

## Alexandra Clarfield, PhD, QME LICENSED PSYCHOLOGIST (CA #25459)

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Curriculum Vitae

Psychologist License – California #25459 LICENSES

School Psychologist – New Mexico #273844 (Expired)

Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology, 1998 **EDUCATION** 

Temple University Psychology Department – APA Accredited

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Internship, 1994 - 1995

Colorado Mental Health Institute at Fort Logan – APA Accredited

Denver, Colorado

Master of Science in Social Psychology, 1989

Vanderbilt University Nashville, Tennessee

Bachelor of Science in Psychology, 1986

University of Missouri Columbia, Missouri

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE** 

Alexandra Clarfield, Ph.D., QME, 2012 - Present

Northern California Office locations

Private Practice Psychologist

Qualified Medical Examiner providing workers' compensation evaluations for the State of California Division of Workers' Compensation and disability evaluations for the California State Department of Social Services. Also an evaluator for the Federal Aviation Administration and California Board of Registered Nurses and formerly the Veteran's Administration. Provides immigration evaluations for immigration attorneys, and medical screening evaluations for orthopedic and bariatric surgeons. Available for attorneys, both plaintiff and defense, and insurance adjusters, for consulting, psychological evaluations, and expert witness testimony, in cases involving personal injury, employment issues, and psychological malpractice, and issues arising from alternative treatment modalities. Former subcontractor for California Department of Human Resources providing evaluations for applicants to California Highway Patron, Department of State Hospitals and State Parks for all

Peace Officer positions and dispatchers.

Summit Pain Management Institute, Auburn, CA, 6/2015 - 8/2016 *Rehabilitation Psychologist* 

A multidisciplinary pain management group consisting of physicians, a psychologist, and physical therapists with a primary population of chronic pain patients. Provided evaluations and assessments and conducted weekly educational classes in the Functional Rehabilitation Pain Program. A multi-disciplinary approach was emphasized. This position included focusing on Cognitive-Behavioral therapy with individuals, couples, and families and providing risk assessments for orthopedic surgeons, pain medication management, and updates to workers compensation.

LiveWell Clinic of St. Helena Hospital, Clearlake, CA, 2/2014 - 6/2015 Staff Psychologist

Provided full psychological services in this remote rural area with population with complex mental health and medical concerns. Many patients with trauma exposure, substance abuse history and on disability.

Department of Veterans Affairs, Oroville, CA, 8/2010 - 8/2012 Psychologist - Home Based Palliative Care (HBPC)

Provided a full range of behavioral medicine services to beneficiaries within the Department of Veterans Affairs Health Care System on a team providing Home Based Care for veterans with complex medical conditions. Functioned as the primary mental health provider of the HBPC team, providing mental health prevention, assessment, treatment, management, and professional consultation services. Autonomous responsibility for patients with a wide range of complex psychosocial concerns requiring a variety of treatment modalities. Provided professional assessment, coordination, and planning of all mental health disorders and ensured care was timely, appropriate, of high quality and cost effective. Patients included aging veterans with palliative care needs with PTSD, anxiety and mood disorders and/or end of life issues.

NES, Inc., US Army Base, Hohenfels, Germany, 10/2008 - 10/2010 *Contract Psychologist* 

Provided a full range of psychology services to beneficiaries within the Army Health Care System as a staff psychologist. This included psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy. Patients included active duty soldiers with PTSD, anxiety and mood disorders as well as family members and civilians employed on the base. Conducted military programming such as suicide prevention and pre- and post-deployment screenings. Conducted Chapter and other command referred evaluations. Planned, implemented, and evaluated activities performed within the Department of Behavioral Health. Population included children, adolescents and adults.

Alexandra Clarfield, Ph.D., Hood River, OR, 8/2005 - 10/2008 *Private Practice Psychologist* 

Generalist practice. Specialties included services for children, adolescents and their families. Provision of psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation and psychotherapy using brief therapy models. Provided individual, marital, family therapy.

Next Door Inc. - Klahre House, Hood River, OR, 7/2006 - 7/2007 *Clinical Supervisor* 

Provided a full range of behavioral medicine/health psychology services to adolescents in foster care placed in this Residential Treatment Center (RTC), including psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy. Planned, implemented, and evaluated activities performed within the RTC. Provided clinical guidelines for the selection of patients. Responsible for the supervision of paraprofessionals and of interns and social work students in the specialized area of adolescent psychology and brief psychotherapy models. Provided consultation to foster families responsible for implementation of interventions in the home setting. Population included teenagers with emotional and behavioral problems, trauma history, and some who were sex offenders.

