

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## **Mindy Harrison, LCSW Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

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### **EDUCATION:**

Masters of Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, 2006

Bachelors of Science in Social Work, Texas Christian University, 2003

### **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS:**

Licensed as a Clinical Social Worker by the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, 2003 to present. License number 38536.

Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Interventions for high conflict families, Lewisville TX, 2012

Parent Facilitator/Parent Coordinator Training, Houston, TX, 2010

Love & Logic Parent Trainer, Love & Logic Institute, Denver, CO, 2004.

Mediation Training, Texas Christian University, 2003.

### **DIRECT EXPERIENCE:**

**Mindy Harrison Counseling Services, 2012 – Present**

**Forensic Counseling Services, 2009 – Present**

- Forensic evaluations (social studies) incorporate psychological and counseling theory in an objective investigative and fact checking exploration of personal dynamics to aid courts in decision-making.
- Social studies are conducted in compliance with the Texas Family Code and associated administrative, professional, and ethical guidelines, and are

frequently used to assist courts in determination of children's best interests during custody and access litigation.

**Texas Health Resources, Springwood Hospital, 2011 - Present**

- Clinical triage and psychosocial assessments for psychiatric in-patient program admissions.
- Screening for referral to partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs.
- Verification of patient's mental health benefits and pre-certification of inpatient admissions.

**Intake Family Therapist, Cook Children's Medical Center, 2009 – Present**

- Clinical triage and psychosocial assessments for psychiatric in-patient program admissions.
- Screening for referral to partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs.
- Participate in group and family therapy sessions.
- Verification of patient's mental health benefits and pre-certification of inpatient admissions.

**Facilitator/Owner, Alliance Counseling and Education Center, 2009 – 2012**

- Facilitate Love and Logic Parenting classes in various counties each month.
- Facilitate Children In The Middle classes in various counties each month.
- Facilitate private training classes at schools and nonprofit organizations.
- Working with court ordered families and encouraging co-parenting between two homes and effective parenting techniques.
- Advertisement, maintaining the website, triaging phone calls, and coordinating training events.

**Director/Owner, Giggles and Grins Learning Center, 2008 - 2011**

- Maintain awareness of the State of Texas Child Care Licensing's Minimum Standards and ensuring they are followed throughout the facility.
- Assessing prospective families and speaking with references.
- Ensuring that the physical, emotional and educational need of each child is being met.
- Advertisement, maintaining the website, interviewing prospective families, interviewing hiring and supervising employees, creating and maintaining lesson plans and food menus.
- I work closely with my Child Licensing Representative and the Child Nutrition Food Program.

- My primary daily role is to ensure that the physical, emotional and educational need of each child is being met.

**Social Worker II, Baylor Medical Center of Irving, 2007 to 2010**

- Perform psychosocial assessments
- Create and implement discharge plans
- Referrals to community resources, nursing homes, hospice care
- Provide emotional and psychological support

**Social Worker II, Parkland Health & Hospital System, 2006 to 2007**

- Perform psychosocial assessments
- Create and implement discharge plans
- Referrals to community resources, nursing homes, hospice care
- Provide emotional and psychological support

**Foster Care Specialist, All Church Home for Children, 2003 to 2005**

- Recruitment of prospective foster/adoptive parents
- Conducted pre service training and ongoing training on issues affecting foster children, foster families and the court system
- Conducted social studies/home study assessments on families who completed the foster parent training process
- Monitoring and support of foster parents to ensure they are following licensing standards and meeting the needs of their foster children
- Collaborate with Child Protective Services, Attorney Ad Litem, Therapists
- Developing Plan of Services for each foster child
- Attend team meetings and court hearings

**VOLUNTER/INTERNSHIP**

**CASA Volunteer, Child Advocates of Tarrant County, 1999–Present**

- Developing a supportive and trustworthy relationship my foster child/ren through regular visitation
- Collaborating with Child Protective Service, Attorney Ad Litem, Foster Parents, Foster Parent Agencies, Therapist
- Investigate extended family and friends for collateral information and to consider possible alternative placements
- Search for missing relatives
- Attend team meetings and court hearings
- Provide a written court report and/or testify under oath in court as to the best interest of the child

**Family Therapist Intern, Cook Children's Hospital Child & Adolescent Psychiatry Unit, 2005**

- Develop a psycho social history of the families of children placed on the psychiatric unit
- Create a family genogram to assess family patterns
- Participate in group and family therapy sessions.
- Work closely with the Child Psychiatrists and other team members

**Social Work Intern, Child Protective Services, 2002-2003**

- Investigated serious allegations of physical and sexual abuse, all suspicious child deaths in Tarrant County, and investigations involving school employees
- Worked very closely with the Fort Worth Crimes Against Children Police Unit and the District Attorneys
- Conducting social studies/home study assessments on prospective family or kinship placements
- Co-facilitated group therapy for victims of sexual abuse that were four to seven years old.

**PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS**

Rookie of the Year, Child Advocates of Tarrant County, 1999

**PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE**

- National Association of Social Workers, Member 2009-present
- Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer, Tarrant County, 1999-present
- Keller Association of Family Child Care, Member 2008-2011
- Texas Association of Family Child Care, Member 2008-2011
- Mid Cities Mother's of Multiples, Member 2008-2011

**ADVANCED PROFESSIONAL TRAINING**

- Breaking Boundaries in Custody Litigations, UTCLE, 2012
- "Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Interventions for high conflict families" presented by Aaron Robb and Bradley Craig, February 2012
- Attachment, Alienation and Difficult Clients: Challenges for Judges, Lawyers, Parenting Coordinators and Forensic Mental Health Professionals, 2010
- Parent Facilitation Training by the Cooperative Parenting Institute, 2010

## **TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

- “Families in transition: Abuse and neglect in the divorce and child custody context” co-presented with Aaron Robb, Bradley Craig and Kimberly England at the Prevention Child Abuse Texas annual conference, February 2011
- Facilitate Love and Logic Parenting classes, 2004-2012
- Facilitate Children In The Middle classes, 2010-2012