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2007-Present

Mediation & Counseling Consultants, Inc./K&K Consulting, LLC-Owner/President

- Mediate and conduct negotiations for Court ordered litigation – Civil or Family
- Contracted Mediator for Department of Financial Services – mediating homeowner-Insurance Adjustor disputes
- Certified Foreclosure Mediator
- Florida Qualified Arbitrator
- Post & Pre-suit Negotiations for Pro-Se and Court ordered Family and Dependency Cases
- Mediate private conflicts - Corporate and Family Interventions
- Collaborative Law Mental Health Neutral-Trained & Certified
- Parent Coordination and Parenting Plans
- Court Ordered Social Investigations with specialized training in Child Custody Evaluations through the American Academic of Forensic Psychologists
- Guardianship Examining Committee-Tenth Judicial Circuit
- Attorney Referred Forensic Evaluations inclusive of Immigration Hardship
- Individual, Family & Group Counseling Services
- EMDR trained psychotherapist specializing in trauma, anxiety & PTSD

CONTRACT SERVICES:

- Current Employee Assistance Program (EAP) Health & Wellness provider for the City of Winter Haven Employees
- Previous Emotional Wellness Clinical Program Director for New Beginnings High School: Responsible for the creation, development and implementation of a therapeutic program for at-risk teens in an effort to reduce mental health obstacles that interfere with academic achievement, as well as clinical supervision of on-staff mental health professionals

March 2014-October 2014

**Chrysalis Health, Inc. – Department of Juvenile Justice Redirections Program
Outpatient Program Director**

- Manage and Supervise the Outpatient Redirections Program for the 10th Judicial Circuit
- Conduct initial mental health assessment on adolescent youth under supervision with The Department of Juvenile Justice – diagnose and assign appropriate treatment plan to successfully reduce recidivism

- Provide supervision to therapist and case managers who conduct in home therapeutic
- Services as prescribed and case management to remove obstacles that may interfere with the offender's treatment or successful completion of probation
- Direct collaboration with Juvenile Probation Officers regarding the offender's treatment and probation supervision
- Collaboration with Chief Probation Officer/DJJ Manager, Jennifer Haynes, regarding
- Appropriate referrals, safety issues and obstacles in treatment, as well as improvement
- Of process of implementation of treatment for offenders and their families

2009-2012

Central Florida Mediation Group, LLC-Prior Partner/Shareholder/Operations Manager

- Organizational head of operations for new Mediation Group in Polk County
- Start-up responsibilities; working w/builder on lay-out of 5000 sq/ft of office space, media
- Relations, marketing, website development (layout/design/logo) & promotional development of launching new business
- Attending community and regional events on behalf of the company and maintaining active membership in professional and civic associations for the benefit and promotion of the Group.
- Recruiting & training contract mediators
- Overseeing daily operations & supervising administrative staff
- Mediate and conduct negotiations for Court ordered litigation – Civil or Family
- Certified Foreclosure Mediator
- Florida Qualified Arbitrator
- Mediate private conflicts - Corporate and Family Interventions

2009-Present

State of Florida

- Approved Contract Mediator for the Family Mediation Department at the Polk County Courthouse, Bartow, Florida, for the Tenth Judicial Circuit – Family & Dependency

Highland Park Church of the Nazarene-Lakeland, Fl

- Licensed Mental Health Counselor – referral based

2009-2010

Southeastern University-Lakeland, Fl

- Registered Mental Health Counselor – volunteer student therapist for supervision hours

2007-2008

MidFlorida Centers, Inc.

- Administer Psychological Commitment Evaluations to adolescents and prepare reports to present to the Court for the purpose of sentencing offenders to the appropriate residential or non-residential program through the Department of Juvenile Justice, including but not limited to:
 - Assessments of youth, according to Mid-Florida Center, Inc., bio-psychosocial interview protocols for each comprehensive evaluation assigned;
 - Interviews with parents/guardians/collateral sources for investigative history
 - Administer and supervise testing instruments: score and interpret
 - Administer WISC-IV or WAIS-III for each youth assigned: score and interpret
 - Prepare written reports for Department of Juvenile Justice & Court review including a DSMTR-IV diagnosis
 - Determine immediate need for Level II-psychiatric evaluations

2006-2007

Polk County School Board Wisdom For Living – Contract Vendor for Polk County School Board

- Group and individual mental health counseling to ESE students
- Recommend the implementation of learning strategies and behavioral modification techniques to parents & teachers

2002

Genesis Behavioral Healthcare Services, Inc.

