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Education

Texas Wesleyan University - Ph.D. in Marriage and Family Therapy, 2022

Dallas Baptist University - Master of Arts in Counseling, 2009

Accelerated Christian Education Academy - 2006

Trained to implement home schooling curriculum for Spanish-speaking students in private school in Mexico City, Mexico.

Texas State Board of Education - Teaching Certificate for Special Education (K-12), 2001

Texas State Board of Education - School Counseling Certificate (EC-12), 2011

University of Texas at Arlington - Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, 2000

Licenses/Certificates

Synergetic Play Therapy Certification Program with Lisa Dion - Certified Synergetic Play Therapist - Effective May 13, 2025

Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors - Licensed Professional Counselor - Supervisor, Effective 2014

Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors - Licensed Professional Counselor, License # 65449, Effective 07/21/2011

Certified Level II Restoration Therapist - Completed Level II Intensive with Dr. Terry Hargrave in August of 2017

Texas State Board of Education - School Counseling Certificate (EC-12), Effective 01/29/2011

Texas Department of Assistive and Rehabilitative Services - Early Intervention Specialist - Fully Qualified, License # 10-4289, March 2010

Accelerated Christian Education Academy - 2006

Trained to implement homeschooling curriculum for Spanish-speaking students in private school in Mexico City, Mexico.

Texas State Board of Education - Teaching Certificate for Special Education (K-12), 2001

Relevant Clinical and Teaching Experience

SACRED SPACE COUNSELING CENTER, PRIVATE PRACTICE/SUPERVISION, 2015

- CURRENT - Provide individual, couple, play, and family therapy utilizing Restoration Therapy and well as Synergetic Play Therapy. Conduct groups as needed for sexual abuse survivors, trauma, and abuse. Provide supervision of Licensed Professional Counselor Associates and practicum students

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DALLAS BAPTIST UNIVERSITY, ADJUNCT PROFESSOR IN MASTER OF ARTS IN COUNSELING PROGRAM, DALLAS, TX, 2025 - CURRENT - Teach Marriage and Family Therapy; Preparing student workshops and faculty CEUs on Restoration Therapy, Narrative Therapy, Solution Focused Therapy, and Synergetic Play Therapy

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR, CHRIST COUNSELING MINISTRIES, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, 2023-2024 - Provided therapy for individuals and couples through a Restoration Therapy lens; provided therapy for children through a non-directive and synergetic play therapy lens; provided clinical oversight for the work of 4 student therapists; lead out in efforts to ensure the agency was compliant with required paperwork and documentation

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES, RED RIVER HOSPITAL, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, 2023 - Provided clinical oversight to 5 Behavioral Health and/or COPSD units within the psychiatric hospital; Managed a team of 6 to 8 clinicians in providing direct care services to 100+ child, adolescent, adult, and geriatric psychiatric patients

REGIONAL DIRECTOR, BAIR FOUNDATION: CHILD AND FAMILIES MINISTRIES, CARROLLTON, TEXAS, 2018-2019 - Partnered with the State Director to provide oversight to 6 offices across the State of Texas; Oversee compliance to Minimum Standards as well as Council of Accreditation Standards; Managed growth as evidenced by development of new foster families as well as development of contractual agreements with outside agencies that would expand services to lesser served regions; Ensured quality of care as evidenced by the implementation of best practices in the clinical treatment of children in care

DIRECTOR OF CLINICAL SERVICES, CHILDREN FIRST COUNSELING CENTER, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, 2017-2018 - Responsible for on-boarding, training, and clinical supervision of a clinical team of 17; Assessed agency processes and procedures and provide guidance to realign with current industry standards; Recruited and oriented 7 to 10 undergraduate and graduate level students to provide administrative and / or counseling services each semester; completed daily chart reviews to ensure ongoing treatment and documentation are clinically appropriate; monitored team's compliance with ethical agency guidelines; compiled data for monthly/annual reports to board of directors as well as funding sources; prepared/presented presentations for community organizations seeking information on services; advised non-clinical executive director on best practices; responsible for team building activities

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CLINICAL LEAD, BEHAVIORAL HEALTH CONNECTIONS, DALLAS, TEXAS, 2016

– 2017 - Responsible for on-boarding, training, and clinical supervision of a team of 55 psychiatric mobile assessors; completed daily chart reviews to ensure documentation and level of care recommendations are clinically appropriate; monitored team's compliance with credentialing requirements of contracted hospitals; compiled data for monthly reports; submitted bi-weekly payroll

