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## CURRICULUM VITAE

### **PROFILE**

Board Certified Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 20 years of experience. Subject matter expert, clinician, and consultant in Juvenile, Family law, Delinquency, and Civil/Criminal matters.

### **BOARD CERTIFICATION**

Clinical Social Work Diplomate: #61409  
American Board of Clinical Social Work (ABCSW)

### **LICENSURE**

#### Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)

Colorado: Department of Regulatory Agencies (DORA) #09925215  
Florida: Florida State Board of Clinical Social Work (FBCSW) #23532  
Texas: State Board of Social Worker Examiners (BSWE) #113851  
Utah: Division of Occupational and Professional Licensing #14184317-3501  
Pennsylvania Dept. of State, Bureau of Professional and Occupational Affairs (BPOA): Pending  
Tennessee Dept. of Health Board of Social Work Licensure: Pending

#### Licensed Special Service Provider (SSP)

Colorado Board of Education #121410 (inactive)

### **CERTIFICATIONS & ENDORSEMENTS**

- Child & Family Investigator - 1st/2nd/17th/18th/20th Colo. Judicial Districts (Certified 2016, 2019, 2022, 2023)
- Parental Responsibilities Evaluator - 1st/2nd/17th/18th/20th/23rd Colo. Judicial Districts
- Advanced Complex Trauma Certification level II - Arielle Schwartz, PhD, CCTPII (2023)
- Advanced Forensic Social Work - National Organization of Forensic Social Workers (2022)
- Intensive Trauma Treatment Certification: EMDR/CBT/Somatic Interventions - Arielle Schwartz, PhD. (2023)
- C-DBT: Dialectical Behavioral Therapy - Adults, Children, & Adolescents - Jean Eich, PsyD, (2022)
- Trust-Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) - Denver, CO (2021)
- Family Centered Treatment, certified practitioner - Miami, FL (2010)
- Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT) - Miami, FL/Denver, CO (Certification, 2010, 2022)

### **SPECIALIZED CLINICAL TRAINING & PRACTICE**

- Comprehensive Training for Parenting Coordinators and Decision-Makers - Dr. McNamara, PhD., PLLC. (2025)
- CFI/PRE Specialized Skills Training, Forensic Reports, Applicable Legal Standards - Equipoise, LLC (2024)
- Parental Responsibilities Evaluations - Colorado School for Family Therapy (2024)
- Cognitive Processing Therapy: An Evidence-Based Treatment for PTSD/CPTSD - Dr. Kathleen Chard (2024)
- Evaluating Complex Trauma & Dissociative Behavior in Play Therapy - CO Play Therapy Institute (2023)
- Culturally Responsive Assessment Using Narrative Therapy - University of Denver (2022)
- Therapeutic Treatment of Grief and Attachment-Related Loss - University of Denver (2021)
- DC: 0-3/0-5 Infant Mental Health Diagnostic Training - Zero to Three Org. (2011, 2016, 2018, 2020, 2021)
- Parent-Child Interactional Therapy for Traumatized Children - UC Davis CAARE Center (2018)
- Training in Domestic Violence assessment protocols: DVI; MASIC; SAFer; Doors Framework (2024-2025)

## EDUCATION

- 2006 - 2008      University of Denver  
Denver, CO      Master of Social Work  
                    Specialized Certification: Trauma Response & Recovery
- 2007 - 2007      China Youth University  
Beijing, China    Graduate Practicum  
                    Specialized Certification: International & Multicultural Social Work Practice
- 2002 - 2006      University of Northern Colorado  
Greeley, CO      Bachelor of Arts: Sociology