- Assist staff psychologist in testing process for full-scale Psychological Evaluations of adolescents for the purpose of adequate placement in a residential program through the Department of Juvenile Justice
- Preparation of written reports in accordance with clinical findings to present to the Court
- Individual Mental Health Counseling for adolescents with behavioral problems

1999-2002

State of Florida, Department of Corrections

- Monitor offender compliance with court orders
- Prepare Pre-sentence & Post-sentence Investigations as requested by the Court
- Collaborate with outside agencies, Public Defenders and State Attorneys to achieve offender compliance with judge's orders
- Collect necessary background information through NCIC/FCIC for investigative reports
- Prepare Violation Reports as requested by the Court in accordance with Florida statutes
- Evaluate offenders on case-by-case basis & make recommendations to the court

1986-1999

Paralegal - Polk County, Florida

- Sole management of attorney caseload-Family Law & Personal Injury
- Organization, scheduling, and preparation of cases for court hearings and trial
- Preparation, review, and filing of pleadings in accordance with Florida Statutes
- Preparation of trial exhibits, i.e, video tapes, photos, deposition summaries, medical documents, discovery, and taking client statements for trial
- Initial client screening and interview
- Legal research for case precedent

EDUCATION:

2007 MA – Southern Christian University
Professional Mental Health Counseling – **Summa Cum Laude**

1999 Law Enforcement Academy- St. Petersburg Jr. College

1998 BS- University of South Florida, Criminology – **Cum Laude**

1984 AA-Marshall University – **Dean's List**

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

- Florida Supreme Court Certified Circuit Civil Mediator
– Nova Southeastern University, Orlando, FL
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Family Court Mediator

- University Of South Florida, Tampa
- Florida Supreme Court Certified Dependency Court Mediator
 - University Of South Florida, Tampa
- State of Florida Certified Mortgage Foreclosure Mediator, March 2011
 - University Of South Florida, Tampa
- Parent Coordination Certification – University of South Florida, Tampa
- Parent Coordination Certification – Additional Training Course required after legislation
 - Carter Psychology Centers- Kissimmee, Fl.
- Conflict Coaching – Peacemaker Ministries – Orlando, Fl
- American Academic of Forensic Psychologists- Child Custody Evaluation training,
 - Jonathan Gould, Psy.D., ABPP, Diplomate in Forensic Psychology American Board of Professional Psychology - Charleston, SC
- Supervisory Training in Child Custody and Social Investigations
 - James R. Flens, Psy.D., ABPP, Diplomate in Forensic Psychology American Board of Professional Psychology - Brandon, Fl
- Schools Attuned Program-All Kinds of Minds-Subject Path Specialist
 - Dr. Mel Levine, New York
- Florida Qualified Arbitrator
 - Meah R. Tell, Esquire-Fl Supreme Court Approved Arbitrator Training
- Training in the Interdisciplinary Team Model of Collaborative Practice-May 2012
 - Barbara E. Kelly, PhD, Teresa F. Parnell, PsyD, Brenda London, Esquire, Audrey Simmons, CPA - Roadmaps to Resolution
- EMDR Trained Psychotherapist – EMDR Institute - Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing, Dr. Francine Shapiro

CONTINUING EDUCATION:

- AFCC 10th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations – Phoenix, Arizona-November 2012
 - Custody Evaluations and Risk Management, David A. Martindale, PhD, ABPP
 - Operationalizing the Best Interests of the Children Standard, Marvin W. Acklin, PhD, ABPP
 - Practical Ways to Apply Alienation Research in Custody Cases, Mike Saini, PhD, Leslie M. Drozd, PhD, Honorable R. John Harper.
 - Research and Practice: Gatekeeping, Linda Fieldstone, M.Ed, William G. Austin, PhD, Marsha Kline Pruett, PhD, MSL
 - Conducting a Substance Abuse Evaluation, Harry J. Somers, EdD.
 - Testifying in Child Custody Cases, Susan I. Tucker, MSW, Robin Tener, PhD, Donald J. Malarcik, JD

MEMBERSHIPS & ASSOCIATIONS:

- Collaborative Family Law Group of Central Florida – www.cfl-cfl.com
- AFCC-Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – www.afccnet.org
- Winter Haven Women’s Bar Association
- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts–Secretary 2009-2110 10th Judicial Circuit
- American Counseling Association

- American Association of Christian Counselors
- American Business Women's Association President Elect of the Winter Haven Network
- Polk County Association of Family Court Professionals – 10th Judicial Circuit
- Peacemaker Ministries - Conflict Coach
- All Kinds of Minds Schools Attuned Program- Subject Path Specialist
- EMDRIA – EMDR International Association

VOLUNTEER:

- Sensory Academy of Learning & Technology – Board of Directors
- Steering Committee Member – Polk County Veteran's Court-10th Judicial Circuit
- Central Florida Healthcare, Inc. - Board of Directors (previous member)
- Department of Corrections:
 - Life Skills Committee -Liaison with Prison Fellowship Ministries
 - Post Trauma Support Team
 - Student Mentoring Program
 - Female Offender Task Force
- Volunteer Co-Therapist for Court Ordered Male Juvenile Sexual Offender Group
 - Hope Counseling Centers, Lakeland, Fl
- Relay for Life Team Member
- Dominican Republic/Nicaragua Mission Team – Heartland Community Church