LICENSED PROFESSIONAL COUNSELOR SUPERVISOR, CHILDREN FIRST

COUNSELING CENTER, GRAND PRAIRIE, TEXAS, 2008 – 2018 - Counseled at risk children and adolescents; provided family counseling; facilitated sexual abuse support group for teens as well as positive parenting class for adults (2008-2014); supervise Practicum Students and LPC Interns (2013-2018); Provide counseling services for children, adolescents, couples, and families (2017)

CLINICAL CARE MANAGER, BEACON HEALTH OPTIONS, IRVING, TEXAS, 2016 -

Interfaced telephonically with Beacon healthcare providers to efficiently review needs of members in crisis and facilitate access to appropriate levels of care; engaged telephonically with members to assess emergent needs and provide appropriate referrals; continually reviewed the custom array of services contracted with individual Beacon accounts in an effort to comply with negotiated processes and procedures

SCHOOL COUNSELOR, IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, IRVING, TEXAS, 2010 – 2016 - Counseled students and respective parents; facilitated conflict resolution; developed and facilitated counseling groups for at risk populations; provided crisis intervention services and appropriate community referrals; developed partnerships with community members to address ongoing student needs

MOBILE CRISIS COUNSELOR, UNIVERSAL HEALTH SERVICES, DALLAS, TEXAS, 2013 – 2016 - Provided psychiatric assessments and community referrals for patients seeking psychiatric care; coordinate care through appropriate funding agency

EARLY CHILDHOOD INTERVENTION SPECIALIST, DALLAS, TEXAS, 2009 – 2010 - Provided case management, service coordination, and direct developmental services for families of children with disabilities (0 to 3 years of age)

SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER, IRVING INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, IRVING, TEXAS, 2001-2006 - Developed Individual Education Plans and documented progress; maintained open communication with parents and therapists to provide consistent care

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HOUSE PARENT, ALL CHURCH HOME FOR CHILDREN, FORT WORTH, TEXAS

1999-2001 - Worked with children ages 5 to 18 developing care plans and monitoring individual progress; maintained consistent communication with parents and therapists

HOUSE PARENT, HAPPY HILL FARM ACADEMY, GRANBURY, TEXAS, 1998-1999 -

Worked with children ages 5 to 18 developing care plans and monitoring individual progress; maintained consistent communication with parents and therapists

CASE MANAGER, AMERICAN HABILITATION SERVICES, WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS, 1996-1998 - Partnered with clients to find solutions to everyday obstacles faced while participating in community; assisted families in locating community resources

Publications

Cawthon, H. M. & Smith, B. M. (2019). Supervision in marriage 2019 and family therapy. In L. Metcalf (Ed.), *Marriage and family therapy: A practice-oriented approach* (pp. 401-436). New York, NY: Springer.

Cawthon, H. M. & Smith, B. M. (2023). The marriage and family therapist in times of crisis. In L. Metcalf (Ed.), *Marriage and family therapy: A practice-oriented approach* (pp. 527-548). New York, NY: Springer.

Presentations

TRAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL - ANNUAL PARENT FORUMS (2006 - 2010)

- Transitioning to 6th Grade in Style
- 8-Week Positive Parenting Series
- Helping Your Child Overcome Test Anxiety

TRAVIS MIDDLE SCHOOL - ANNUAL TEACHER TRAININGS (2006 - 2010)

- Suicide Prevention Begins with You
- Child Abuse Reporting Guidelines for Teachers

RESTORATION THERAPY: RHYTHMS OF PEACE OR PAIN (2018)

Family Therapy Symposium, Texas Wesleyan, Fort Worth, TX

PLAY THERAPY THROUGH THE EYES OF A RESTORATION THERAPIST (2018)

University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, TX

FLIP THE BRAIN: TRAUMA AND CONNECTION (2020 - 2022)

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AN EXPERIENTIAL TRAINING FOR SUICIDE ASSESSMENTS (2022)

Texas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (TAMFT)

PATIENT-CENTERED CARE (2023)

Red River Hospital Multidisciplinary Staff Trainings

RESTORING IDENTITY AND SAFETY IN EDUCATION (RISE) (2024)

Training/Ongoing Staff Support for Denver Alternative Education Program during the 2024-2025 school year