

## **Lisa Strudgeon, Ed.S., M.Ed., LMFT, LMHC, RPT-S, LPHA**

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### **SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS**

- Over 25 years of experience developing, teaching, and facilitating students of various ages in a variety of settings, over a variety of topics and subjects. Individuals from elementary age to adults, from music and performance to child abuse, computer skills, and interpersonal skills.
- Over 15 years of experience in a variety of mental health and psychoeducational settings providing individual and group counseling, play therapy, family therapy, teaching, facilitation, case management, consultation, and community outreach. Medicaid provider of mental health services.
- Over 30 years of experience in childcare settings, including elementary schools, daycares, and the non-profit sector.
- Experience and skills in working with adults, youth, and families in crisis and ongoing care, including issues of child abuse, parenting, adolescence, grief and loss, divorce, substance abuse, suicide, human trafficking, and violence.
- Compassionate client-centered approach coupled with transpersonal values. Experience in team building, specialized training and study in play therapy, child sexual abuse, dissociative identity disorder, and filial therapy.
- Qualified as an expert witness in a variety of court settings in the 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit of Florida, including determining the impact of children testifying in open court, since 2012.
- Qualified Supervisor with the State of Florida to provide supervision of Clinical Interns for LMFT or LMHC. Qualified Supervisor with the Association for Play Therapy to provide supervision for clinicians working toward their Play Therapist Registration (RPT-S for RPT).
- Over 15 years of working in the business sector with a national company (United HealthCare), providing training to customer service representatives, and business process analysis to senior management. Provided specialized reporting and analysis information.

### **EDUCATION**

**Education Specialist & Master of Education in Counselor Education -** May 2009  
Marriage & Family Therapy, Mental Health Counseling  
University of Florida – Gainesville, Florida

**Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education** January, 1991  
University of Missouri – St. Louis, Missouri

### **LICENSE & CERTIFICATION**

Medicaid Provider, #014565400	March 24, 2015
Qualified Supervisor, State of Florida, MT 2617 and MH10810	June 9, 2014
Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, # MT 2617 (Florida) #4101007105 (Michigan)	November 8, 2011
Licensed Mental Health Counselor, #MH 10810	June 10, 2011
Registered Play Therapist, Association for Play Therapy, #T1905	December, 2011
Registered Play Therapist Supervisor, Association for Play Therapy, #S1733	June, 2014
National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC)	April, 2009
Victim Service Practitioner Designation	June, 2013
Teacher Certification – PCI in Elementary Education Grades 1 – 8, Missouri (lapsed)	1991
Teacher Certification – PCI in Social Studies Grades 4 – 8, Missouri (lapsed)	1991
National Provider Identification #1942569579	May, 2012

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Adjunct Professor.** Department of Social Sciences and Counseling, **St. Thomas University, Miami, FL.**  
**May 2015 - present**

Introduction to Play Therapy, Marriage and Family Therapy Internship

- Create course for the Social Sciences and Counseling Department.
- Instruct course for 10 – 12 graduate-level students annually.

**Adjunct Professor.** Substance Abuse Counseling Program, **University of Cincinnati, Cincinnati, OH.**  
**May 2009 - present**

Child Abuse & Neglect.

- Create and develop child abuse and neglect course for the Substance Abuse Counseling program.
- Instruct course biennially for up to 120 students each semester. Manage up to two teaching assistants while facilitating the course.

Childhood Trauma & Recovery

- Develop childhood trauma & recovery course for the Substance Abuse Counseling program.
- Instruct course biennially for up to 50 students each semester. Manage a teaching assistant while facilitating the course.

Children's Rights & Protective Services

- Develop children's rights and protective services course for the Substance Abuse Counseling program.
- Instruct course biennially for up to 50 students each semester. Manage a teaching assistant while facilitating the course.

**Adjunct Professor.** Department of Social Sciences, Palm Beach State College, West Palm Beach, FL.  
**May 2016 – December 2020**

Counseling and Interviewing

- Create course in counseling and interviewing microskills for the Social Sciences Department.
- Instruct course for 25 – 30 undergraduate students each biennially.

