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Education:

Pepperdine University; 11/00
Psy.D. degree in Clinical Psychology, APA accredited

California State University, Northridge; 6/85
M.A. degree in Clinical/Community Psychology

University of California, Los Angeles; 3/78
B.A. in Psychology, cum laude

Recent Presentations:

- **Serbia: University of Novi Sad.** Center for Shared Parenting Conference. The Return of Clinical Psychology to Court-Involved Custody Conflict. April 27 & 28, 2023.
- **American Psychological Association.** Empathy, the Family, and the Core of Social Justice. Childress, C.A. & Pruter, D. Paper Presentation at the APA National Convention, Division 24, 8/8/19; Chicago, Il.
- **Netherlands: Erasmus University Medical Center.** Attachment-Based Parental Alienation: Trauma Informed Assessment of Complex Family Conflict. Rotterdam, Netherlands; 2/25/19.
- **Dutch Ministry of Justice.** Invited meeting; 2/27/19.
- **Canada: Law Society of Saskatchewan.** Solutions for the Family Court and Professional Psychology; Saskatoon 11/20/18; Regina 11/21/18.
- **California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC).** Parental Alienation Testing, Orders, and Treatment in BPD/NPD Custody Proceedings. April 20, 2018; San Francisco, CA.
- **Pennsylvania: Legislature Briefing.** Pennsylvania State Legislature; House Children and Youth Committee. Solutions to High-Conflict Divorce in the Family Court. November 15, 2017; Harrisburg, PA (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1a1KbfsWIM>)
- **Massachusetts Legislature Briefing.** Massachusetts State Legislature. Grandparent and Family Alienation; Hosted by Representative Walsh. 5/31/17; Boston MA.
- **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC).** An Attachment-Based Model of Parental Alienation: Diagnosis and Treatment. Childress & Pruter, Presentation at the AFCC National Convention, 6/1/17; Boston, MA.

Professional Affiliations

- American Psychological Association
- Credentialed with the National Register of Health Service Psychologists

Employment History:

6/08 – Current: Private Practice

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Consultation and expert testimony with court-involved family conflict. Psychotherapy with adults, couples, children, and families. Specializing in attachment pathology, ADHD, child anger and impulse control problems, childhood trauma, family psychotherapy, marital therapy, and parent-child conflict.

10/06 - 6/08: Clinical Director

START Pediatric Neurodevelopmental Assessment and Treatment Center
California State University, San Bernardino
Institute of Child Development and Family Relations

Clinical director for an early childhood assessment and treatment center providing comprehensive developmental assessment and psychotherapy services to children ages 0-5 years old in foster care. The primary referral source for the clinic was Child Protective Services. Directed the clinical operations, clinical staff, and the provision of comprehensive psychological assessment and treatment services across clinic-based, home-based, and school-based services. The clinic was a three-university collaboration, with speech and language faculty and services through the University of Redlands, occupational therapy faculty and services through Loma Linda University, and psychology faculty and clinical staff through Calif. State University, San Bernardino.

5/03 – 10/06: Clinical Director

Fineman Consulting Group
Fire F.R.I.E.N.D.S. Juvenile Firesetting Intervention Program
Executive Director: Kenneth Fineman, Ph.D.

Through grants from the Department of Justice and FEMA, developed a comprehensive diagnostic assessment protocol for the mental health evaluation of juvenile firesetting behavior.

1/12 – 12/17: Faculty

University of Phoenix; Pasadena Campus; Ontario Campus

Courses taught: Child Development; Assessment and Treatment Planning; Advanced Diagnosis; Models of Psychotherapy; Counseling Psychometrics; Research Methods; Cultural Psychology

1/09 – 9/10: Faculty

Argosy University; San Bernardino Campus

Courses taught: Diagnosis and Psychopathology; Child and Adolescent Psychotherapy; Child Development

4/02 – 10/06: Pediatric Psychologist

Children's Hospital Orange County – UCI Child Development Center
Early Identification and Treatment of ADHD in Preschoolers
Director: James Swanson, Ph.D.

Served as the primary clinical psychologist on a joint CHOC-UCI project for early identification of ADHD in preschool-age children.

4/02 - 9/02: Research Associate

Children's Hospital Los Angeles
Principle Investigator: Ernest Katz, Ph.D.

Multi-site Children's Hospital study of remediation of attention deficits of children with cancer.

9/00 – 4/02 Postdoctoral Fellow

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Two-year post-doctoral fellowship. Specialty focus: ADHD; spina bifida; early childhood mental health

9/99 - 9/00 Predoctoral Psychology Intern – APA Accredited

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

Rotations: spina bifida, early childhood preschool consultation

9/98 - 9/99 Research Associate

UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute
Principle Investigator: Elisabeth Dykens, Ph.D.

Area: Cognitive functioning in Williams Syndrome. Test administration and coding of behavioral observation data

9/85 - 9/98 Research Associate

UCLA Neuropsychiatric Institute
Principle Investigator: Keith Nuechterlein, Ph.D.