## FORENSIC PRACTICE & CLINICAL BACKGROUND

- 2017 - Present    Colorado Forensic Family Advocacy / JCH Clinical Services & Consulting, LLC.  
Statewide        *Private Practice, Owner*
- Clinical consultation, specialized forensic evaluations, agency trainings, and therapeutic services in dependency and neglect, juvenile delinquency, civil, criminal, and domestic relations cases.
  - Areas of forensic expertise include: Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations, Capacity to Transition Assessments, Permanency and Best Interest Analyses, Mental Health Assessments/Evaluations, and Trauma-focused Child Evaluations.
  - Child and Family Investigations, Parental Responsibilities Evaluations, and Parenting Coordinator/Decision-maker pursuant to Title 14.
  - Contextual-Relational Assessments of complex family dynamics with a focus on parent-child contact problems and refuse/resist behaviors, parental estrangement, and reintegration/reunification processes.
  - Therapeutic services include: Out-of-home placement transitions, post-placement therapy, reintegration/reunification therapy, child and family therapy
  - Expert witness testimony in various areas of expertise nationwide.
  - Department of Human Services contracts in Adams, Broomfield, El Paso, Las Animas, Lincoln, Pueblo, Teller, and Weld counties in Colorado, as well as the Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel, Office of the Child's Representative, and Office of the Alternate Defense Counsel.
- 2016 - Present    Office of the State Court Administrator  
Statewide        *Child & Family Investigator/Parental Responsibilities Evaluator*
- Qualified Expert and Court-Appointed Evaluator as a Child and Family Investigator (CFI) in the 1st, 2nd, 17th, 18th, 20th, and 23rd CO Judicial Districts, and statewide as a Parental Responsibilities Evaluator (PRE).
  - Provide services to investigate, report, and make recommendations to the Court regarding the best interests of children pursuant to C.R.S. §14-10-116.5, C.R.S. §14-10-124, C.R.S. §14-10-127, and C.R.S. §14-10-127.5.
  - Investigations and evaluations adhere to Chief Justice Directives 04-05, 04-08, and 21-02, addressing issues related to domestic violence, child abuse, child sexual abuse, and the traumatic impact on children, adults, and families. PREs include assessments of parenting capacity; child development—including cognitive, emotional, and psychological development; and child/adult psychopathology. Qualified expert in coercive control, domestic violence, intimate partner violence, child abuse, and child sexual abuse under C.R.S. §14-10-127.5.
  - Parenting Coordinator/Decision-maker pursuant to C.R.S. §14-10-128.1: Assist parents with implementing court-ordered parenting plans while fostering effective co-parenting communication (PC)/Authority to issue binding decisions that clarify or facilitate the implementation of existing court orders, ensuring alignment with the substantive intent of the order (DM).

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| 2016 - 2019<br>Denver, CO | <u>Office of the Child's Representative (Child Advocates of Colorado)</u><br><i>Clinical Consultant</i><br>Provided clinical consultation to Guardians ad Litem utilizing a multidisciplinary approach to advocate for the best interests of children in Dependency and Neglect, Juvenile Delinquency, and Unaccompanied Refugee Minor cases. Consultation areas included Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health, Substance Abuse, Domestic Violence, Mental Health, Child Development, Attachment, Parent-Child Visitation, Treatment Planning, and Transition Planning.                                                                                                                      |
| 2014 - 2019<br>Denver, CO | <u>Private Practice</u><br><i>Child &amp; Family Therapist, Owner</i><br>Provided culturally responsive therapeutic services to children and families, with a focus on Dependency and Neglect cases, family preservation, attachment and bonding, family reintegration, and treatment for children experiencing complex trauma and social-emotional maladjustment. Also offered therapeutic support to adults and couples seeking relational and emotional development.                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |
| 2015 - 2017<br>Denver, CO | <u>Griffith Centers for Children</u><br><i>Individual &amp; Family Therapist</i><br>Assessed, diagnosed and treated children and families with diverse backgrounds to address mental health, attachment, substance abuse, and parenting concerns in paternity and dependency & neglect cases. Provided therapeutic recommendations to the court as to the best interest of children regarding permanency considerations, visitation, and attachment related issues.                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| 2013 - 2015<br>Denver, CO | <u>Denver Public Schools</u><br><i>Special Service Provider (SSP) / School Social Worker</i><br>Brief therapeutic intervention/support services for children ages 11-18. Served on the district's Crisis Intervention Team and assisted with district-wide crisis prevention/intervention programs. Conducted social-emotional testing to evaluate/qualify children for Individualized Education Plans (IEPs). Provided special education services to children with Emotional Disturbances/Emotional Behavioral Disorders (EBD). Facilitated group sessions focusing on anger management, self-harm, suicide prevention and parent support groups. Supervised masters level social work interns. |
| 2012 - 2012<br>Denver, CO | <u>Adams County Department of Human Services</u><br><i>Child Protection Social Caseworker</i><br>Conducted initial assessments and investigations for abuse and neglect referrals. Developed appropriate service/treatment plans as applicable and conducted intake-based duties.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| 2010 - 2012<br>Miami, FL  | <u>PsychSolutions, Inc.</u><br><i>Therapeutic Behavioral On-site Therapist</i><br>Provided intensive in-home and community based family preservation services to children and families in the child welfare system specializing in attachment and bonding, mental health, out of home placement, reunification, and parenting children with complex trauma. Developed individualized treatment plans that defined culturally appropriate services and interventions for treatment. Provided expert testimony and therapeutic recommendations to the court.                                                                                                                                       |
| 2009 - 2010<br>Miami, FL  | <u>The Institute for Family Centered Services -</u><br><i>Family Centered Specialist</i><br>Certification and implementation of Family Centered Treatment (FCT) evidence-based practice. Assessed, diagnosed, treated child welfare involved clients in outpatient settings focusing on family preservation through restructuring and repairing parent-child attachments utilizing FCT model.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| 2006 - 2008<br>Denver, CO | <u>Denver Department of Human Services</u><br><i>Sex Abuse Intake Social Caseworker, Intern</i><br>Conducted initial assessments and investigations for sex abuse referrals. Developed appropriate service/safety/treatment plans as applicable.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |

