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### Highlights

- Over 20 years experience in the mental health field and 12 years as a Licensed Mental Health Counselor.
  - State and National Presenter in the area of Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse as well as Evaluation and Treatment Issues related to Children and Adolescents with Sexual Behavior Problems.
  - Since 2001, Primary Mental Health Treatment Provider for the Department of Juvenile Justice (DJJ) – Circuits 3 & 7 in the provision of treatment and evaluation services for juveniles with sexual behavior problems.
  - Former Clinical Director of a 24-slot day treatment program for Juveniles with Sexual Behavior Problems.
  - Former Director of Clinical Services of an 80-Bed residential treatment program for children and adolescent with general psychiatric problems and which included 21-beds dedicated to adolescent boys with sexual behavior problems.
  - Current CEO/President of the Village Counseling Center of Gainesville and the Clinical Director of the Sexual Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Program.
  - Founder and current Chair of the Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force – Florida, Circuit 8.
  - Responsible for the evaluation and treatment of hundreds of children and adolescents with sexual behavior problems.
  - Founder and current Chair of the Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force – Florida
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### Scheduled & Recent Presentations

**Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force.** DCF  
Office of Family Safety Dependency Summit 2009 State Conference. August 26-28, 2009.  
Orlando, FL. (Abstract Submitted, Awaiting Approval)

**Stop Sexualizing Our Children!**  
DCF Office of Family Safety Dependency Summit 2009 State Conference. August 26-28, 2009.  
Orlando, FL. (Abstract Submitted, Awaiting Approval)

**Stop Sexualizing Our Children!**  
National Adolescent Perpetrator Network (NAPN) 24<sup>th</sup> Annual/National Conference. Countering  
the Counterproductive. May 17, 18 & 19, 2009. Tampa, FL.

**Preventing Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**  
National Association for Social Work (NASW) – North Central Florida Chapter. April 16, 2009.  
Gainesville, FL.

**Preventing Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**  
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) 27<sup>th</sup> Annual/National Conference.  
Teamwork in Trying Times: Improving Our Response to Sexual Abuse. October 22-25, 2008.  
Atlanta, GA.

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**Scheduled &  
Recent  
Presentations**  
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**Intervention and Treatment Strategies to Prevent  
Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**

State of Florida Department of Juvenile Justice. August 2008. Lakeland, FL.

**Children with Sexual Behavior Problems (SBP).**

The University of Florida – The Child Abuse Prevention Project. June 2008. Gainesville, FL.

**Intervention and Treatment Strategies to Prevent  
Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**

Preventing Sexual Abuse: Advances in the Evaluation and Treatment of Youthful and Adult Sexual Abusers. Hillsborough County Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) and the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (FATSA). March 2008. Tampa, FL.

**Child Sexual Abuse: Preventing the Abused from  
Becoming Abusers.**

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Training Conference. Office of the State Attorney (8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit) & The Florida Network of Victim Witness Services. February 2008. Gainesville, FL

**Child Sexual Abuse.**

Numerous presentations for the University of Florida Department of Counselor Education. 2004 - 2007. Gainesville, FL.

**Children with Sexual Behavior Problems:  
Diagnosis, Treatment & Placement Issues.**

8<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Dependency Brown Bag Meeting. October 2007. Gainesville, FL

**Preventing Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**

8<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Child Advocacy Center. September 2007. Gainesville, FL

**Parenting Children with Sexual Behavior Problems.**

Foster Parent Training, Partnership for Strong Families. January & April 2007. Gainesville, FL

**Parenting Children with Sexual Behavior Problems.**

Foster Parent Training, Partnership for Strong Families. January 2007. Lake City, FL

**Preventing Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse.**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: A Community Approach to Child Protection. Child Advocacy Center. October 2006. Gainesville, FL

**Why Children Act Out Sexually.**

7<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference: A Community Approach to Child Protection. Child Advocacy Center. October 27, 2006. Gainesville, FL

**Why Children (ages 0-6) Act Out Sexually.**

One Goal: Building the Future Together: Putting Families and Children First. One Goal Statewide Summer Conference. July 2006. Tampa, FL

**Sexually Abused and Reactive Children in Foster Care.**

Partnership for Strong Families. Gainesville, Florida. February 2006

**Why Children Act Out Sexually.**

Child Advocacy Center - 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference. Gainesville, Florida. October 2005

**Issues Related to Inappropriate Child and Adolescent Sexual  
Behavior.**

National Association for Clinical Social Workers – Florida Chapter. Gainesville, Florida. October 2005

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**Current Licensure  
& Certifications**

**Licensed Mental Health Counselor – State of Florida**

Issued December, 1997 (MH 4473)

**Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Therapist**

All requirements met - July, 1998

**Forensic Examiner, State of Florida**

All requirements met - May, 2006

**Qualified Mental Health Supervisor – Florida**

All requirements met - February, 2000

**CEU Provider – State of Florida**

Approved February, 2005

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**Current  
Professional  
Associations**

**Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)**

1999 - 2002, 2007 – Present Date

Clinical Member

**Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers**

December, 2007 – Present Date

Clinical Member

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**Formal Education**

**Specialist in Education (Ed.S.) & Master of Education (M.Ed.)**

December, 1994

University of Florida

Gainesville, FL

Department: Counselor Education  
Therapy

Area: Marriage and Family

**Bachelor of Arts**

April, 1989

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

Major: Psychology

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**Current  
Contracts**

**Florida Department of Juvenile Justice**

2001 – Present Date

DJJ Probation Circuits 3 & 8

Services: Psychosexual Evaluations; Juvenile Sexual Offender Therapy, (Individual, Family & Group Therapy); Substance Abuse and Mental Health Assessments (SAMH-3); Anger Management/Conflict Resolution; Consultation; and Clinical Training.

**Partnership for Strong Families**

2007 – Present Date

Judicial Circuits 3 & 8

Services: Comprehensive Behavioral Assessments, Psychosexual Evaluations, Sexual Behavior Assessments, Specialized Individual, Family & Group Therapy for Children with Sexual Behavior Problems.

**Meridian Behavioral Healthcare Inc.**

2008 – Present Date

Agency-wide

Services: Clinical Consultation, Staff Development and Training in the area of child sexual abuse and child sexual behavior problems.

**Magellan Health Services**

2006 – Present Date

State of Florida

Services: Comprehensive Behavioral Assessments.

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**Board Membership  
& Volunteer  
Experience**

**Child-on-Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Task Force**  
Chairperson July 2008 - Present

**Partnership for Strong Families** Oct. 2007 – Present  
Voting Member, Adoption Review Committee

**Alachua County Children's Alliance** May 2007 – Present  
Volunteer Member

**Alachua County Crisis Center** 2007 - 2008  
Board Member, Friends of the Crisis Center

**Child Advocacy Center of Gainesville, FL** Feb. 2006 – Oct. 2006  
Member, Training Committee

**Association for Sexual Offender Providers (ASOP) - Florida**  
President 1999 -2000

**Alachua County Child Advocacy Center** 1999 -2001  
Board Member - Attended Board Meetings, Case Reviews and Planning Meetings

**Alachua County Crisis Center** 1992 - 1997  
Volunteer Consultant, Trainer and Phone Counselor

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**Professional  
Experience**

July, 2001 – Present Date Village Counseling Center (VCC)  
**CEO/Clinical Director**

- CEO & Clinical Director of the Village Counseling Center which is a for-profit and contracted mental health provider with several state, non-profit and private agencies to provide mental health assessments, treatment and consultation in seventeen (17) counties of North Florida.
- Direct all agency staff and services related to substance abuse & mental health assessments; psychosexual/amenability and comprehensive behavioral assessments; sexual abuse treatment; juvenile sex offender treatment; case management; clinical training and consultation; and adult, child, couples and family psychotherapy (outpatient program).
- Clinical Director, Sexual Abuse Prevention and Treatment (SAPT) Program, which provides intensive treatment to both children and adolescents who have demonstrated sexually reactive or offending behaviors and/or who have been sexually abused.
- Provide clinical supervision to supervisors and staff as well as mental health counselors seeking state licensure.
- Direct all contract negotiations and monitoring such as current contracts with the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice and Florida Department of Children and Families.
- Provide on-going training and consultation for VCC, outside agencies and within the community in a number of areas including: sexual abuse assessment and treatment, juvenile sexual offender treatment, group counseling, program and staff development, and clinical supervision.
- Direct CEU & Training Program.

August, 1996 – May, 2001 The ITM Group & Ted Shaw, Ph.D.  
**Associate Practitioner/Clinician**

- Provided outpatient treatment to sexually reactive children and adolescent sexual offenders in individual, group and family therapy.
- SAMH Program Coordinator & Supervisor- Coordinated the completion of all Substance Abuse and Mental Health (SAMH) assessments in a 4 county area.

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**Professional  
Experience**  
(Cont.)

March, 2000 – July, 2000

The Brown Schools of Florida

**Director of Clinical Services, Beverly Hills Residential Program**

- Assisted in the planning, development and licensure of a DCF state contracted 80-bed residential facility for males and females.
- Clinically directed all mental health related services that included specialized treatment for sexually reactive children, adolescent sexual offenders and youth having general psychiatric problems.
- Directly responsible for the supervision of approximately 40 staff including the Clinical Coordinator, Educational Coordinator, Activity/Recreational Director, Therapists, Teachers, Nursing Staff, Case Managers, Lead Counselors, Direct Care Workers, Support Staff, Drivers and Interns.
- Developed all clinical policies and procedures, forms and programming.
- Resigned from position to pursue private practice.

