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FORMALE EDUCATION

Doctor of Clinical Psychology (PsyD)
Sept 2007
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Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne FL 32901

Internship in Professional Psychology
Sept 2007
(APA Accredited)

Clemson University
Redfern Health Center
Clemson SC 29631

Masters in Clinical Psychology (MS)
Dec 2005
(APA Accredited)

Florida Institute of Technology
150 W University Blvd
Melbourne FL 32901

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology (BA)
May 2003
Minor in Sociology

Concord College
Athens WV 24712

LICENSURE

North Carolina License 3997
Alabama License 1503

Active
Inactive (due to military PCS to NC)

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Clinical and Forensic Psychology
Amy D. James, PsyD PLLC
1 June 2013 – Present

New Bern, NC

Provides clinical and forensic psychological services as a direct consultant to local Department of Social Services regarding parenting capacity and child protection evaluations. Provides court ordered evaluations and assessment services in the areas of parental capacity, child protection, competency to handle medical and financial affairs, guardianship, capacity to proceed, mitigating factors, capacity, mental status at the time of the offense, child custody, military fitness for duty, sex offender recidivism, and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Has testified in District, Superior, and

Federal Courts (NC) as well as military Courts Martial. Appointed an expert witness as well as expert witness evaluator in multiple NC district, superior, and federal courts. Provides clinical therapeutic services including evidence-based treatments for adults and children in individual and family settings. Treatment specialty areas include: military/deployment related PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, aspergers disorder, anxiety, depression, and ADHD. Meets NC GS requirements for parenting coordinator services.

Owner and Chief Executive Officer/Clinical and Forensic Psychological Service Provider Carolina Behavioral Health Innovations, PLLC New Bern, NC
1 Aug 2011-1 June 2013

Provided clinical and forensic psychological services as a direct consultant to Craven and Carteret County Department of Social Services regarding parenting capacity and child protection evaluations. Provided court ordered assessments for Jones and Onslow Counties. Provided court ordered evaluations and assessment services in the areas of parental capacity, child protection, competency to handle medical and financial affairs, capacity to proceed, waiver of miranda warning, child custody, and general psychological assessment and recommendations. Provided disability evaluations for Social Security Disability as well as Veterans. Provided Vocational Rehabilitation Evaluations.

Provided clinical therapeutic services including evidence-based treatments for adults and children in individual and family settings. Treatment specialty areas include: military PTSD, military adjustment, military family issues, Aspergers disorder, anxiety, depression, and ADHD.

Executed and organized daily operations of outpatient mental health services. Engaged in daily practice management, financial operations, quality assurance, and process improvements ensuring 100% compliance with HIPPA and managed care companies. Tracked provider productivity and ensures state of the art delivery of services. Provided comprehensive psychological and behavioral health assessments and treatments for multitude of presenting problems and diagnoses.

Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention and Treatment (ADAPT) Program Manager Active Duty USAF Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Supervised implementation and administration of the Air Force's 2nd busiest ADAPT program, serving an active duty population of over 4.5k. Completed over 77 substance abuse evaluations and 1700 hours of direct patient care ranging from education to intensive outpatient. Developed outcome metrics for analyzing long-term program success. Developed and implemented educational prevention and outreach services for 4500 active duty population. Secured 9k in grant funding, developed programs targeting individuals affected by a loved one's substance use, an Air Force first. Supervised two certified alcohol and drug abuse counselors and three mental health technicians in assessment/treatment of substance abuse patients. Trained technicians on substance related treatment. Educated Commanders and 1st Sgts about risk factors and identifying problematic drinking behavior. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

Completed sanity boards (military equivalent of competency to stand trial/capacity to proceed), Commander Directed Evaluations/Fitness For Duty. Medical disability evaluation boards.