## ADVANCED FACULTY POSITIONS

- 2019 - 2022      University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work  
Denver, CO      *Guest Lecturer*  
Graduate Course Lectures:  
- Social Work and the Law  
- Clinical Skills in Mental Health Therapy
- 2012 - 2015      Metropolitan State University, Graduate School of Social Work  
Denver, CO      *Adjunct Professor*  
Professor of graduate courses:  
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I  
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment II  
- Direct Interventions in Child Welfare Practice

## PUBLICATIONS, SCHOLARLY CONTRIBUTIONS, AUTHORED WORKS

- Brown, J., Prentzel, O., & Najmabadi, S. (2022). Colorado's Failed Adoptions, Part 4: Colorado's mental health system ill-equipped to handle adopted children with severe trauma. Colorado Sun, (np).
- Handelman, J. (2025). Big Changes in Leo's Family. (Children's Book, in publication). Sigma Publishers.
- Handelman, J. (2025). Nevada State Legislature: 83rd General Session, Senate Committee on Health and Human Services, Senate Bill No. 138. *Written Exhibit Letter for SB138, Medicaid eligibility and enrollment for NICU infants*. Colorado Forensic Family Advocacy.
- Handelman, J. (2023). Colorado State Legislature: 2023 Regular Session, House Public & Behavioral Health & Human Services. House Bill No. 23-1024. *Exhibit G for HB23-1024, Relative & Kin Placement Of A Child*. Colorado Forensic Family Advocacy.
- Handelman, J. & Jihad, M. (2022). The Weaponization of Whiteness in Child Welfare: Part 1 - Attachment. National Association of Counsel for Children: The Guardian, 44(03), 1-9.
- Peer Reviewer, Ad Hoc. (2022-Present) Journal of Forensic Social Work, published by the National Organization of Forensic Social Work. (Specific focus on empirical research, conceptual analysis, and evidence-based practice).