Introduction to Human Services

- Facilitate course in introducing 15 – 30 undergraduate students to the field of Human Services and Social Services for the Social Sciences Department each semester.

**Teaching Assistant.** Counselor Education Department, University of Florida, Gainesville, FL.  
**August 2008 – December 2008**

Facilitated group discussions and supervised acquisition of skills and knowledge pertaining to group dynamics, interpersonal communication, and beginning counseling skills for course entitled "Introduction to Counseling".

**Instructional Designer, Training Specialist.** United HealthCare - St. Louis, Missouri  
**August, 1996 – November 2000**

- Designed, developed, and implemented training programs for up to 100 new and 300 experienced employees on a variety of system applications, product knowledge, and interpersonal skills.
- Performed Needs Assessments to create customized training programs for groups of 2 – 50 employees.
- Evaluated and reported statistical data on numbers of participants, cost-benefit analyses, and training effectiveness.

**Teacher, Music Teacher.** St. Peter Catholic School, St. Kevin Catholic School  
**August 1995 – May 1996**

## CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

### **Therapist, Lisa Strudgeon, LMFT – West Palm Beach, FL, and Saginaw, MI**

**October 2015 - present**

Provide clinical mental health therapy services for private practice clients in the Palm Beach County area and Saginaw, Michigan area, including referrals from Childnet.

### **Supervisor Therapy Services, Community Partners – West Palm Beach, FL**

**October 2015 - present**

Provide clinical and administrative supervision and oversight for up to 12 therapists, including contracted and licensed providers. Duties include responsibility for all aspects of the therapy services provided by team members, including hiring and disciplinary actions. Additionally, supervisors provide direct services to primary and secondary clients during the intake and assessment process.

### **Therapist, Center for Child Counseling – West Palm Beach, FL**

**February 2015 – October 2017**

Provide contracted mental health therapy services for adults, children, and families. Provide supervision of clinical and registered interns at the Center.

### **Victim Services Coordinator, Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – Gainesville, FL**

**November 2012 – December 2014 (no break in employment – see “Therapist” CAC)**

This is a senior, advanced professional position providing clinical supervision, clinical evaluation, therapy and consultation services. Duties included responsibility for all aspects of the CAC Advocacy Program. Specifically, this position supervised all CAC advocate/case managers and provided direct services to primary and secondary victims of physical abuse, sexual abuse and severe neglect. Duties included assessment, case management, staffings, court accompaniment, treatment planning, provision of therapy, maintenance of case files, training and participation in multi-disciplinary teamwork.

### **Drug Counselor, Metamorphosis – Gainesville, FL**

**June 2012 – October 2012**

Provided group therapy, crisis intervention, crisis counseling, and coordination of services for 20 – 30 clients at this residential drug and alcohol recovery facility, on a temporary basis.

### **Therapist, Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – Gainesville, FL**

**August 2009 – December 31, 2014**

Provided individual, group, and family therapy to a caseload of 25- 30 clients weekly; including issues of ungovernable behavior, school related problems, runaway issues and/or truancy, suicide/suicidal ideation, abuse & neglect, trauma, and crisis intervention. Engaged in brief, intermediate, and long-term therapy with clients, using a variety of modalities, such as non-directive play therapy, client-centered, gestalt, trauma-focused cognitive behavioral therapy, Parent-Child Interaction Therapy (PCIT), and transpersonal therapy. Screened and determined eligibility of clients interested in services. Participated in weekly individual supervision. Facilitated an ongoing 10-week psychoeducational group for non-offending caregivers of sexually abused children. Facilitated ongoing 10-week psychoeducational groups for sexually abused children and teens. Presented psychoeducational information for community partners (University of Florida students, partnering agencies, etc.) regarding abused and neglected children. Provided training, mentoring, and support for clinical practicum and internship students. Coordinated services through consultation with area school staff and community partners for families in the community. Maintained and tracked information pertinent to grants and funding for the therapy program. Completed grant and funding reports and invoices in a timely manner. Participated in related training seminars. Appeared in court to testify and advocate for children in family court and criminal court.