Mental Health Element Chief/Deputy Flight Commander Active Duty USAF Seymour Johnson AFB, NC
Sept 2009 – Aug 2011

Named "Critical Officer" by Installation Commander for excellence in leadership and directorship of the operations of the mental health clinic. Identified systemic problems with mental health clearance of recruits and Airmen leading to early separation due to mental illness or personality disorder/conduct problems. Pushed Wing/CC to pressure Air Force Medical Operation as well as Surgeon General of the Air Force to look deeper into the problems. Problem identification lead to appointment as a critical member of the Airman's Task Force, an leadership organization developed by the 4th Fighter Wing to enhance Airman quality of life and identify Command interest items and solution.

Identified problems with Air Force records management, developed a talking paper for Air Force medical headquarters, AF wide policy changed. Named outstanding clinician and company grade officer “shining star” for superior leadership. Supervised 5 licensed mental health providers and 7 mental health technicians. Provided direct service through comprehensive psychological evaluations and treatment, individual and group therapy, commander directed evaluations, fitness for duty determinations, and personality/ cognitive assessments. Directed compliance with DoD Instruction regarding proper administration and treatment of positive PDHRA screens. Awarded Meritorious Service Medal.

Traumatic Stress Response Team – Team Chief
Active Duty USAF
Sept 2009-Dec 2010

Seymour Johnson AFB, NC

Appointed by Installation Commander as the expert on the psychological effects of trauma. Trained and lead TSR team in providing intervention and services following traumatic events on base, in community, and during deployment. First responder to base suicides. TSR members included mental health team, airman and family readiness, and chaplains.

Director of Psychological Health/Deputy Flight Commander
Active Duty USAF
May 2008-Aug 2009

Keesler AFB, MS

Directed 100% of outpatient mental health services while providing solid leadership for 25 providers and 18 support staff. Interviewed and selected providers from provider pool for open positions. Secured funding for psychological testing services for the student branch clinic which ensured expeditious evaluations and recouped 400 man-hours and \$100k annually. Executed the behavioral health optimization program and developed productivity standards in family practice and internal medicine, resulting in a 35% increase in comprehensive behavioral health services to over 56k beneficiaries, saving \$325k per year in network referrals. Optimized commander directed evaluations for 6 local military treatment facilities, resulting in a 50% increase in service efficiency and 100% compliance with health services inspection. Overhauled provider templates, which lead to a 35% increase in access to care and provider productivity.

Hand-selected consultant to Wing Commander and Medical Group Commander for issues relating to the psychological health of the wing. Provided mental health education/prevention to base at large, statistics and data analysis of mental health trends affecting base, program development and management. Leadership secured 2009 “AETC Behavioral Health Flight of the Year” award, increased access to care by 30%, increased patient satisfaction 40% and provider satisfaction 25%. Awarded Air Force Commendation Medal.

Chief, Mental Health Clinic
Active Duty USAF
May 2008-Aug 2009

Keesler AFB, MS

Executed and provided direct oversight of the clinical operations of second largest mental health clinic in the USAF which serviced over 28k beneficiaries. Ensured compliance with HSI/JC/PS standards. Clinically supervised eight mental health providers ensuring state of the art mental health treatment and high return to duty rate. Consultant to medical group regarding high interest patients, joint clinical operations and behavioral health concerns. Provided command consultation, physician consultation. Provided individual, couples, and group therapy as well as comprehensive psychological assessments. Effectively supervised and managed 15 mental health providers and 10 mental health technicians. Engaged in direct conflict resolution with patients, providers and staff, as well as commanders and civilian personnel. Developed productivity standards that ensured timely, efficient, and acute delivery of services.

Staff Clinical Psychologist
Active Duty USAF
Oct 2007-May 2008

Keesler AFB, MS

Provided individual, couples and group therapy. Consultant to commanders and physicians. Completed comprehensive psychological assessments. Oversaw medical readiness training to ensure all active duty members are trained for peacetime and wartime missions.