## INTERNATIONAL & NATIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Attachment in Dependency Cases: Fostering Fairness and Equity (2025). [Upcoming Conference Presentation]. National Association of Counsel for Children: 48th NACC National Child Welfare Law Conference.
- Redefining Family Advocacy in the Best Interest of the Child (2025). [Upcoming Conference Presentation]. National Association for Public Defense: Defending Families, Protecting Futures - The Frontlines of Defense Advocacy Skills Training. Seattle, WA.
- Reimagining Birth Parent Contact After Termination and Adoption (2025). [Conference Presentation]. National Counsel for Adoption: Adoption's North Star: Elevating the Best Interests of Children. Minneapolis, MN.
- Attachment in Dependency Cases: Fostering Fairness and Equity [Conference Presentation] (2024). Kempe Center's 2024 International Conference - A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare.
- Attachment Theory in Child Welfare [Conference Presentation] (2023). The 46th NACC National Child Welfare Law Conference: From Learning to Action: Shared Accountability for Disrupting Harm and Promoting Healing. National Association of Counsel for Children - Minneapolis, MN.

Conflict Free Adoptions [Conference Presentation] (2022). Kempe Center's 2022 International Conference - A Call to Action to Change Child Welfare.

## STATEWIDE & REGIONAL PRESENTATIONS/TRAININGS

Attachment in Dependency Cases: Fostering Fairness & Equity. (2025) [Conference Presentation]. Colorado Convening on Children, Youth, and Families. Colorado Supreme Court - Court Improvement Program (CIP) - Vail, Colorado.

Effective Appointments and Use of CLRs/CFIs and/or PREs in Complex Cases (2025). [Conference Presentation]. The 2025 Domestic Relations and Probate Institute: *Family Matters because Families Matter*. Colorado Supreme Court - Office of Continuing Legal & Judicial Education - Boulder, Colorado.

Attachment Theory and Permanency Outcomes Training (2023) [Presenter/Trainer]. La Plata County DHS.

Fighting Back Against the Weaponization of Whiteness in Child Welfare, Part 1: Attachment & PCIs (2023) [Training Presentation]. Justice, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (JEDI) Training.

Fighting Back Against the Weaponization of Whiteness in Child Welfare, Part 2: Beyond Implicit Bias (2023) [Training Presentation]. Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Training.

Trial by Expertise: Case Examples in Dependency and Neglect Proceedings (2023) [Conference Presentation]. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel 2023 Conference, Breckenridge, CO.

Misconceptions of Attachment Theory in Dependency and Neglect Cases (2022) [Conference Presentation]. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel 2022 Conference, Colorado Springs, CO.

Attachment Theory & Parent Child Interactional Evaluations (2020). [Expert panel member]. Office of the Respondent Parents' Counsel Training Series.

## QUALIFIED EXPERT WITNESS SCHEDULE (2010 - PRESENT)

| COUNTY/STATE/DIST.  | QUALIFIED AREAS OF EXPERTISE/SWORN TESTIMONY AREAS                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
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| Adams County, CO    | Attachment and Bonding/Infant Mental Health/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement Transitions/Social Work/Child Development/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health/Childhood Trauma/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in the Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Mental and Emotional impact of Placement Outcomes/Forensic Social Work/Child Abuse & Neglect |
| Alamosa County, CO  | Social Work/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with emphasis in Dependent & Neglected Children and Attachment/Out-of-Home Placement Transitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |
| Arapahoe County, CO | Attachment and Bonding/Social Work/Child Protection/Child Development/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Dependent and Neglected Children and Attachment/Childhood Trauma/Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Child Abuse/Child Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence and its Effects on Children, Adults, & Families pursuant to CRS §14-10-127.5                                              |
| Boulder County, CO  | Social Work/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Dependent and Neglected Children/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations with an emphasis in Attachment and Bonding/Childhood Trauma/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement Transitions/Post-Transition Family Therapy/Transition Planning/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with emphasis in Attachment/Dependent &                                    |

