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Education

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, Union Institute, Cincinnati, Ohio. 1996
Ph.D. in Human Services, Walden University, Minneapolis, Minnesota. 1991
M.A. in Theoretical Psychology, Boulder Graduate School, Boulder, Colorado. 1988

Professional Experience

Private Practice in Clinical and Forensic Psychology

Awakening Solutions Counseling, Chico, California, March 2011-Present.

- Psychotherapy for adults, children, and families.
- Forensic and Clinical Psychological testing and evaluations
- Juvenile Sex Offender Evaluations
- Competency to Stand Trial Evaluations (Butte, Lassen, Modoc, Shasta, and Solano Counties)

Chief Psychologist

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health (BCDBH), Chico, California, November 2000-August 2014.

- Conduct forensic evaluations (e.g., LPS conservatorship; assessment of risk for violence and treatment needs for juvenile and adult criminal court; juvenile sex offender evaluations; criminal responsibility and culpability evaluations for juveniles; parental fitness evaluations; evaluation of treatment needs for children in dependency court; evaluation of treatment needs for children in juvenile court; disability evaluations pertaining to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
- Supervise psychologists, clinicians, counselors, and research staff.
- Conduct psychological evaluations on high profile and complex clinical cases.
- Serve on the Clinical Management Team overseeing BCDBH clinical services.
- Conduct performance outcome research on the clinical effectiveness of services and cost-benefit data analysis at Butte County Department of Behavioral Health and its organizational providers.
- Provide back-up supervision to crisis staff conducting homicide and suicidal assessments, finding shelter for homeless youth, and determining if a person meets requirement for involuntary psychiatric hospitalizations.
- Offer consultation to psychiatrists and other professionals on mental health treatment and assessment issues.
- Served as Clinical Director for Connecting Circles of Care (CCOC) of a culture-based wraparound program with over 50 staff. SAMHSA awarded prestigious 2011 Science and Service Award for Implementation of an Evidence Based Practice.
- Supervise the research and clinical outcome components of BCDBH electronic health care record implementation (2009-2011).
- Director of training of BCDBH Pre-Doctoral and Post-Doctoral Internship Program (2000-2006): Currently supervise the present director of BCDBH Psychology Internship program.
- Principle author of a \$9 million Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Grant that was awarded in 2005.

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Psychologist

Butte County Department of Behavioral Health, Chico, California, January 1997-October 2000 (full-time; waived psychologist under California law until licensed March 1999).

- Conduct forensic evaluations (e.g., assessment of risk for violence and treatment needs for juvenile and adult criminal court; juvenile sex offender evaluations; parental fitness evaluations; evaluation of treatment needs for children in dependency court; disability evaluations pertaining to Individuals with Disabilities Education Act)
- Provide clinical supervision of bachelor and master level counselors.
- Provide psychotherapy and participate in diagnosis, treatment, rehabilitation, evaluation, and follow-up of patients or clients.
- Select and administer personality, intelligence, neuropsychological, and other clinical tests; and interpret their results.
- Provide crisis intervention services, which include individual and family counseling, referrals, crisis stabilization, and assessments of suicidality and homicidality.

Other Professional Experiences

Psychometrist administering neuropsychological test batteries to patients with closed head injuries; counselor in an adult day treatment program for the chronically mental ill; pre-doctoral psychology intern in a day treatment program for emotional disturbed children; and supervisor of a homeless shelter.

Memberships, Licenses, and Certifications

- California Licensed Psychologist #16155, March 1999-Present.
- Fellow in the American College of Forensic Examiners, January 2000-Present.
- Member of the American Psychological Association, November 1998-December 2013.
- Member of the California Forensic Mental Health Associations, February 2014 - Present.

Publications

Palmer, S. (in press). Connecting Circles of Care: A Case Study of an Integrally Informed Mental Health Program. In M. Forman, G. Raffanti & T. Gregory. *An Integral Approach to Diversity Dynamics: Exploring the Maturation of Diversity Theory and Practice*. Albany, NY: State University of New York Press, Albany.

Palmer, S and al. (2011). Implementing Culture-Based Wraparound. In E. J. Bruns & J. S. Walker (Eds.), *The resource guide to wraparound*. Portland, OR: National Wraparound Initiative, Research and Training Center for Family Support and Children's Mental Health.

Palmer, S. and al. (2010). Culture-Based Wraparound at Connecting Circles of Care. *Research Highlights*, December 2010, 1-6.