### **Therapist (Clinical Intern), Child Advocacy Center, Inc. – Gainesville, FL**

**August 2008 – August 2009**

Provided Counseling and therapeutic play services for abused and neglected children and their families. Managed all paperwork and caseload for 12-15 clients weekly, including court-ordered therapy clients. Received weekly

individual and group supervision which focused on case presentations, therapist issues, case conceptualization, professional issues, therapeutic issues, and treatment considerations. Co-facilitated an ongoing 10-week psychoeducational group for non-offending caregivers of sexually abused children.

**Counselor (Practicum), Alachua County Crisis Center – Gainesville, FL  
May 2007 – December 2007**

Provided crisis and suicide intervention for individuals and families utilizing a team approach. Maintained a caseload of 12 – 15 clients weekly. Engaged in brief and intermediate length counseling with individuals, couples, and families addressing issues such as suicide and suicide prevention, sexual abuse, substance abuse, marital issues, personality disorders, dissociative identity disorder, living with disabilities, and stage-of-life adjustment problems. Manned suicide hotline and participated in crisis team on-call shifts.

### **Court Appearances**

Adjudicatory Hearing, Case #01-2010-CF-004586-A - Provided testimony regarding the impact of the child victim testifying in open court. January 14, 2014.

Evidentiary Hearing, Case #01-2013-DR-2542 – Provided testimony regarding the effectiveness of play therapy with children under the age of four. December 18, 2013.

State of Florida vs. Heagney, Richard William, Case # 2011 CF 004455 A - Provided testimony regarding the impact of the child victim testifying in open court. May 9, 2013.

Adjudicatory Hearing, Case #01-2011-DP-001041 - Provided testimony regarding the impact of the child victim testifying against his mother, the alleged perpetrator, in open court, June 1, 2012.

Adjudicatory Hearing, Case #01-2009-DR-002641 – Provided testimony regarding the impact of the child victim testifying in the presence of the alleged perpetrator in open court, June 17, 2011.

### **Publications**

Play Therapy Magazine, Book Review (Janet Courtney’s Infant Play Therapy) 2021.

Tang, C., (2018). Children and Crime , Rowman & Littlefield, New York. (*Reviewer*).

Play Therapy Magazine, Book Review (Eliana Gil’s Play Therapy for Severe Psychological Trauma) 2017.

The Playroom as Crucible, in Play Therapy Magazine, March 2013,  
[http://www.mlppubsonline.com/article/The\\_Playroom\\_As\\_Crucible/1320626/147368/article.html](http://www.mlppubsonline.com/article/The_Playroom_As_Crucible/1320626/147368/article.html)

McCoy, M., and Keen, S., (2014). Child Abuse and Neglect, 2<sup>nd</sup> Ed. Psychology Press: New York. (*Reviewer*).

Play Therapy Magazine. Junior Editor. January 2014 – present.

### **Media Appearances**

HOME: Living in Greater Gainesville, “Child Advocacy Center – Taste of Gainesville” Fall 2014,  
<http://homemagazinegainesville.com/child-advocacy-center/>.

WUFT-FM Front Page Edition of All Things Considered, April 11, 2013, Sexual abuse awareness, <http://www.wuft.org/frontpage/april-11-2013/> (13:00 – 18:00).

The Ilene Silverman Show, Play Therapy awareness, 2008.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE

### **Board Member (Music Coordinator). Gainesville Community Playhouse, Gainesville, FL**

July 2008 – June 2011

Attend bi-monthly board meetings, provide governance, policy development and oversight for the Gainesville Community Playhouse. Serve on various committees and assist in developing programs, as needed.

### **Adjunct Counselor (Volunteer position). Alachua County Crisis Center, Gainesville, FL**

January 2009 – August 2009

Provided crisis phone support and on-call support for care teams (crisis intervention and support in the field for individuals in crisis).

### **Volunteer. Robertson Center Domestic Violence Shelter, St. Charles, MO**

2002-2004

Organized and distributed donated toiletries, fielded incoming hotline phone calls, maintained records.

### **Volunteer. St. John's Mercy Medical Center, St. Louis, MO**

1996-1997

Visited children in the Children's Ward, cleaned and sterilized items in the playroom.

