the Expert
- April 25, 2012 Edco - Munchausen By Proxy -Identification, Assessment and Impact n in the Public Schools
- April 18 -20, 2012 National Head Start Conference - Nashville, Tennessee
Mapping - Building Relationships
Overcoming Adversity and Building Resilience in Families and Children
- March 14-15, 2012 Region X National Head Start Leadership Conference - Seattle Washington
Mapping - Building Relationships
Overcoming Adversity and Building Resilience in Families and Children
- October 3-5, 2011 Office of Head Start 1st National Birth to Five Leadership Institute
Leading the Way for Children, Families and Communities
Working With Families Facing Adversity and Building Resilience
Family Wellness
- May 2011 MCLE - GAL Training Interviewing Children - in GAL Investigations and Evaluations
- April 6, 2011 38th Annual Head Start Conference, Kansas City, Missouri -
Working With Families Facing Adversity and Building Resilience
- February 23, 2011 Early Care and Education Training, Boston, MA
Successful Mental Health Consultation
- October 28, 2010 14th Annual Birth to Three Institute, Washington, D.C.
"From the Ground Up Successful Infant Mental Health (IMH) Consultation"

October 2, 2010 New England Foster Care Association Conference
Talking to Children About Adoption

June 23, 2009, Handikids - Mandated Reporting - Risk Factors to Consider in the Identification
of Child Abuse

March 20, 2009 Chicopee Public Schools - Munchausen By Proxy -Identification, Assessment and
Impact Schools - Co-presented with : Dr. Catherine Ayoub and Children and the
Law Massachusetts General Hospital

February 23, 2009 ACTION - Center for Family Connections International Adoption Conference -
Talking to Children About Adoption - Developmental Implications

April 5, 2008 and
March 28, 2009 Adoption Community of New England - Talking to Children About Adoption
Across Development

June 26-28, 2007 7th Annual Conference International Association of Forensic Mental Health
Services
Working Together : Interdisciplinarity in Forensic Mental Health-Forensic
Assessment: Exaggeration, Fabrication, Inducement-How Children Are
Affected

June 4, 2007 Medford Public Schools - Early Childhood/K- 2 Educators
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect In Massachusetts

May 26-27, 2005 Bringing Two Worlds Closer Together 6th National Child Welfare
Symposium Centre of Excellence for Child Welfare - University of Montreal
The Role of the GAL in Safety Planning

September 15, 2005 The Role of the Guardian Ad Litem - Panel Presentation
Middlesex Juvenile Court - Cambridge Session

June 10, 2006/
Ongoing Protecting God's Children - Trainer Archdiocese of Boston

February 2004 Resolve - Issues to Consider In Adoption
February 2007 Children's Hospital Boston at Waltham

Sept. 22, 2006
October 20, 2006 Parenting Evaluations Training MSPCC - Worcester

REFERENCES: Available on Request