PEI Tribal Services, Lummi Reservation, 8/2004 - 7/2006 *Clinical Supervisor* 

Responsibilities included provision of psychological services to Native American youth attending Lummi Tribal High School. Position required psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy, community outreach and agency collaboration, consultation with teaching staff and administration and family intervention. Supervision of master's level mental health providers was part of the position. Position required planning, implementation, and evaluation of activities. Brief psychotherapy and strength-based interventions were employed.

British Columbia's Children's Hospital, Vancouver, BC, 8/2002 - 8/2004 *Inpatient Staff Psychologist* 

Responsibilities included providing mental health services to youth with chronic illness and their families. Psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy, community outreach were required. Assessment, consultation with medical team and outpatient liaison services. Caseload consisted of children and teenagers with lupus, cystic fibrosis, Crohn's Disease and renal disease including kidney failure. Providing supervision to doctoral interns at this internship site was also part of the position.

Questa, Chama Valley and Dulce Independent School Districts, 12/1999 - 6/2002 Contracting School Psychologist/EASi School Psychologist

Responsibilities included psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, IEP planning, consultation with teachers and staff, individual psychotherapy with children receiving special educational services in these Hispanic rural and Native American Reservation school districts. Caseload consisted of students from K-12<sup>th</sup> grade with a wide range of emotional and educational needs including children coping with trauma and sexual abuse, chronic illness, hearing loss, developmental disabilities, learning disorders and behavior problems.

West Central Mental Health Center, Leadville, CO, 9/1998 - 10/1999 *Clinician* 

Responsibilities included psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy using Brief Psychotherapy treatment models. Patients with a wide variety of presenting symptoms including personality disorders, mood and anxiety disorders, and psychosis. On-call to provide emergency services such as suicide risk assessments in the jails and hospitals, and assessment for mental health hospitalizations for three counties alternate weeks and weekends. Population of children, adolescents, and adults.

Creative Cognitive Therapy, Albuquerque, NM, 9/1996 - 9/1998 & 10/1999 - 6/2001 *Clinician* 

Therapist in nursing homes and private practice office. In nursing homes, the position involved providing supportive cognitive and behavioral therapy to residents and their families as well as consultation with staff. Caseload consisted of frail elderly as well as persons with quadriplegia and chronic illness. Provided psychological assessment, psycho-diagnostic evaluation, and psychotherapy with this population. Planned, implemented and evaluated activities. Consulted with staff and family.

Sabbatical, Albuquerque, NM, 9/1995 - 9/1996 *Completing Doctoral Dissertation* 

Philadelphia Child Guidance Center, Philadelphia, PA, 8/1992 - 8/1993 *Psychology Practicum Student* 

Responsibilities included inpatient based assessment of children and adolescents in this agency specializing in intensive family therapy. Administered full assessment batteries to assist with treatment and discharge planning. Active member of treatment team behind one-way mirror. Population of low income inner city families.

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Temple University, 1992 - 1994

Graduate Instructor

For junior/senior level courses Abnormal Psychology and Theories of Personality. Responsible for all phases of teaching including preparation and administration of lectures, selection of materials and assignments, construction of examinations, and the assignment of course grades.

## EDITORIAL ACTIVITIES

Guest reviewer for the Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology, 1992

# ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Assessment of California Highway Patrol Candidates – POST, 2015

Understanding Autism Spectrum Disorders - UC Davis Extension, 2012

Historical Trauma and Native Americans - Joyce Gonzalez, 2012

Sensorimotor Psychotherapy – Professional Training for Treatment of Trauma - Pat Ogden, 2010 - 2011

EMDR for Combat Trauma - Dr. Elisha Hurley/Dr. Steven Silver, 2009

### **ASSOCIATIONS**

California Psychological Association

California Society of Industrial Medicine and Surgery

Sacramento Valley Psychological Association

National Association of School Psychologists (Previous)

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

Efran, Jay S. and Clarfield, Leslie E. (1993). "Context: The fulcrum of contextualist psychotherapy." Journal of Cognitive Psychotherapy: An International Quarterly. Vol. 7 N 3, 171-180.

Efran, Jay S. and Clarfield, Leslie. E. (1992). "Constructionist Therapy: Sense and Nonsense." In K. Gergen and S. McNamee (Eds.) Social Construction and Therapeutic Process. Sage Publications.