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|                        | Neglected Children with emphasis in Childhood Trauma/Domestic Violence with an emphasis in Coercive Control and its Impact on Children/Forensic Social Work with an emphasis in Child Custody and Parenting Capacity Evaluations/Permanency Planning in Contested Custody and Child Protection Cases                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Broomfield Co., CO     | Evaluations of families in Dependency and Neglect and Domestic Relations cases pursuant to Title 19 and under CRS §14-10-127.5/Child and Family Therapy with an emphasis in parent-child refuse and resist dynamics/Trauma treatment of children and families                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| Broward County, FL     | Child Development/Infant Mental Health/Childhood Trauma                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Cache County, UT       | Dependent and Neglected children with an emphasis on the Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes (including adoption)/Child Welfare Best Practices and Standard of Care/Child Development/Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Childhood Trauma                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
| Clear Creek County, CO | Parent-Child Attachments/Social Work/Attachment and Bonding/Childhood Trauma/Child Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Costilla County, CO    | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Dependent and Neglected Children and Attachment/Out-of-Home Placement Transitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Denver County, CO      | Dependent & Neglected Children with an emphasis in the Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Child Development/Attachment and Bonding/Social Work/Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health/Therapeutic Out of Home Placement Transitions/Child Abuse/Child Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence and its Effects on Children, Adults, & Families                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| Douglas County, CO     | Social Work with an emphasis in Mental Health/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in Childhood Trauma/Parent Child Interactional Evaluations/Attachment and Bonding/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health/Child Abuse/Child Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence and its Effects on Children, Adults, and Families                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| El Paso County, CO     | Attachment & Bonding/Social Work with emphasis in Mental Health & Family Therapy/Child's Best Interest/Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health/Childhood Trauma/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in the Mental & Emotional Impact of Placement & Permanency Outcomes/Adoption-Related Loss/Parent-Child Attachments/Mental & Emotional Impact of Adoption & Traumatic Loss/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement Transitions/Multicultural Social Work Practice/Child Therapy/Child Development Forensic Social Work with emphasis in evaluations of children & families |
| Fremont County, CO     | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Attachment/Dependent and neglected children with an emphasis on mental and emotional impact of permanency outcomes/Child development/Forensic Social work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Huerfano County, CO    | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an Emphasis in Attachment and Bonding/Forensic Social Work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| Jackson County, MO     | Parent Child Relational Attachments/Parent-Child Visitation (Affidavit as Offer of Proof in lieu of testimony)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |

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| Jefferson County, CO                               | Attachment and Bonding/Child Development with an emphasis in Infant Mental Health/Transition Planning/Complex Trauma with an emphasis in Trauma Assessments/Mental Health Therapy                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Larimer County, CO                                 | Child Development/Childhood Trauma/Attachment and Bonding/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations/Child's Best Interests/Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Dependent and Neglected Children and Attachment/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement Transitions/Mental & Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes on Dependent and Neglected Children/Mental Health                                                                                                              |
| Las Animas County, CO                              | Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in Childhood Trauma/Out-of-Home Placement Transitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            |
| Mesa County, CO                                    | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Attachment/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in the Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Adoption-Related Loss/Out of Home Placement Transitions/Childhood Trauma/Early childhood mental health with an emphasis in child therapy and attachment/Forensic social work with an emphasis in parent-child refuse and resist dynamics/Dependent and neglected children with an emphasis in childhood trauma |
| Miami-Dade County, FL                              | Child Development                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |
| Montrose County, CO                                | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Attachment and Bonding/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in Adoption Related Loss                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Morgan County, CO                                  | Child Abuse/Child Sexual Abuse/Domestic Violence and its Effects on Children, Adults, & Families pursuant to CRS §14-10-127.5                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Otero County, CO                                   | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Attachment/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in Child Therapy and the Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations/and Out-of-Home Placement Transitions                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |
| Rio Grande County, CO                              | Infant and Early Childhood Mental Health with an emphasis in Attachment/Dependent and Neglected Children with an emphasis in the Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Parent-Child Interactions and Interventions/Childhood Trauma                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Summit County, CO                                  | Child Sexual Abuse/Physical Abuse/Emotional Abuse/Coercive Control/Trauma/Victim and Perpetrator Behavioral Patterns and Relationship Dynamics within the Cycle of Violence/Dependent and Neglected Children with emphasis in childhood trauma/Forensic Social Work with an emphasis in Parent-Child Contact Problems and Child Refuse & Resist Dynamics/The effects of Domestic Violence, Coercive Control, and Intimate Partner Violence on Children and Families/Child Therapy                  |
| U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Tennessee | Sworn Testimony in Forensic Social Work/Infant Mental Health/Family Separation/Harm of Removal/Policies and Procedures/Standard of Care/Best Practices in Child Welfare/Implicit Racial Bias                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Weld County, CO                                    | Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health with emphasis in Attachment/Dependent Neglected Children with emphasis in Mental and Emotional Impact of Permanency Outcomes/Parent-Child Interactional Evaluations/Therapeutic Out-of-Home Placement Transitions/Childhood Trauma with an emphasis in Adoption-Related                                                                                                                                                                                     |

