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HIGHLIGHTS

- 32 years' experience specializing in prevention, assessment and treatment of child abuse, neglect, sexual exploitation/offending, and family violence;
- 6 years' experience providing administrative, educational, and supportive supervision to child protection social caseworkers (incest);
- Facilitated the design and implementation of the first assessment and treatment program for incest victims and families in Adams County (1982) which:
 - enhanced the ability of child victims to safely remain with their own families
 - increased child sex abuse disclosure rate in the community,
 - increased identification, confession rates and treatment of sexual offenders
 - increased participation of families in treatment,
 - reduced the number and duration of victim foster care placements.
- Expert witness in child sexual abuse, child protection, assessment, treatment of offenders
- Provided training at local, state, national, and international level;
- Published in the area of sexual abuse assessment and treatment;
- 2000 Recipient of the Thomas Green Award for outstanding and caring services to victims of crime in Adams County;
- Appointed by Governor Hickenlooper as a professional member of the Registered Psychotherapist Board (2012-2014), Department of Regulatory Agencies.
- Board of Directors for the Colorado Society of Treatment and Evaluation Professionals.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

PRIVATE PRACTICE, (2003-PRESENT)

- Provide psychotherapy services for sexual abuse victims;
- Provide trauma informed sex offense specific treatment for offenders, adhering to the SOMB Standards;
- Provide "approved supervisor" training, clinical and supportive services to family members of victims and offenders;
- Provide training and consultation services regarding sexual abuse dynamics and difficult cases;
- Provide Child and Family Investigations in domestic relations cases on a limited basis;
- Provide expert testimony in court cases involving sexual abuse.

STEPHEN BRAKE & ASSOCIATES (2003-PRESENT)

- Provide evaluations of juveniles who have committed sex offenses and family dynamics consultation for Child Contact Assessments with Stephen Brake, Ph.D.;
- Provided treatment for juveniles with sexual behavior problems (2003-2010);

SPECIALIZED OFFENDER SERVICES (2012 – PRESENT)

- Provide community based sex offense specific individual, group, marital and family therapy for adult male and female sex offenders;
- Provide collaborative case and risk management services within the agency clinical team and the Community Supervision Team (CST) of probation/parole officers, polygraph examiners, auxiliary treatment providers and victim therapists/representatives;
- Provide training and supportive services for family/friends of offenders to become and remain "approved supervisors" (chaperones) per SOMB Standards;

- Maintain extensive data based and case- file records, write court and progress reports and
- Testify as an expert and fact witness at court hearings.

SEXUAL OFFENSE RESOURCE SERVICES (2004-2012))

Family Services Program Coordinator

- Provided community based individual, group and family therapy for male and female offenders;
- Provided collaborative case management services with clinical team and probation/parole officers to manage offender risk in the community;
- Provided auxiliary services to sexual offenders with significant trauma histories;
- Provided training and supportive services for family/friends of offenders to become and remain “approved supervisors” (chaperones) per SOMB Standard;
- Maintained extensive data based and case- file records, wrote court and progress reports and testified as an expert and fact witness at court hearings.

ADAMS COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES, Denver (1979 to 2003)

6/97-5/03 Supervisor – Sexual Abuse Assessment and Treatment Program

- Supervised 120 of the agency’s most difficult and complex cases annually;
- Awarded Adams County Social Services Employee of the Month for consistently improving delivery of services to clients and promoting professional growth and development of staff;
- Designed and facilitated numerous agency wide trainings on sexual abuse;
- Served as liaison between the Agency and the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board, providing the agency with the latest updates on standards and guidelines for the assessment, treatment and management of juvenile and adult sex offenders;
- Recruited by University of Denver - Graduate School of Social work, Institute for Families, to assist in curriculum review regarding juvenile sex offenders and their contact with victims.

9/81-5/97 Intake/Child Protection Social Caseworker III-IV

- Provided intervention services(investigations, case-management, treatment, court) to over 1,000 sexual abuse cases;
- Monitored and certified domestic violence treatment programs for Adams County as a member and chair of the 17th Judicial District’s Domestic Violence Treatment Certification Board;
- Established relationships with and provided training about the dynamics of incest to 12 county police departments, the district attorney’s office, courts, probation, mental health agencies and multiple school districts;
- Increased confession rates of sex offenders and decreased the number of interviews that victims endured by developing, utilizing and teaching a program that effectively teamed police with social services while investigating sexual abuse cases;
- Formulated and implemented over 10 different treatment group models for sexual abuse victims, offenders, siblings, and non-offending parents;

10/79-8/81 Adult Services Social Caseworker I-II

- Increased number of licensed foster homes for placement of at risk adults;
- Provided counseling and case-management services to at risk adults;

E D U C A T I O N, CERTIFICATIONS, LISTINGS

B.A. in Sociology – with an emphasis of study in Criminology (honors) and Social Work,
Miami University, Oxford, Ohio, 1978. Phi Beta Kappa;
Registered Psychotherapist, Colorado Department of Professions and Occupations, formerly DORA;
Sex Offender Management Board listed Evaluator and Treatment Provider (both adults and juveniles);
Kempe Children’s Center Training for Trainers: Primary, Secondary & Tertiary Prevention of Sexually
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Abusive Behaviors in Childhood and Adolescence;

P U B L I C A T I O N

Contributing author: Web of Meaning, A Developmental-Contextual Approach in Sexual Abuse
Treatment; Gail Ryan and Associates, Safer Society Press, 1999;

P R O F E S S I O N A L A F F I L I A T I O N S

Kempe Study Group on the Development of Offending and Long Term Dysfunction in Sex Abuse Victims;	1989 - present
SOMB Meetings and Subcommittees;	1997 - present
Sexual Offender Treatment and Risk Assessment Group;	2011 - present
Excellence Group for Trauma Informed Therapy	2012 - present
Colorado Society of Therapy and Evaluation Providers;	2012 - present