

PROFESSIONAL REGISTRATION

07/2010 – Current

Licensed Mental Health Counselor

05/2008 – 07/2010

Florida Department of Health Registered Mental Health Counselor Intern

EDUCATIONAL EXPERIENCE

12/2010

Walden University

Current PhD student in Counselor Education and Supervision with a Forensic Mental Health Counseling specialization. All coursework and internship completed; dissertation in progress *“The Experience of Counselors Working with Clients that have Intellectual Disabilities”*

12/2007

Capella University

Master of Science in Human Services with a Mental Health Counseling specialization

09/2001

Georgia Southern University

Bachelor of Science in Psychology

06/1996

Williamsville North High School

High School Regents Diploma

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

04/2020 – Present

BetterHelp

Contract Therapist

Provide telehealth counseling for clients within the state of Florida. Pursuant to emergency orders, provided telehealth to clients outside Florida during COVID-19. Maintain a caseload of 5-8 clients specializing in LGBT concerns, depression and anxiety, as well as adjustment disorders and concerns due to quarantine and the COVID-19 virus.

04/2019 – Present

Forward Paths Foundation

Psychotherapist

Provide mental health counseling and crisis intervention for homeless youth aged 16-24 currently housed in the transition program through Forward Paths. Weekly counseling is provided as well as on-call crisis intervention. Maintain a caseload of 10-15 clients, as well as providing group sessions on specific topics related to homelessness and coping skill development.

06/2000 - Present

Easter Seals Camp Challenge

**Director of Camping & Recreation/Camp Director/Seasonal Staff/
Volunteer**

Act in various capacities in a camping setting serving adults and children with disabilities. Seasonal positions as lifeguard/waterfront director 2000-2002, respite counselor during monthly weekend respites 2000-2004, volunteered during both summer camp and off-season in programming, facility maintenance, and the farm beginning in 2000 and continuing through to the present; helped to raise funds coordinate volunteers for camp-improvement projects throughout the facility. Provided mental health support and crisis counseling during the 2009 camping season as part of fulfilling licensure requirement under Florida law. As a PhD Practicum student for the 2012 camping season implemented meetings and planning strategies prior to the start of camp to enhance programs and increase awareness of programming among Easter Seals' staff. Completed staff training on abuse reporting procedures, implemented processing groups with staff, providing crisis counseling for campers, and worked with caregivers, staff, and campers to manage problem behavior in the camp environment. November of 2012 became the camp director working year round in an administrative capacity. August of 2018 title expanded to Director of Camping and Recreation to include year-round programming in respite care, the additional of day camp programming, and vocational-rehabilitation based job training.

10/2008 – 01/2014

Larry E. Shyers, PhD and Associates

Psychotherapist

Provide mental health counseling for individuals, couples, and families. Specialize in working with children and families involved with the legal system as a result of divorce, alleged abuse, and other court-related matters. Maintain a caseload of approximately ten clients per week. Conduct Social Investigations pursuant to Florida Statute 61.20.

04/2008 – 05/2009

LifeStream Behavioral Center
Children's Clinical On-Site Services

Advanced Clinician

Responsible for providing assessment, treatment planning, and therapeutic intervention for children within the Lake County School system. Worked in conjunction with school personnel to develop individualized treatment plans for each client. Maintained a case load of approximately twenty children who had been diagnosed with a mental health disorder and identified as needing behavior therapy.

05/2004 – 01/2008

Lake Sumter Children's Advocacy Center

Forensic Interviewer/Child Counselor

Provided forensic interviews at the request of law enforcement and the Department of Children and Families to children who had been alleged

victims of sexual and/or physical abuse. Completed forensic interviews and crisis counseling with over 350 children and provided counseling interventions to 40 children. Conducted extended forensic evaluations with alleged victims of sexual abuse. Worked to develop the Animal Assisted Therapy program to provide additional support to clients receiving services within the agency.

09/2003 – 05/2004

LifeStream Behavioral Center

Behavioral Specialist

Facilitated a day treatment group of ten seriously and persistently mental ill adult clients, utilized crisis intervention skills to effectively deescalate clients' inappropriate behavior, implemented a peer counseling support group, met with clients one-on-one to discuss concerns and personal issues, appropriately documented all services to clients.

Emergency Evaluator

Conducted evaluations with clients who presented at the psychiatric hospital under Florida's Baker Act law or voluntarily for admission. Worked independently to make initial diagnosis and manage client behaviors.

10/2002 – 09/2003

Florida Department of Children and Families
Lake County Service Center

Family Services Counselor

Provided detailed case management for children actively involved with the foster care system. Managed a caseload of approximately 25 children, attended to the individual needs of each child; including mental health services, court proceedings, family visitation, and the reunification process. Worked with local agencies in the coordination of services for children and families.

