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PROFILE SUMMARY

Child Abuse/Child Welfare Expert national practice. Completed over 1000 child abuse investigations and interviews, 100's of removals, 100's of foster care and adoptive placements. 11+ years of field experience working in child protective services as a child abuse investigator, interviewer, trainer, foster care/adoption social worker (2003-2015). Trained over 1000 social workers in child abuse investigations and current standards and duties.

Doctorate of Psychology, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Board Certified Diplomat of Clinical Social Work 11 + years of field experience as a child abuse investigator, interviewer, trainer, and foster care/adoption social worker in child protective services.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Child Welfare Expert and Consultant/ Child Welfare Training on the Standard of Care
- Presenter & Trainer for The Child Welfare Development Services Academy on Child Abuse Investigations/Child Welfare
- Multi-agency collaboration with law enforcement, hospitals, schools, therapists, community agencies and Courts
- Forensic/Clinical skills: childhood trauma, special needs, grief and loss, attachment, permanence, custody evaluations, diagnosing, treatment planning, client's rights, biopsychosocial assessments
- Former CPS Social Worker: child abuse investigator, forensic interviewer (CFIT), and foster care/adoptive homestudy social worker
- Co-founder of Kids Court & Counseling Center (501c3), providing free courtroom preparation, trauma reduction and counseling to children

SKILLS HIGHLIGHTS

Child Welfare Expert	Child Abuse Investigations	Clinical Social Worker
Expert Witness	Child Fatality Investigations	Standard of Care/Best Practice
CPS /DCFS Expertise	Consultation	Child Custody Evaluations (past)
Psychotherapy	Crisis Counseling	Training/Presenting
Forensic Interviewing	Case Management	Community Outreach
Placement/Foster/Adoptive	Record/Case Review	Structured Decision-Making Tools

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

Stolar Consultation, INC. – CA

Private Practice **Nov 2009 – Present**

- Expert Witness/Consultant (2015-present) relating to Child Protective Services and Child Abuse, Standard of Care.
- Psychotherapy (children, adolescents, adults), assessments, clinical supervision
- Co-Parenting, child custody evaluations, training (2009-2023)
- Trainer Child Welfare Development Services Academy for new and current child welfare social workers

Kids Court & Counseling Center – *Non-Profit*

Co-Director/Co-Founder **Feb 2015 –Present**

- Developed, constructed and implemented the first “Kids Court” in Riverside County, CA
- Provide FREE curriculum-based court preparation for children who are expected to be called to testify in family law, criminal court, or juvenile dependency court.
- Teach kids how to stay calm and feel empowered when leaving a courtroom rather than re-victimized.
- Oversee the Board of Directors, implement programs and fundraising.

Riverside County DPSS – *Riverside County, CA*

CSSW V **June 2003 – Feb 2015**

- Child Abuse Investigator, Emergency Response
- Forensic Interviewer, CFIT Trained
- Foster-Adoptive Social Worker and Trainer

- Internship Field Instructor
- Child Abuse Investigations, Child Fatalities and Field Interviews
- Training and implementation of forensic interviewing
- Emergency Removals and Placements (foster, relative, NREFM, group home, ICWA, ICPC)
- Safety and Risk Assessments, Structured Decision-Making Tool
- Court report writing, policy implementation, biopsychosocial assessments, documentation and record keeping
- Clinical supervision participation towards LCSW, acquisition of LCSW 11/09
- Resource Family Training and Assessment/Licensing/Home Evals/Title 22 Regulations
- Provide training to foster/adoptive families utilizing “Trauma Informed Parenting” and Grief & Loss Model
- Recruitment of prospective foster and adoptive parents
- Collaborate with school staff as it relates to the child’s needs, development and safety
- Adoption Home Study Assessment, both approvals and denials
- Foster-Adopt Placements, Placements, Special Medical Needs Placements
- Participation in grievance reviews when it applies
- Criminal Background Checks, Initial and Continual Screening of Foster/Adoptive Applicants
- Critical Incident Investigation, Assessment, Collaboration with Medical Experts and Law Enforcement
- Team Decision Making Meetings, Family to Family Development Initiative
- In-home assessments
- Working conjointly with Community Care Licensing regarding Title 22 regulations, foster care licensing

Canyon Acres Children’s Services – *Anaheim Hills, CA*

- Contract Day Treatment Therapist** **Nov 1999 – June 2001**
- Facilitated group and individual therapy for children with severe behavioral disorders and emotional disturbances at a level 14 residential treatment center.
 - Created individualized treatment plans according to patient needs and circumstances. Maintained records of patient progress.
 - Conducted ongoing assessments of patient progress and referred patients to outside specialists or agencies when necessary.
 - Followed all safety protocols and maintained client confidentiality.