## PROFESSIONAL TRAINING

Integrated Attachment Informed Model: An Introduction. FAPT (Presenter: Angela M. Cavett, Ph.D.), Telehealth/Zoom (Contact Hours). 5/14/2021.

Compass LGBT Cultural Competency Training, Compass Telehealth/zoom. 5/3/2021.

Treatment and Documentation Guidelines for Providers, Centene Corporation. 3/10/2021.

Motivational Interviewing – Understanding the Key Concepts. Florida Atlantic University. 3/19/2021.

Risk Assessment, Suicide Prevention, and Telehealth Considerations and Practices. 10/16/2020.

Incorporating Evidence-Based Practices in Treating Young Children with Disruptive behaviors. 10/14/2020.

Risk Management: Malpractice Cases and Claims Against Professional Counselors. American Counseling Association. 10/3/2020.

COVID-19 and Telebehavioral Health: Ethical Considerations During a Public Health Emergency. American Counseling Association. 10/3/2020.

DBT: Dialectical Thinking and a Brief Foundational Overview. 9/29/2020.

Strategic Family Therapy. Palm Beach County Youth Services Department. Telehealth (Zoom). 9/23/2020.

Unlocking the Creative Potential of Play Therapy Supervision: A Developmental Approach. Presented by Christina Villarreal-Davis and Renee Turner, Sponsored by Wellspring of Life Counseling and Play Therapy Center. Telehealth (Zoom). 9/18/2020.

Our Community Gathers: A Conversation with Counselors about Mental Health in 2020. Telehealth Conference (Zoom). American Counseling Association. 9/17/2020.

Structural Family Therapy. Palm Beach County Youth Services Department. Telehealth (Zoom). 9/16/2020.

Healing Invisible Wounds: Working Through Past Sexual Trauma in Relationships (Ep. 100P). Clearly Clinical. 9/6/2020.

The Role of Psychopharmacology in Child and Adolescent Mental Health Care. 5/6/2020.

Telehealth for Mental Health Professionals: 2-day Distance-Therapy Training. PESI. 4/9/2020.

Promoting emotional regulation in children: Evidence-based practices. 4/8/2020.

Non-Suicidal Self-Injury, Centene Corporation, January 29, 2020.

Positive Psychology – Clinical Tools for Providers, Centene Corporation, January 22, 2020.

Trauma and Brain Science, US Department of Justice *online*, November 19, 2019.

Everything is Connected: Developmental Trauma and Caregiver Self-Care in Foster and Adoptive Settings - University of South Florida *online*, November 12, 2019.

Helping Children at Times of Stress and Trauma - University of South Florida *online*, November 12, 2019.

LGBTQ 101 - University of South Florida *online*, November 12, 2019.

Supporting Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Questioning and Gender Diverse Youth in Out-of-Home Care - University of South Florida *online*, November 12, 2019.

Practical Strategies for Connecting with and Managing Behaviors - University of South Florida *online*, November 12, 2019.

What's New in the Drug Market? University of South Florida *online*, November 10, 2019.

It Only Makes Cents: Our Children, Their Financial Future - University of South Florida *online*, November 10, 2019.

How Foster Parents Can Teach Independent Living Skills – Building A Healthy, Wealthy Future - University of South Florida *online*, November 10, 2019.

Helping Substance-Exposed Children, University of South Florida *online*, November 10, 2019.

Brain Development of Children, Children's Services Council, February 11, 2019.

Florida Mental Health CE Requirements for License Renewal (Medical Errors, Ethics & Boundaries), Program Services, online, February 6, 2019.

Florida Laws and Rules for LCSW, LMFT and LMHC License Renewal, Program Services, online, February 2, 2019.

Play Therapy Dimensions Model: A Decision-Making Guide for Therapists, Association for Play Therapy, Online, February 6, 2019.

Florida CANS Mental Health 1.0, The Praed Foundation, December 21, 2018.

iSupervise – Using Technology in Supervision, Association for Play Therapy, online, May 31, 2018.

Using the Socratic Method in Counseling: A Guide to Channeling Inborn Knowledge, Walden University, presented online by Kimberly Nelson, 3/31/18.