FORMAL FORENSIC EDUCATION AND CONTINUING EDUCATION

- Risk Assessment for Adult Sexual Offender Recidivism*** Sep 2017
Global Institute of Forensic Research
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers
- Bringing the Opiate Crisis into Focus: Parenting Decisions in the Family Court*** May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Boston
- Protecting Children Using Collaborative Family Law Principles*** May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Boston
- Assessing Allegations of Interpersonal Violence in Custody Evaluations: Revised Forensic Model*** May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Boston
- Introducing a Methodology to Assess Parenting and Guide Interventions*** May 2017
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Boston
- NC Parenting Coordinator Training*** Nov 2016
Center for Cooperative Parenting
UNC Chapel Hill
- The Roles and Responsibilities of a Psychologist in Crisis/Hostage Situations*** Feb 2016
Scott W. Allen, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans
- Campus and School Violence Threat Management*** Feb 2016
Kris Mohandie, Ph.D ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans
- Providing Psychological Consultation on Homicides*** Feb 2016
Mark Zelig, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology - New Orleans
- NC Gang Free - Academy*** Aug 2015
Hosted by NC Gang Investigators
Pinehurst, NC
- Brief Child Forensic Evaluations in Cases of Alleged Abuse*** May 2014
Mark D. Everson, Ph.D
Nancy Berson, MSW, LCSW

Wake AHEC

- Assessing and Managing Violence Risk*** May 2014
Mary Alice Conroy, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Criminal Competencies*** May 2014
Christopher Slobogin, J.D., LL.M.
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Test-Based Evaluation of Feigning in Clinical Forensic Assessments*** May 2014
Richard Frederickson, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Improving Clinical Judgment and Decision Making In Forensic Psychological Evaluation*** May 2014
Randy K. Otto, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – San Diego
- Introduction to Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations*** February 2013
Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Law School Crash Course*** February 2013
Craig R. Lareau, J.D., Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Advanced Issues in Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations*** February 2013
Philip Stahl, Ph.D., ABPP
American Academy of Forensic Psychology – New Orleans
- Consultation in Child Protection*** June 2012
Susan C. Esquilin, Ph.D., ABPP
American Psychological Association Online Academy
- Sanity Board Training and Forensic Supervision*** Jan 2008-Nov 2009
Lt Col. Mark Hinton MD
Col Kevin Blakely, Ph.D
United States Air Force – Keesler AFB, MS
- Introduction to Forensic Psychology and Advanced Placement Practicum*** 2005-2006
Psychological Affiliates – Dr. Deborah Day
Mitigating Factors, Criminal Competencies, Criminal Responsibilities Child Protection, Child Custody, Child Abuse and Neglect, Insanity Defense – Winter Park, FL
- Self-Study*** Ongoing
Criminal Competencies, Guardianship, Mitigating Factors, Psychological Consultation in Child Protection, Testamentary Capacity, Juvenile Capacity
- PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS PRESENTED:**
Clinical versus Therapeutic Services - What You Need And When - Craven County Bar Association
November 2016
- Threat Investigation and Violence Risk Assessment for Schools
Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools
April 2016
- Risk factors, Prevention, and Resiliency (Mental Health, Gang Involvement, and Substance Abuse)

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools
December 2015

Forensic versus Therapeutic Services Training - Craven County Bar Association October 2014

Evaluation of Parenting Capacity / Evaluation of Allegations of Abuse and Neglect - Onslow County
Department of Social Services
August 2014

Consultation and Forensic Assessment in Child Protection - Carteret County Department of Social
Services
July 2014

Psychological Consultation in Child Protection - Craven County Department of Social Services May
2012

Assessment of Parenting Capacity - Pitt County Department of Social Services May 2014

TENDERED AS AN EXPERT WITNESS:

Federal Court (Greenville NC)

District Court (Beaufort County, Carteret County, Craven County, Jones County, Lenoir County, Onslow
County, Martin County, Pender County, Pitt County)

Superior Court (Hyde County, Forsyth County, Craven County, Onslow County)

United States Courts Marital (US Air Force, Seymour Johnson AFB and Kessler AFB)

APPOINTMENTS:

Governor's Task Force on Safer Schools - Appointed for 2-year term, expiring October 2017

Lead: Threat Assessment Focus Group Co-Chair: Subcommittee on Substance Abuse and
Gangs

MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

North Carolina Psychological Association