Area: Longitudinal study of initial-onset schizophrenia. Received annual training to research and clinical reliability in the rating of psychotic symptoms using the Brief Psychiatric Rating Scale (BPRS). Managed all aspects of data collection and data processing.

9/80 – 9/85 Psychiatric Aide

Southern California psychiatric hospitals.

3/74 – 6/78 Crisis Counselor

Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center

Crisis telephone counselor and supervisor for Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Hotline.

Divorce Training

Certificate Program: Certification in Divorce Mediation. Conflict Resolution Training, Inc. 2/24/16 – 2/27/16. Susan Deveney, Instructor

Early Childhood Training:

Certificate Program: Parent-Infant Mental Health: Fielding Graduate University, 1/14/08; 1/15/08.

Early Childhood Diagnostic System: *DC:0-3R Diagnostic Criteria*: Orange County Early Childhood Mental Health Collaborative.

Early Childhood Diagnostic System: *DMIC: Diagnostic Manual for Infancy and Early Childhood*. Interdisciplinary Council on Developmental and Learning Disorders: assessment, diagnosis, and intervention for developmental and emotional disorders, autistic spectrum disorders, multisystem developmental disorders, regulatory disorders involving attention, learning and behavioral problems, cognitive, language, motor, and sensory disturbances.

Early Childhood Treatment Intervention: *Watch, Wait, and Wonder*: Nancy Cohen, Ph.D. Hincks-Dellcrest Centre & the University of Toronto.

Early Childhood Treatment Intervention: *Circle of Security*: Glen Cooper, MFT, Center for Clinical Intervention, Marycliff Institute, Spokane, Washington.

Recent Seminars Taken

The Advanced Master Program on the Treatment of Trauma. National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine – 12-hour online course.

Complex Trauma: Bessel van der Kolk. How the Body Keeps Score: Intensive Trauma Treatment Course – 12-hour PESI seminar, online.

Dialectic Behavior Therapy (DBT): Dialectic Behavior Therapy Intensive Training; 12-hour PESI seminar, online.

Emotion Focused Therapy (EFT): Sue Johnson. Intensive Course in Emotionally Focused Therapy: Attachment-Based Interventions for Couples in Crisis; 12-hour PESI seminar, online

The Bowen Center: Emotional Cutoff: The Bowen Center for Study of the Family: 56th Annual Symposium on Family Theory and Family Psychotherapy. Dr Plimer “*Family Rifts and How to Mend Them: Findings from the Cornell Estrangement and Reconciliation Project*” – three-day symposium, Johns Hopkins University, MD; 11-7/19 – 11-9-19.

Book Publications:

Childress, C.A. (2018). *The Petition to the American Psychological Association*. Claremont, CA: The Childress Institute.

Childress, C.A. (2017). *Assessment of Attachment-Related Pathology Surrounding Divorce*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.

- Childress, C.A. (2017). *Strategic Family Systems Intervention for AB-PA: Contingent Visitation Schedule*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2017). *The Key to Solving High-Conflict Divorce in the Family Courts: Proposal for a Pilot Program in the Family Law Courts*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2016). *The Narcissistic Parent: A Guidebook for Legal Professionals Working with Families in High-Conflict Divorce*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2015). *An Attachment-Based Model of Parental Alienation: Foundations*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2015). *An Attachment-Based Model of Parental Alienation: Single Case ABAB Assessment and Remedy*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2015). *An Attachment-Based Model of Parental Alienation: Professional Consultation*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.
- Childress, C.A. (2015). *Essays in Attachment-Based Parental Alienation: The Internet Writings of Dr. Childress*. Claremont, CA: Oaksong Press.

Journal Publications

- Tamm, T., Swanson, J. Lerner, M.A., **Childress, C.** Patterson, B, Lakes, K., Nguyen, A.S., Kudo, M., Altamirano, W., Miller, J., Santoyo, R., Camarero-Morse, V., Watkins, J., Simpson, S., Waffarn, F., Cunningham, C. (2005). Intervention for preschoolers at risk for Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Service before diagnosis. *Clinical Neuroscience Research*, 5 (5-6) 247-253.
- Childress C.A. (2000) *Ethical issues in providing online psychotherapeutic interventions*. *Journal of Medical Internet Research*, 2(1):e5.
- Childress, C.A. (1999). *Interactive e-mail journals: A model for providing psychotherapeutic interventions using the Internet*, *Cyberpsychology and Behavior*, 2(3), 213-221
- Childress, C.A., & Asamen, J.K. (1998). *The emerging relationship of psychology and the Internet: Proposed guidelines for conducting Internet intervention research*. *Ethics and Behavior*, 8, 19-35.