Motivational Interviewing, presented by Anne-Marie Rodewald of Cenpatico, sponsored by Community Partners, December 11, 2017.

CANS -Trauma Comprehensive, The Praed Foundation, October 25, 2017.

Finding A Life Worth Living: Values Work with Acceptance and Commitment, The Alliance for Eating Disorders Awareness, August 25, 2017.

Annual Trainings, presented online by Relias (Fire Safety, Incident Reporting, Sexual Harassment, Cultural Diversity, Corporate Compliance, Drugs in the Workplace), June 12, 2017.

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services, presented by Advanced Mental Health Training Institute, West Palm Beach, FL, June 8, 2017.

DCF Annual Trainings (2017 HIPAA Training, 2017 Security Awareness Training), provided online by the Department of Children and Families Training and Development, May 22, 2017.

Florida Mental Health CE Requirements for License Renewal with Domestic Violence One, presented online by Karen Smith/Program Services Continuing Educaiton, March 7, 2017.

Developmental Sexuality, presented by Richard Siegel, sponsored by Palm Beach County Youth Services Department Residential Treatment & Family Counseling Division Education and Training, March 1, 2017.

2016 HHS Modules 1-3 Training, presented online by Department of Children and Families Training and Development, November 17, 2016.

Motivation-Based Interviewing, presented by Hire Authority, July 1, 2016.

QPR Suicide Prevention, presented by Shauna Sexton/Children's Services Council, May 25, 2016.

Heartsaver First Aid CPR AED, presented by American Heart Association, April 22, 2016.

CTGWeb: An On-line Training Course for Using Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy with Childhood Traumatic Grief, presented online by Medical University of South Carolina and National Crime Victims Research and Treatment Center, December 30, 2015.

Co-Occurring Disorders, presented online by Relias Learning, December 27, 2015.

HIV/AIDS, presented online by Relias Learning, December 27, 2015.

Baker Act Training: Introduction to the Baker Act, presented online by Florida Department of Children and Families' Office of Substance Abuse and Mental Health, December 24, 2015.

Functional Assessment Rating Scale, presented online by Florida Department of Children & Families, November 13, 2015.

Children's Functional Assessment Rating Scale, presented online by Florida Department of Children & Families, October 27, 2015.

DCF HIPAA, Security Awareness, Deaf & Hard of Hearing, presented online by Florida Department of Children & Families, October 26, 2015.

Special Education/IEPs for Children with Attachment Trauma Webinar, presented by Attachment and Trauma Network, Inc., September 29, 2015.

2014 Issues in Supervision, presented by Program Services, May 29-30, 2014.

Baker Act Webinar, presented by ACE-Classes, November 16, 2013.

Victim Service Practitioner Designation, presented by the Office of the Attorney general, Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, Orlando, June 3 – 7, 2013.

Child Welfare Legal Training, presented by Partnership for Strong Families and Florida Department of Children and Families, Gainesville, May 29, 2013.

Security Awareness 2013, presented by State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Online, May 22, 2013.

Trauma-Informed Expressive Arts® and Play Therapy Interventions: Healing Trauma and Building Resilience through the use of Play Therapy. Presented by Cathy Malchiodi, sponsored by the Florida Association for Play Therapy, March 15 - 16, 2013.

Playful Supervision: Creative Play Therapy Techniques for Supervision, Building Relationships, and Skills. Presented by Jenn Pereira, sponsored by the Florida Association for Play Therapy, March 14, 2013.

When Faith Hurts: Investigating and Prosecuting Authority Figures of Faith, presented by The Child Advocacy Center Gainesville, Inc., February 27, 2013.

Child Abuse Investigations, presented by Kimberly's Center for Child Protection, February 27, 2013.

Legal Issues in Behavioral Health in Florida: Legal and Ethical Considerations, presented by Lois Fenner, sponsored by CMI Premier Education Solutions, February 14, 2013.



How to Be a Good Expert Witness, presented by National Institute of Justice, RTI International, and Forensic Science Education, January 22, 2013.

Substance Use and Abuse, presented by Russell Durrant with PsychoEducational Resources, January 5, 2013.

Family Violence in a Cultural Perspective, presented by Kathleen Malley-Morrison with PsychoEducational Resources, January 5, 2013.