## **CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL COMPETENCY IN BEST PRACTICES**

- Peer reviewer for scholarly articles submitted for publication to the Journal of Forensic Social Work
- Participation in ongoing monthly supervision and clinical consultation staffing groups for complex cases
- Provide clinical supervision/training to clinicians seeking state licensure, expert witnesses and PRE/CFIs
- Engagement in monthly trainings offered via AFCC, MDIC, Zero to Three Org., NCTSN, CoAIMH, etc.
- Quarterly subscription to the Zero to Three Journal
- Quarterly subscription to the National Association of Counsel For Children's law journal: The Guardian
- Ongoing case consultation with CFIs/PREs for staffing high conflict cases

## **SELECT TRAININGS & CONFERENCES**

- Understanding Family Violence / Screening for Family Violence Using the MASIC-Short - AFCC (2025)
- Embedding the DOORS Framework and the SAFer in Family Court Practice - AFCC (2025)
- Risk Assessment and Safety Planning in Family Court Practice - AFCC (2025)
- Parenting Plans in the Context of Family Violence and Working Across Cultures and Borders - AFCC (2025)
- National Adoption Conference 2025 - National Council for Adoption NCA (2025)
- Safety First: Strengthening Family Law Responses to Violence and Coercive Control - AFCC (2025)
- The Evaluation and Adjudication of Resist/Refuse Dynamics - Dr. Ben Garber (2025)
- Treating Intra-familial Sexual Abuse - Institute of Violence, Abuse & Trauma (2025)
- Advanced Issues in Family Law: Parent-Child Contact Problems, Refuse and Resist Dynamics - AFCC (2025)
- Truth and Consequences of Kayden's Law: Emerging Trends - Assoc. of Family and Conciliation Courts (2025)
- Brief Focused Custody Assessments - Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (2024)
- Providing Evidence-Informed Family Psychotherapy to Court-Involved Children and Families - MDIC (2024)
- Importance of Maintaining Contact with Kin, Culture, and Community for Youth in Foster Care - Dave Thomas Foundation (2024)
- Trauma Informed Forensic Interviewing of Children - Denver Children's Advocacy Center (2024)
- Legislative Update on HB 24 1350 - State Court Administrators Office (2024)
- The Neuro-sequential Model of Therapeutics as an Evidence-based Practice - Dr. Bruce Perry (2024)
- The Intersection of Child Welfare and Domestic Relations - COSCT (2024)
- National Counsel for Adoption Fall Conference 2024
- Advanced Seminar in IPV/DV: Evidence-Based & Forensic Evaluations - CO School for Family Therapy (2024)
- National Counsel for Adoption Fall Conference - National Counsel for Adoption (2024)
- Explaining Adoption Stories at Different Ages - National Council for Adoption (2024)
- 46th National Child Welfare Law Conference - NACC (2023)
- Advocating & Planning Transitions of Young Children in Foster Care - CPP webinar by Charles Zeanah (2023)
- Adoption Competence for Mental Health Professionals in Child Welfare - National Council for Adoption (2023)
- Assessments of Adult Attachment and Parenting Styles - National Council for Adoption (2023)
- Child Abuse & Culture, DE&I interactive training - AFCC (2023)
- Clinical Trauma Training: Advances & Techniques - Janina Fisher, Ph.D. (2023)
- Colorado Convening on Children, Youth, and Families - Colorado Judicial Branch (2023)
- Committing to a Culture of Antiracism in the Workplace - NACC (2023)
- Direct File & Transfer Training - OCR/OADC/SOPD (2023)
- Evidence-Based Mental Health Services For Child Victims of Maltreatment - CWLA (2023)
- Group to Individual Inference in Scientific Testimony - AFCC (2023)
- Intergenerational Effects of Trauma Exposure - International Society for Traumatic Stress Studies (2023)
- Systems Involvement & Children's Disabilities/Education Discrimination/Implicit Bias/Trauma - NACC (2023)
- Maintaining and Strengthening Birth Family Relationships Post-Adoption - NAFC (2023)
- Polyvagal informed EMDR: A Neuro-informed Approach to Healing - University of Denver (2023)
- Preserving Adoption for Children with Challenging Behaviors - National Council for Adoption (2023)
- Reunification Therapy: Foundations for Success - Keira Olivas, Foundations Counseling LLC (2023)
- The Importance of Race & Culture in Adoption and Permanency Decisions - AdoptUSKids (2023)
- Understanding Coercive Control and How it Harms Children - IVAT (2023)

