

Heidi Dawn, PsyD

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PROFILE

Licensed Clinical Psychologist with extensive experience working with diverse clinical populations. Specialties include therapy and assessments in English and Spanish, developmental, educational, and forensic assessments/evaluations, as well as therapy for the range of psychological presentations children or adults may experience in the course of lifetime. Modalities include individual, couples, child, family, and group therapy. Administrative experience includes supervising and training multidisciplinary clinicians and administration of programs (human resources, budgeting, training, supervision, program development and oversight). Clinical supervision conducted with both Masters and Doctoral Level therapists. **Specialties:** Addiction & Dual Diagnosis; Psychosocial Rehabilitation; Assessment & Evaluation; Administration & Clinical Supervision; Expert Testimony; Cultural Competency; Inpatient/outpatient.

EXPERIENCE

Private Practice | USA | 2017 – present

Licensed Clinical Psychologist

Both private practice & contractor with Columbia Psychological Services: includes psychological assessment, treatment planning and short & long term therapy using evidence based interventions. English and Spanish.

Department of Juvenile Justice | SC | 8/2018 – present

Psychologist I- Supervisor, Division of Rehabilitation Services

Develops and implements psychological services (primarily evaluation and consultation) for youth involved with SC Department of Juvenile Justice. Reviews evaluations completed by subordinate staff and provides administrative and clinical/ support/supervision to subordinate staff. Provides administration and interpretation of psychological tests and measures; prepares reports and provides expert testimony in Family Court as required by attorneys or judges. Provides consultation to DJJ staff regarding youth involved with DJJ. Participates in DJJ treatment planning and management; consults in cases of youth with special needs (e.g. mental health or developmental issues) or regarding problematic issues/cases. Provides training to DJJ staff to assist in their understanding and management of issues related to juvenile delinquency or managing cases more effectively. Performs other related duties as required, including crisis management counseling and other counseling services.

SKILLS

Clinical Inpatient/Outpatient
Clinical Supervision & Training
Program Administration
Program Development
Human Resources
Employee/Staff Development

EXPERTISE

Assessment/ Evaluation
(psychoeducational & forensic)
Treatment Planning/Implementation
Motivational Interviewing
Dual Diagnosis & Addiction
Cultural Competency
Crisis Intervention

LANGUAGES

English, Spanish

LICENSES/REGISTRATIONS

South Carolina: Psychologist #1528
North Carolina: Psychologist #5430
California Psy 17115 |Costa Rica #8952| National Register #54385
NPI 1952812752|CAQH 14200439

CONTINUING EDUCATION

& REFERENCES:

References and continued education courses received and given as a provider, available upon request.

Private Practice | Nosara, CR | 2007 – 2018

Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Guiones Medical Clinic

Adults, adolescents and children. Family, couples, and/or individual treatment and psychological evaluations. English and Spanish. Broad-based clinical practice of therapy and evaluations serving both the Costa Rican and international expatriate population. Referred by local schools for educational and developmental assessments. Crisis Intervention Volunteer: Security & Bomberos (Firefighters).

Community Research Foundation (START Program) |

San Diego, CA | 1996-2005

Program Director, New Vistas Crisis Center

Duties included supervisory and administrative tasks pertaining to program performance including personnel (recruiting, hiring, training, performance and discipline for multi-disciplinary staff and intern team). As well as all fiscal and contract responsibilities; program development, accountable for all clinical work with severely and persistently mentally ill adults in short-term residential treatment (“START” program is in-patient psychiatric hospital alternative). Performed other administrative and supervisory tasks as needed and served on and/or chaired several company committees on a variety of topics. Served as a clinical supervisor for MSW and doctoral level intern students and staff accruing clinical hours towards LCSW and clinical psychologist licensing requirements. Program is a not-for-profit. Obtained 3000+ post-doctoral supervised hours as Registered Psychologist during post-doctoral fellowship/period. CRF has 34+ programs and is the largest contracting agency in San Diego’s County Mental Health system.

The Center | San Diego, CA | ‘95-‘96

AID’s Response Program, Psychological Intern

Duties included brief psychotherapy with individuals, couples and groups impacted by or infected with HIV or AIDs. Treatment consisted of assessments, treatment planning, treatment and advocacy with LGBT clients.

Rady’s Children’s Hospital | San Diego, CA | ‘95-‘96

Center for Child Protection, Psychological Assistant

Duties: long-term psychotherapy & play therapy with English & Spanish-speaking children, adolescents, and groups: all impacted by, or victims of sexual and/or physical abuse. Full treatment plans & diagnoses were developed for each client. Full psychological testing batteries were conducted.

EYE Counseling & Crisis | Escondido, CA | ‘93-‘94

Hidden Valley House & Crisis Component, Practicum Intern

Duties included providing crisis hotline services, facilitating domestic violence group treatment for women, facilitating psycho-education groups for a women’s shelter child population, and providing short-term psychotherapy to individuals and families in crisis.

EDUCATION

Alliant International Univ.

(CSPP), San Diego, CA

— *PsyD, MA*

Clinical Psychology

Mount Holyoke College,

South Hadley, MA

— *BA*

Psychology

Universidad de Costa Rica,

San Jose, Costa Rica

— *BA, MA, PsyD.*

Psychology (reconocimiento)

PROJECTS /AWARDS

*SCDJJ Reform Task Force: 2019; DJJ SORA workgroup; Waiver workgroup

*Crisis Intervention Volunteer: Security & Bomberos (Firefighters) organization, Nosara, CR 2005-2018

*San Diego County Board of Supervisors: CRF Day: STARTs providing outstanding clinical treatment to underserved San Diego populations.

*Merit Incentive Raises: CRF 1997-‘04

*Tiny Spark’ award for: Director of New Vistas: outstanding program contribution to community mental health services in San Diego County, 2002

*American Psychiatric Association Gold Award: STARTs; 2001

*Accreditation for STARTs: CARF, 2001 and 2004

*IAPRS Certification

*Accreditation of New Vistas as National Health Service Corps site

VOLUNTER EXPERIENCE

Fundacion Becas, Del Mar Academy |
Nosara, CR | 2008-2017

Founding Director of non-profit foundation. Fundraising, application and selection process, volunteer training and supervision of scholarship program (funding, allocation and fundraising), coordination with school’s/DMA Board, Becas/ Scholarship student matriculation and parent liaison.