How to Supervise People, presented by Fred Pryor Seminars, November 14, 2012.

Somatic Expressions of Trauma in Experiential Play Therapy, presented by Family Psychological Services P.C., November 6, 2012.

Positioning for Success in Family Services: Leveraging Our Experience and Embracing New Realities, A Strategic Seminar and Community Conversation, presented by Jack Levine, sponsored by The Partnership for Strong Families, Florida Guardian ad Litem Program, 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, CDS Family and Behavioral Health Services, and the Florida Department of Children and Families, October 5, 2012.

Commercially Sexually-Exploited Children, presented by Kristie's House, May 2 – 4, 2012.

The Infertility Experience, presented by American Counseling Association, February 29, 2012.

Work-Family Conflict and Career Development Theories: A Search for Helping Strategies, presented by American Counseling Association, January 30, 2012.

A Transcultural Integrative Model for Ethical Decision Making in Counseling, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

End-of-Life Care: An Overview for Professional Counselors, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Gender and Diagnosis: Struggles and Suggestions for Counselors, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Spirituality in Counseling: A Faith Development Perspective, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

The Process of Suicide Risk Assessment: Twelve Core Principles, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Adler, Theory and Practice, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Animal-Assisted Play Therapy: Canines as Co-Therapists, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Interviewing for Solutions, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Separation Anxiety: "Helping Children Feel Safe and Secure", presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

Thinking Differently About Loss and Grief in the 21<sup>st</sup> Century, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

The Imposter Phenomenon Among African American Women in U.S. Institutions of Higher Education, presented by American Counseling Association, December 5, 2011.

“If You Turned Into A Monster – Transformation Through Play: A Body-Centered Approach to Play Therapy”, presented by Association for Play Therapy, November 28, 2011.

Play in Family Therapy, presented by Association for Play Therapy, November 14, 2011.

The History and Development of Sandplay Therapy – Parts I & II, presented by Dr.Barbara Turner, November 13, 2011.

Play Therapy: Basics and Beyond, presented by Association for Play Therapy, October 31, 2011.

Play Therapy: An Introduction, presented by Association for Play Therapy, October 19, 2011.

The Legal Rights of Child Abuse Victims, presented by the Florida Crime Prevention Training Institute, Ocala, FL September 14, 2011.

Security Awareness 2011 Internet, presented by State of Florida Department of Children and Families, Online, June 9, 2011.

CPR & First Aid, presented by American Heart Saver, Child Advocacy Center, Inc., May 23, 2011.

Integrated Play Therapy with Abused and Traumatized Children, presented by Eliana Gil. April 15, 2011

So You Think You Are An Effective Clinician? Prove It!, presented by Florida State University, College of Social Work, March 24, 2011.

Healing Experience with the Brain in Mind: Play Therapy, Art, Sand and Clay, presented by Bonnie Badenoch, Orlando, FL March 18 – 19, 2011.

HIV/AIDS Update 2010, presented by Bayside Continuing Education & Development, February 23, 2011.

Domestic Violence 2011, presented by Bayside Continuing Education & Development, February 23, 2011.

Florida Laws and Rules, presented by Bayside Continuing Education & Development, February 15, 2011.

Medical Error Prevention in the Mental Health Field 2011, presented by Bayside Continuing Education and Development, online, February 15, 2011.

“Who Ate the Playdoh: An Introduction to Child-Centered Play Therapy through Process and Experience.” Presented by Jenn Pereira of KidWorks Counseling Services, Gainesville, FL February 5-6, 2011

Parent Child Interaction Therapy: Therapist Training Workshop, presented by Stephen Boggs, and Sheila Eyberg from the Department of Clinical and Health Psychology, University of Florida, September 27 – October 1, 2010.

TF-CBT Web: An Online Training Course for Trauma-Focused Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, presented by Medical University of South Carolina, August 12, 2010.

Sandtray Therapy: A Practical Approach for Therapists, presented by Linda Homeyer, Orlando, FL March 19 – 20, 2010.

Psychosocial Adaptation to Chronic Illness and Disability: A Primer for Counselors, presented by American Counseling Association, February 4, 2010.