- An Anti-Racist Blueprint for Child Welfare Prevention - CrossSites/Zero to Three Org. (2022)
- Colorado Convening on Children, Youth, and Families - Colorado Judicial Branch (2022)
- Considering Intimate Partner Violence and Coercive Control - National Infant-Toddler Court Program (2022)
- How Trauma affects Autism - University of Denver (2022)
- Importance of Family Preservation for Black Children in Foster Care - NACC (2022)
- Strengthening Families and Bonding Evaluations in Child Welfare - CrossSites/Zero to Three Org. (2022)
- Trans-generational Caregiving in Child Welfare - Zero to Three Org. (2022)
- A Clinical Perspective on Infant Mental Health Assessment and Treatment - Zero to Three (2021)
- Addressing Domestic Violence in D&N Cases - Project Safeguard (2021)
- Considering Culture When Assessing and Diagnosing Young Children - Zero to Three (2021)
- DV/Intimate Partner Violence & The Impact on Children - MDIC (2021)
- Emotions, Behaviors, & Treatment of Trauma-Exposed Children - CU Anschutz Campus (2021)
- Medical and Emotional Considerations of Child Maltreatment - MDIC (2021)
- Neonatal Abstinence Syndrome & Monitoring Child Development - CU Anschutz Campus (2021)
- Trauma-Focused Conversations with Young Children - Early Childhood Investigations (2021)
- Trauma, Addiction, Health, and Treatment - CU Anschutz Campus (2021)
- Trauma, Substance Exposure, & Sensory/Language Development - CU Anschutz Campus (2021)
- Advancing Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health Policy Series (4 trainings) - Zero to Three (2020-2021)
- Sexual Abuse Evaluations for Children in the Court System - MDIC (2021)
- Child Welfare Permanency Planning - OCR (2020)
- Manifestation of White Supremacy in the Institution of Child Welfare - American Bar Assoc. (2020)
- Reunification Therapy in High Conflict Cases - MDIC (2020)
- Working with Survivors: Ethics & Skills for Serving Traumatized Clients - MDIC (2020)
- A Dynamic & Underused Intervention: Parent Child Interactional Assessments - MDIC (2019)
- Family Law through Developmental Lens: Assessing & Including Child's Voice - COAFCC Conference (2019)
- Addressing Transition Issues for Young Foster Children - NCTSN (2019)
- Traumatic Separation in the Child Welfare and Kinship Care Systems - NCTSN (2019)

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2008 - Present — National Association of Social Workers

2011 - Present — Zero to Three Organization  
     Metro Denver Interdisciplinary Committee  
     Association of Family & Conciliation Courts: Colorado Chapter

2020 - Present — Colorado Association for Infant Mental Health

2019 - Present — Colorado Society for Clinical Social Work

2021 - Present — National Association of Counsel For Children

2022 - Present — National Organization of Forensic Social Work

2023 - Present — American Board of Clinical Social Work

2024 - Present — American Academy of Pediatrics  
     Justice Clearinghouse  
     American Mental Health Counselors Association