February, 1997 – March, 2000

The Brown Schools of Florida

**Founding & Executive Director, Alachua Threshold Program**

- Directed all program operations for a 24-slot day treatment and after school/outpatient juvenile sex offender program.
- Achieved "Deemed Status," one of the highest ratings by the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice Quality Assurance Board for two (2) consecutive years.
- Supervised program staff of 15 including the Clinical Coordinator/ Therapist, Educational Coordinator, Teacher, Case Manager, Lead Counselor, Direct Care Counselors, Support Staff, Drivers and Interns.
- Developed and successfully maintained an annual operating budget of approximately \$700,000.00.
- Developed all program policies, procedures, and school contracts and operations forms.
- Formed and supervised an Advisory Board that included representatives from numerous community agencies including: the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice, Alachua County School Board, North Central Florida AIDS Network, State Attorneys Office, Public Defenders Office, Gainesville Police Department, Alachua County Crisis Center, Victim's Advocate Program and the Alachua Family Psychiatry Center.
- Primary participant in the development of all program contracts and proposals with the Department of Juvenile Justice, Alachua School Board, Alachua Family Psychiatry Center and other local agencies.
- Coordinator of the local Brown School Adopt-a-Park Program and other community service projects.

June, 1998 – October, 1999

The Brown Schools of Florida

**Interim Director, Volusia Threshold Program**

- Interim Director of all program operations for a 24-slot day treatment and after school/outpatient juvenile sex offender program located in Daytona, Florida.
- Supervised program staff of 12 including the Clinical Coordinator/ Therapist, Teacher, Case Manager, Lead Counselor, Direct Care Counselors, Support Staff, Drivers and Interns.
- Completed a 360 degree evaluation of the program which included implementing program and staff changes at all levels.
- Directed the revision and development of all program policies, procedures, and school contracts and operations forms.
- Primary participant in the development of all program and educational contracts.
- Assisted in the hiring and training of a new Program Director as well as other staff.

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**Professional Experience**  
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August, 1996 to February, 1997      Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

**Lead Clinician, The Recovery Center**

- Lead Therapist for a 14-bed, substance abuse program for male adolescents under contract with the Department of Juvenile Justice and Florida Department of Children and Families.
- Supervised program staff of 15 including the House Manager, Lead Counselor, Direct Care Workers, Drivers and Interns.
- Responsible for coordinating and providing all counseling services and treatment programming for youth.

August, 1995 to April, 1996;

Dr. Paul Wheeler

August, 1996 to November, 1996

Private Practice

**Domestic Violence Counselor,  
Certified Batterer's Intervention Program**

- Led and co-facilitated weekly counseling groups for men charged with domestic violence offenses.
- Clinically trained and supervised by Dr. Paul Wheeler.

January, 1996 to August, 1996

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

**Coordinator, Adolescents Who Sexually Offend Program**

- Clinically trained and supervised by Dr. Ted Shaw, Former President of the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers.
- Coordinated outpatient services for youth admitted into the Adolescent Who Sexually Offend Program.
- Liaison between Meridian, Dr. Shaw and the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice.

January, 1995 to August, 1996

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Inc.

**Therapist, Child and Adult Brief Therapy Program**

- Provided assessments and outpatient treatment to adults and children with primary issues on ADHD, depression, family conflict and sexual abuse.

1990 to 1991

Charter Hospital of Miami

**Mental Health Technician**

- PRN/Part-Time employment on the Adolescent and Adult Units.

1988 to 1991

USF Psychiatric Hospital

**Mental Health Technician**

- Part-Time, then Full-Time employment on the Children's Unit, and Eating Disorder/Dual Diagnosis Unit.
- Program supervised by Dr. Pauline Powers, Psychiatrist.

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**Recent Trainings Attended**

**Teamwork in Trying Times: Improving Our Response to Sexual Abuse.**

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) 27th Annual/National Conference. October 22-25, 2008. Atlanta, GA.

**Preventing Sexual Abuse: Advances in the Evaluation and Treatment of Youthful and Adult Sexual Abusers.** Hillsborough County Sexual Abuse Intervention Network (SAIN) and the Florida Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (FATSA). March 2008. Tampa, FL.

**Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers 25<sup>th</sup> Annual Research & Treatment Conference.** September 27-30, 2006. Chicago, Illinois.

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**Formal Teaching  
Positions**

**Information Available Upon Request**

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**References**

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