Out of the Box: A Model for Counseling in the Twenty-First Century, presented by American Counseling Association, February 4, 2010.

Online Counseling and Electronic Records, presented by American Counseling Association, February 4, 2010.

Mastering the Art of Solution-Focused Counseling, presented by American Counseling Association, February 4, 2010.

Exploring Relational Aggression: Counseling Girls to Manage Conflict and Anger, presented by American Counseling Association, February 4, 2010.

The 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Child Advocacy Center Conference “A Community Approach to Child Protection: Multidisciplinary Team Building”, presented by Child Advocacy Center, Inc., November 13, 2009.

When Eagle Speaks: Counseling Native Americans, presented by American Counseling Association, September 15, 2009.

Florida Network of Children’s Advocacy Centers 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Multidisciplinary Conference on Child Abuse, presented by FNCAC, August 12 – 14, 2009.

Darkness to Light, presented by Georgia Center for Child Advocacy at the FNCAC 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference (see above), August 12, 2009.

Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training, presented by Alachua County Crisis Center and LivingWorks, July 14 – 15, 2007.

Protecting God’s Children, presented by the Archdiocese of St. Louis, MO, Fall 200??.

Curriculum Design, presented by Webster University, St. Louis, MO, Fall 1999

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND ORGANIZATIONS**

American Counseling Association (ACA), 2008 - 2012

National Board for Certified Counselors and Affiliates, Inc. (NBCC), member since 2009

Florida Association for Play Therapy (FAPT), member since 2009

Association for Play Therapy United States (APT), member since 2009

## **TECHNOLOGICAL SKILLS**

Microsoft Office Products (Word, Powerpoint, Excel, Access, Outlook)  
Bedford Accounting Software  
Registrar – Silton-Bookman’s registration and training management system  
NCAttrak – Proprietary reporting and tracking software for the National Child Alliance  
Valant – online medical records management system (Center for Child Counseling)  
Lauris – online medical records management system (Community Partners)  
Blackboard/Ember/Canopy/Canvas – online course management systems at universities/colleges.

## **PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS**

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy – Part 2 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, October 10, 2017.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy – Part 1 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, November 21, 2017.

Litz, L. Play Therapy Basics – Part 2 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, April 3, 2017.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy. Presented at Florida Atlantic University (class - Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents), Boca Raton, FL, March 22, 2017.

Litz, L. Play Therapy Basics – Part 1 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, February 27, 2017.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy – Part 2 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, February 23, 2017.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy – Part 1 (4 hours). Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, December 23, 2016.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy. Presented at Florida Atlantic University (class - Advanced Theory and Social Work Practice with Children and Adolescents), Boca Raton, FL, November 7, 2016.

Litz, L. Introduction to Non-Directive, Child-Centered Play Therapy. Presented at Community Partners – Riviera Beach, FL, May 6 – June 13, 2016.

Litz, L. Play Therapy: Questions and Answers. Presented at the Jadis Blurton Family Development Center – Kennedy Town, Hong Kong, February 20, 2015.

Litz, L., Calderon, A., & Socarras, K. Women who were Sexually Abused in Childhood. UF Department of Pediatrics, Child Abuse Prevention Program. Presented by Child Advocacy Center Gainesville, April 26, 2013.

Doane, B., Kitchens, S., Litz, L., & Socarras, K. Children in Court. 8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Brown Bag Dependency Meeting, Presented by Child Advocacy Center. July 23, 2012.

Lenes, E., & Litz, L., Introduction to Commercially Sexually-Exploited Children. PACE School for Girls, June 26, 2012.

Beckwith, S., Johnson, S., & Litz, L. Therapy with Traumatized Children. Counselor Education Department, University of Florida, November 17, 2010.

Beckwith, S., Johnson, S., & Litz, L. Therapy with Traumatized Children. 11<sup>th</sup> Annual “A Community Approach to Child Protection” Conference, November 12, 2010.