ADVANCED TRAINING

06/17/2004

Florida Network of Victim Witness Services – 27th Annual Conference
New York State Forensic Interviewing Best Practices
Eileen Tracey, PhD
8 Hours

06/24/2004

Animal Assisted Therapy
ALLEGRA Learning Solutions
3 Hours

11/16/2004

Seminole County Child Protection Conference
Advocates Assisting Children and Youth who Witness Violence
JoeAnn Fletcher
Munchausen Syndrome by Proxy
Dr. Matthew Seibel

	<p>Physical Abuse Investigation <i>Special Agent Terry Thomas</i> 8 Hours</p>
04/05/2005	<p>Marion County Children’s Advocacy Center – 4th Annual Conference Child Victim Interviewing <i>Special Agent Terry Thomas</i> Horses Help <i>Dr. Marilyn Sokolof</i> 8 Hours</p>
05/09/2005	<p>NCAC Academy Online Interviewing Preschool Children <i>Linda Cordisco Steele, Med, LPC</i> 3 Hours</p>
08/27-28/2005	<p>A Comprehensive Look at Animal Assisted Therapy <i>Therapist</i> 11.5 Hours</p>
09/06/2005	<p>NCAC Academy Online Child Development 101 <i>Allison DeFelice, PhD</i> 2 Hours</p>
09/19-23/2005	<p>American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children Child Forensic Clinic <i>APSAC Faculty</i> 40 Hours</p>
10/29/2005	<p>Alachua County Children’s Advocacy Center – 6th Annual Conference Emotional Abuse – Interview and Assessment <i>Tom Roane, LMHC</i> 1.5 Hours</p>
04/21/2006	<p>NCAC Academy Online Developmental Perspectives on Sexual Behavior in Children and Adolescents <i>William Friedrich, PhD, BBP</i> 1 Hour</p>
05/31/2006	<p>NCAC Academy Online Forensic Interviewing Skills of Working with Child Abuse Victims with Cognitive and/or Communication Impairments <i>Nora J. Baladerian, PhD</i> 2 Hours</p>
06/07-09/2006	<p>Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers – 3rd Annual Multidisciplinary Training The Relationship of Adverse Childhood Experience to Adult Health: Turning Gold into Lead</p>

	<p><i>Dr. Vincent J. Felitti</i> 1.5 Hours</p>
10/23-25/2006	<p>National Children's Advocacy Center Forensic Evaluation Training <i>Linda Cordisco-Steele & Maribeth Thomas</i> 24 Hours</p>
05/09/2009	<p>American Red Cross Foundations of Disaster Mental Health <i>David Romano, PhD</i> 6 Hours</p>
04/21/2011	<p>Medical University of South Carolina An On-line Training Course for Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy <i>Daniel W. Smith, PhD</i> 10 Hours</p>
09/08/2013	<p>University of South Florida Introduction to the Baker Act <i>University of South Florida</i> 1 Hour</p>
03/19/2013	<p>CE Broker Ethics and Boundary Issues: Confidentiality 3 Hours</p>
03/25/2013	<p>CE Broker Child Abuse and Culture 5 Hours</p>
03/27/2013	
11/16-19/2013	<p>Triple Eagle Experiences Ropes Course Certification Training <i>Kevin Murphy</i> 40 Hours</p>
03/25-27/2015 02/10/2016	<p>CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 11 Hours Domestic Violence 3 Hours Laws and Rules of the Board 20 Hours General Education including Forensic Issues. Crisis Counseling, and Assessment of Eating Disorders</p>
03/10/2016	<p>CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 3 Hours Preventing Medical Errors 5 Hours Professional Ethics and Boundaries 7 Hours Domestic Violence</p>

	33 Hours General Educational including neurodevelopmental disorders and trauma screening
10/02-03/2016	CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 10 Hours General Education including trauma and psychopharmacology
02/11-13/2019	CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 36 Hours General Education including childhood sexual abuse and autism
03/25/2019	CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 30 Hours General Education including child abuse assessment and child and adolescent psychopathology
06/06/2019	Family Café Presenter <i>Camp as Respite</i> 1 Hour
01/27/2020	True Colors United LGBTQ Youth Homelessness 101 <i>Christa Price, LMSW</i>
03/20-24/2021	CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 30 Hours General Education including developmental disability and autism
3/21.2023	CE Broker Continuing Education for Licensure 30 Hours General Education

PRACTICUM/INTERNSHIP EXPERINCE

6/2007 – 12/2007	Master’s Internship Lake Sumter Children’s Advocacy Center 300 South Canal Street Leesburg, FL 34748 Provided clinical counseling to children that had been alleged victims of physical and sexual abuse. Worked with the families of alleged victims providing support services and education regarding victim rights and advocacy.
06/2012 – 08/2012	Doctoral Practicum Easter Seals Camp Challenge 31600 Camp Challenge Road

Sorrento, FL 32776

Worked with campers and camp counselors to ensure their well-being during a residential summer program. Provided crisis counseling to camper and staff coping with transition and adjustment issues related to the camp environment. Conducted training with staff on abuse reporting and behavioral concerns in campers.

10/2012 – 05/2013

Doctoral Internship

Larry E. Shyers, PhD and Associates
3750 Lake Center Loop
Mount Dora, FL 32757

Responsible for teaching course material related to treatment planning, crisis management and working with child clients to master's level students at Palm Beach Atlantic University. Created and utilize a grading rubric for course assignments. Provide supervision to students and post-maters individuals seeking licensure in Florida.

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

American Counseling Association

Member