EDUCATION

- **Doctor of Psychology** **2023**
Touro University – *Vallejo, CA*
- **Master of Social Work** **2003**
California State University San Bernardino – *San Bernardino, CA*
- **Bachelor of Science – Music Therapy** **1998**
Maryville University – *Saint Louis, MO*

LICENSURE & PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- **Licensed Clinical Social Worker, LCSW, #26051** – Board of Behavioral Sciences, State of California **2009 – Present**
- **Board Certified Diplomat of Clinical Social Work, BCD #59119** **2015 – Present**
- **Active member of the American Board of Clinical Social Work** **2015 – Present**

RECENT CONTINUING EDUCATION & CONFERENCES

- **Structured Decision Making Tools (15hrs)** **2024**
- **Intimate Partner Violence (9hrs)** **2023**
- **Child Abuse Assessment & Reporting (CA) (7hrs)** **2023**
- **Child Maltreatment Parts I, II, II (9hrs)** **2023**
- **California Law & Ethics (12hrs)** **2022**
- **Chadwick Child Abuse Conference (16.75hrs)** **2022**
- **Chadwick Child Abuse Conference (20hrs)** **2021**
- **Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma (8hrs)** **2021**
- **CANS update (4hrs)** **2020**
- **Suicide Assessment & Risk (6hrs)** **2020**
- **Risk Assessment (2hrs-ATAP)** **2020**

- **AFCC Conference (8hrs)** 2019
- **Trauma Informed Social Work Practice (6hrs)** 2019
- **Trauma, the Brain (6hrs)** 2019
- **Assessing & Managing Risk for Self-Directed Violence (Suicide) (7hrs)** – Palo Alto University 2019
- **The Role of Consultants and Expert Witness in Cases of Alleged False Confession (7hrs)** – Palo Alto University 2019

PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

- **Child Interviewing -CWDS (1 day)** 2024
- **Child Maltreatment Identification- CWDS (2 days)** 2024
- **Child Maltreatment/ Child Abuse Investigations – CWDS (2 days)** 2023
- **Subpoenas, Records and Responses to Court for Therapists- Zynnyme Trainings** 2022
- **Family Law, CPS, and Threat Timelines -Institute on Violence Abuse and Trauma** 2021
- **Therapist’s Performance in Court -CAV Academy, HI** 2021
- **Child Maltreatment/ Child Abuse Investigations – CWDS (2 days)** 2021
- **Trauma Informed Care, Law & Ethics – CWDS** 2021
- **Child Interviewing & Advanced Child Interviewing - CWDS** 2021
- **Law & Ethics, Mandated Reporting – Business School Bootcamp for Therapists (National)** 2020
- **CANS – LA County DCFS** 2019
- **DV, Threat, CPS and Family Law – AFCC Conference (National)** 2019
- **Mandated Reporting Child Abuse – SAFE** 2019
- **Kids Court Preparation – Family Justice Center** 2019
- **Law & Ethics, Mandated Reporting, Scope – Therapy Reimagined (National)** 2019
- **“Advanced Child Interviewing” – CWDS** 2018
- **“Working with CPS, IPV, Child Abuse & Delayed Disclosures” – Riverside County Bar Association** 2017
- **“Child Interviewing” – Riverside County Probate Court** 2017
- **Domestic Violence, Working with CPS, Child Abuse & Reporting Laws - SAFE (501c3)** 2016
- **Kids Court Presentation -District Attorney’s Office, Public Defenders Office & Victim Services** 2016
- **Domestic Violence & Working with CPS – Association of Family & Conciliation Courts** 2015
- **Domestic Violence, Working with CPS, Child Abuse & Reporting Laws- SAFE (501c3)** 2015
- **Domestic Violence and Child Abuse - Riverside County Bar Association** 2014
- **Child Protective Services, Child Abuse & Reporting Laws- California Marriage & Family Therapists** 2014