“Parental Alienation” Seminars and Presentations Given:

- **Serbia: University of Novi Sad.** Center for Shared Parenting Conference. The Return of Clinical Psychology to Court-Involved Custody Conflict. April 27 & 28, 2023.
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- **Texas:** Certification Seminars for the Houston Pilot Program for the Family Courts. Attachment-Based Parental Alienation (AB-PA) May 22-24, 2018; Houston, Texas.
- **California:** California Association for Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors (CALPCC). Parental Alienation Testing, Orders, and Treatment in BPD/NPD Custody Proceedings. April 20, 2018; San Francisco, CA.
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(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A1a1KbfsWIM>)
- **Massachusetts:** Legislature Briefing. Massachusetts State Legislature. Grandparent and Family Alienation. Hosted by Representative Walsh. 5/31/17. Boston MA.
- **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Annual Convention.** An Attachment-Based Model of Parental Alienation: Diagnosis and Treatment. June 1, 2017. Boston, MA.
- **Master Lecture Series; California Southern University.** *Treatment of Attachment-Based Parental Alienation.* November 21, 2014; Irvine, CA. (available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=eZBJ3954mKw>)
- **Master Lecture Series; California Southern University.** *Theoretical Foundations of Attachment-Based Model of "Parental Alienation."* July 18, 2014; Irvine, CA. (available online at <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=brNuwQNN3q4>)
- **Virginia:** Family Law Reform Conference. Invited Panelist: *Parental Alienation and Domestic Violence.* Hosted by DivorceCorp. November 15-16, 2014; Alexandria, VA.

Professional Association Presentations Regarding Parenting

- Herrejon, E., Feeney-Kettler, K., Kettler, R., **Childress**, C., Kamptner, L., Lakes, K. (2007). *Multi-tiered Early Childhood Model of Service Delivery.* American Psychological Association Convention presentation.
- Marche Haynes, M., Lakes, K., **Childress**, C., Kamptner, L., Lilles, E. (2006). *Do SES, Race/Ethnicity, and Acculturation Predict Parenting Intervention Completion?* Western Psychological Association Convention Presentation.
- Grimes, L., Lakes, K., **Childress**, C., Kamptner, K., Simmons, S. (2006) *Impact of SES and Culture on Parenting Intervention Outcomes.* Western Psychological Association Convention Presentation.
- Kramer, L., Lakes, K., **Childress**, C., Kamptner, L., Grimes, L. (2006) *Parent Behaviors and Corresponding Child Prosocial Behaviors and Conduct Problems.* Western Psychological Association Convention Presentation.
- Lilles, E., Lakes, K., **Childress**, C., Kamptner, L., and Kramer, L. (2006). *Does SES or Ethnicity Predict Parent Use of Physical Punishment?* Western Psychological Association Convention Presentation.

Early Childhood Mental Health Seminars and Trainings Given:

- Early Childhood Intervention with “Behavior Problems” in the Preschool Classroom. San Bernardino Head Start Preschool Teacher Training Series (10/27/06; 11/3/06; 11/17/06).
- Early Childhood Intervention with “Behavior Problems” in the Preschool Classroom. San Bernardino West End SELPA Preschool Teacher Training Series (10/17/06; 11/7/06; 12/5/06).
- Early Childhood Intervention with “Behavior Problems” in the Preschool Classroom. San Bernardino West End SELPA Preschool Teacher Training Series (10/31/06; 11/14/06; 12/12/06).
- Early Childhood Intervention with “Behavior Problems” in the Preschool Classroom (5/5/06). Victorville Head Start. Victorville, CA
- Early Childhood Intervention with “Behavior Problems” in the Preschool Classroom. (11/12/04). National Association for the Education of Young Children Conference, Anaheim, CA
- Functional Behavioral Analysis and Positive Child Guidance with Preschoolers. (5/1/04). Westminster School District. Westminster, CA.
- Functional Behavioral Analysis with Preschool-Age Children - Seminar Series. (2/6/04; 2/13/04; 2/20/04). Irvine Unified School District. Irvine, CA.
- Functional Behavioral Analysis and Positive Behavior Management with Children. (12/3/03). Orangewood Preschool, Irvine, CA
- Early Childhood Working with “Problem Behavior” in the Preschool Classroom (10/31/03). Orange County Head Start; Teachers & Teacher Aides. Bren Events Center, University of California; Irvine, CA.
- Functional Behavioral Analysis and Positive Child Guidance with Preschool-Age Children. (10/17/03). Irvine Unified School District. Irvine, CA.
- Functional Behavioral Analysis with Preschool-Age Children - Seminar Series. (9/26/03; 10/17/03). Orange County Head Start Center Directors and Multi-disciplinary Teams. Orange, CA.

Internet Psychology Presentations Given

- **World Health Organization**, 2nd International Symposium on Psychiatry and Internet: Information – Support – Therapy. Invited presentation on *Ethical Issues in Online Psychotherapeutic Interventions*. 4/2002, Munich, Germany.
- **American Association for the Advancement of Science** and the Office of Protection from Research Risks, Conference on the Ethical and Legal Aspects of Human Subjects Research in Cyberspace. Invited paper presentation on *Privacy and Confidentiality Issues in Internet Research*. 6/1999, June. Washington, D.C.
- **American Psychological Association** Convention, Symposium on Using the Internet for Change: Online Psychotherapy and Education. J. Grohol (Chair): *The Potential Risks and Benefits of Online Therapeutic Interventions*. 8/1/98; San Francisco, CA.