

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

Ph.D., 1974 Clinical Psychology	United States International University San Diego, California
M.A., 1969 Counseling	San Francisco State University San Francisco, California
B.S., 1965 Social Science	Villanova University Villanova, Pennsylvania

Work Experience

August, 1976 to Present	President, San Diego Family Institute, Inc. A group practice and training center for marital, family, group, and child therapy. Consultant and forensic expert in issues of child custody, incest, domestic violence, malpractice, and standards of care. Child custody evaluations. Individual, marital and family therapy.
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Have conducted over 600 child/family custody evaluations. Expert witness (both plaintiff and defendant) in over 80 cases involving malpractice, license revocation hearings, liability in sexual harassment, domestic violence, personal injury, worker injury and/or compensation, including depositions and testimony. Ten years as guest expert on KFMB radio show.

August, 1976 to November, 1978	Project Director, National YMCA Comprehensive Emergency Services. Responsibilities included administration of HEW-funded contract for the State of California and Nevada to provide training and technical assistance in CES and multidisciplinary teams in 20 selected target sites.
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November, 1975 to July, 1976	Executive Director, YMCA Human Development Center. Associate General Director, YMCA of San Diego County. Responsibilities included director of training for Metropolitan YMCA Association; direct services, administration, grant writing, training and supervision
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of staff for a variety of prevention and treatment projects dealing with drug abuse, family counseling centers, residential treatment for runaway youth, emergency intervention and coordination of a wide variety of services to children and families. Responsible for administration of annual budget of approximately \$800,000 and reporting to a number of volunteer Boards of Directors.

January, 1975
to August, 1976

Principal Investigator and Psychologist, YMCA Family Stress Center. An HEW-OCD funded child abuse and neglect demonstration project.

1971 - 1975

Associate Director of the Human Development Department and Director of SATORI Projects, San Diego YMCA. Responsibilities included direct service to drug dependent individuals and groups, administration, budget development, grant writing, and training and supervision of Marriage and Family Counseling Clinic and three separate drug treatment projects (SATORI). Consultative services for residential treatment facility (Project Oz) for runaway youth with focus on family, marriage, and child counseling services on short-term, crisis-intervention basis. Planning and developing innovative programs.

1970 - 1971

Part-time private practice as Marriage and Family Counselor in San Francisco Bay area.

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Consultant to Operation Comeback. A community based (Noe Valley) multidisciplinary drug abuse program focused on youth and young adults in San Francisco.

1969 - 1971

Senior Social Worker and Field Director of Big Brothers, Inc., San Mateo, California. Worked with troubled families and volunteer men who worked with fatherless boys. Diagnostic intake of family, screening of men, ongoing treatment and supervision after match was made. Administrative responsibilities including working with the Board of Directors and fund raising.

1965 - 1969

Counselor Supervisor at Edgewood Children's Home. San Francisco, California. Supervision of fourteen counselors who do the minute-to-minute work with groups of emotionally disturbed children in residential treatment, crisis, and group work with children; planning and coordinating activities; scheduling of programs, etc. Volunteer Counselor, Haight Ashbury Clinic. Treatment services for a variety of drug-using and dependent individuals, families, and groups.

- 1964 - 1965 Night Counselor at Southern Home for Children; Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Care and supervision of groups of disturbed adolescents in residential treatment.
- 1963 - 1964 Recreation Worker at Devereux Foundation; Devon, Pennsylvania. Planning and supervision of recreation and cottage activities for groups of problem children and adults.

Licenses and Credentials

California Licensed Marriage, Family, and Child Counselor #MFC3437.

California Licensed Psychologist #PSY4516.

Member, American Psychological Association.

Member, American College of Forensic Psychology.

Member and Fellow, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists.

President and Board Member, California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists, 1972 - 1978.

Clinical Member, Approved Supervisor, and Fellow, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy.

Treasurer, American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, 1984 - 1989.

Certified Domestic Violence Treatment Provider.

Certified San Diego County TERM Team Provider, Chairman TERM Team Advisory Board, 1999-2006

Certified Instructor and Trainer of Trainers for YMCA Positive Parenting Program.

Standard Designated Subjects Teaching Credential issued by the State of California.

Related Experience

Training sessions, workshops, and conferences conducted for:
California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists;
American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy;

University of California, Department of Psychiatry; U.S. Navy Chaplain Group at Balboa Hospital; Association for Humanistic Psychology; California State Psychological Association; and various other local and state groups.

Chairperson, Professional Commission on Child Abuse. A statewide coordinated group of professional organizations proposing legislative change in regard to child abuse and neglect.

Instructor and later Program Consultant for various members of the San Diego Police and Sheriff's Department through La Verne University, 1975 - 1980.

Author, "Child Abuse and the Law," unpublished position paper on legal and reporting issues.

Co-author of various legislative packets presented to the California State legislature.

Participant in various local and national workshops and training sessions on child abuse and mental health issues.

Research activities in regard to formative and impact evaluations of mental health and social service programs, and issues related to the institutionalization of children in the State of California.

NIMH sponsored training in Drug Abuse and Community Involvement (two weeks residential) in Oakland, California.

Member, Advisory Commission (Consultant Status) U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Youth and Family Services.

Publications

"Decision Therapy and the De-mystification of Psychotherapy," *Marriage and Family Counselors Quarterly*, Spring, 1973.

"Collaborative Efforts at Drug Abuse Treatment and Prevention," *Marriage and Family Counselors Quarterly*, Winter, 1975.

"Radical Approaches to Therapy," in Ben Ard (ed.), Counseling and Therapy Classics on Theories and Issues, Science and Behavior Books, Palo Alto, 1975.

"An Overview of Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling Program," *Marriage and Family Counselors Quarterly*, Vol. X, No. 2, Winter, 1976.

"Child Abuse Treatment," *Marriage and Family Counselors Quarterly*, Vol. XI, No. 4, Summer, 1977.