## REFERENCES

<b>Professional/Work</b>	
Sherry Kitchens, Ed.S., LMFT, Director Child Advocacy Center, Inc. P.O. Box 13454 Gainesville, FL 32604 352-376-9161	Lissa Friedman, Ph.D. 352-335-3692  Jenn Pereira, Ph.D. <a href="mailto:jpereira@argosy.edu">jpereira@argosy.edu</a>
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BRIAN C. RODGERS - ASA

December 15, 2014

Re: Lisa Litz, Ed.S., M.Ed., LMFT, LMHC

To Whom It May Concern:

I am very pleased to provide Ms. Lisa Litz with a reference in her effort to become a credentialed provider of mental health and play therapy services for your system. Ms. Litz and I worked well together as a part of a team seeking justice in many different cases in which children had been abused or neglected. Not only is Ms. Litz a kind, compassionate counselor and therapist for children who have been victimized, but also I could always count on her to provide professional, expert evaluations in advance of litigation.

Though we worked together on many cases, one case in particular provides an illustration of Ms. Litz's terrific professional performance. I was prosecuting a man for having sexually battered his six year old granddaughter. I was gravely concerned about this little girl's mental health and ability to testify if she were to be forced to appear in the presence of her grandfather, the defendant. I asked the girl's mother and grandmother to take her to be evaluated by counselors at the University of Florida. Those counselors were never able to speak to the girl because the mother and grandmother were distrustful of the process and the people, both at the university and my office. Indeed, at one point the mother threatened to move the girl away even if it meant contempt proceedings for her and the defendant going free without punishment. Fortunately, a colleague recommended Ms. Litz. I talked the mother and grandmother into giving Ms. Litz a try. Ms. Litz first made them feel comfortable with her and the process. In doing, Ms. Litz actually helped these folks to more fully embrace the fact that I was on their side and that I could be trusted to seek and deliver justice for their little girl. After first putting the mother and grandmother at ease, Ms. Litz evaluated and counseled the girl. She then provided expert testimony to the trial court, which served as the primary basis for a ruling that permitted that girl to testify both outside the presence of the defendant and with the assistance of a therapy dog. While I believe that I skillfully presented the evidence and argument to the jury, I am convinced that Ms. Litz's work played a significant part in the successful prosecution of that case. Just as importantly, Ms. Litz's expert services saved that little girl from further emotional trauma.

Please feel free to contact me anytime by telephone, email, or mail if you have additional questions regarding my professional experience with Ms. Litz. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brian C. Rodgers".

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December 18, 2014

Re: Lisa Litz, Ed.S., LMFT, LMHC, RPT

To whom it may concern,

It is my pleasure to write to you in recommendation of Lisa Litz, Ed.S., LMFT, LMHC, RPT. I have known Ms. Litz for several years, through her work at the Child Advocacy Center, in Gainesville, Florida. Ms. Litz has served many children within the child welfare system, and has always been responsive, professional, and helpful. Ms. Litz has proved herself as a respected member of our local Therapeutic community. In addition to her extensive work with children who have experienced severe trauma, Ms. Litz has worked closely with our agency to ensure that invoicing was completed accurately and timely. This included the use of our electronic invoicing system. Additionally, Ms. Litz was always available to answer questions, coordinate appointments, and work through logistical issues to ensure that every child in need of services was able to receive them.

Ms. Litz has been a pleasure to work with, and we wish her the best of luck with her future endeavors. Please feel free to call me if you have any additional questions.

Sincerely,



Justen Ostreicher  
Director of Utilization Management



Dr. Jennifer Pereira LMHC-S, RPT-S, CCPT-S  
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To whom it may concern,

It is my absolute pleasure to recommend Lisa Litz for your position. I have known Lisa for several years and am very familiar with her work ethic, professionalism, and clinical skills. Lisa was a supervisee of mine for over a year, and during that time I found her to be a professional, dynamic, and intuitive therapist. As a compliment to these characteristics, Lisa is also a very diligent and organized professional, who excels at management and coordination of schedules, services, and company processes. Lisa was an integral member of the Child Advocacy Center for several years both clinically and administratively, where she assisted in a number of capacities that allowed children to receive much needed services.

Lisa has always been such a pleasure to work with and I know she will make an excellent addition to your team. Please don't hesitate to contact me with further questions.

Regards,



Dr. Jenn Pereira