

KRISTEN PERSILVER, MA, LPC

Curriculum Vitae

Serving Courts Across Texas

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Education

Master's Degree in Counseling, West Texas A&M University, 2023

Bachelor's Degree in Interdisciplinary Studies, West Texas A&M University, 2013

Licensure

Licensed by the Texas State Board of Examiners and Professional Counselors, License # 88927
2023-Present

Professional Experience

03/26 – Present **Child Custody/Adoption Evaluator**

- Conduct court-related child custody evaluations in Texas under the supervision of Tammi Axelson, DSW, LMSW-IPR, and Cecilia Powers, LCSW-S, in accordance with Texas Family Code and professional guidelines.
- Participate in the adoption evaluation processes, including gathering collateral information, interviewing parties, and preparing evaluation components under the supervision of Dr. Kristen Marlowe, PhD, LPC-S.
- Assist in the preparation of court-related reports and evaluation materials addressing issues such as parenting capacity, child developmental needs, relocation considerations, reunification dynamics, and parent-child contact concerns.

03/26 – Present **Immigration Evaluator**

- Completed specialized training in conducting evaluations for immigration legal proceedings, including hardship waivers, asylum, VAWA, U Visa, and T Visa cases.

- Utilize trauma-informed clinical interviewing and culturally responsive assessment with immigrant populations.
- Assess psychological hardship, trauma exposure, and related clinical factors relevant to immigration petitions.
- Prepare clear, organized forensic psychological reports for use in immigration court proceedings.

01/22 - Present **Owner & Licensed Professional Counselor**

Oak & Sage Therapy

- Provide individual psychotherapy to adults and adolescents using evidence-based, trauma-informed approaches
- Treat anxiety, depression, mood disorders, trauma-related conditions, and Cluster B personality disorders. Expertise in Borderline Personality Disorder (BPD), utilizing Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) principles relevant to emotional regulation, interpersonal functioning, and behavioral stability in high-conflict family systems
- Specialized experience working with domestic violence survivors and individuals impacted by abuse
- Provide therapeutic support and interventions for high-conflict parents and children of high-conflict parents

03/22 - Present **Licensed Professional Counselor**

Dr. Taft and Associates

- Provide individual, family, and couples therapy to first responders and their family members
- Address occupational stressors, including cumulative trauma, critical incident exposure, hypervigilance, burnout, and shift-work related strain
- Support families navigating relational impacts of first responder work, including communication breakdowns, emotional distancing, and role strain
- Treat trauma-related symptoms using evidence-based, trauma-informed interventions

02/20 - 01/23 **Intern/Licensed Professional Counselor**

Next Chapter Wellness

- Assisted with two adoption evaluation cases under the supervision of Kristen Marlowe, PhD, applying established standards and objective assessment practices including interviews and home studies
- Prepared reports suitable for court review and legal professionals

- Conducted risk assessments for protective order modification, evaluating safety concerns and risk factors in court-involved cases
- Facilitated Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) skills groups, providing skills training in emotional regulation, distress tolerance, interpersonal effectiveness, and mindfulness
- Led self-esteem and self-worth-focused therapy groups for college students, addressing identity, boundaries, self-concept, and emotional resilience
- Treated clients with complex trauma histories, including CPTSD and Borderline Personality Disorder
- Counseled individuals and families navigating high-conflict divorce and co-parenting challenges
- Provided individual and family therapy to adolescents and adults
- Facilitated family therapy focused on communication, boundary-setting, and relational repair

08/18 - 05/23

School Counselor

Ennis Independent School District

- Provided individual and group counseling to students addressing academic, behavioral, social, and emotional concerns
- Collaborated with families, educators, administrators, and stakeholders to advocate for student well-being and academic success
- Supported students and families during crises, transitions, and high-conflict family situations

08/13 - 05/18

Teacher

Amarillo Independent School District

- Reading Teacher: Specialized in literacy development, assessment, and individualized instruction
- Lead Teacher: Supported instructional planning, teacher mentoring, and program implementation

Court-Related Experience

Provide professional mental health services with exposure to legal and judicial processes, including professional communication with judges and attorneys

Provided clear, professional testimony in domestic violence and high-conflict divorce proceedings

Professional Continuing Education

Focusing on Fundamentals: Family Violence and Child Interviewing in Family Law Cases- Aaron Robb, PhD, LPC-S and Tammi Axelson, DSW, LMSW-IPR, April 2026

Between Two Homes: Intervention Between Two Homes – Bradley Craig, LMSW-IPR, CFLE, April 2026

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Provisional British Columbia Chapter - Parental Alienation Under Scrutiny: Science, Safety, and Child-Centered Practice, April 2026

Forensics and Coparenting Specialists FACS - Testifying with Confidence: Subpoenas, Testimony, and Ethical Boundaries, April 2026

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Texas Chapter – Assessment of Parenting Abilities, March 2026

Immigration Evaluation Institute - Comprehensive Immigration Evaluations, March 2026

Tammi Axelson, DSW, LMSW-IPR - Adoption Evaluation Essentials, March 2026

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Rethinking ACEs: Moving Past the Score Toward the Story - Julie Goldenson, PhD, CPsych, February 2026

Tammi Axelson, DSW, LMSW-IPR - Child Custody Evaluation Essentials, February 2026

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Parenting Coordination Training, January 2026

Joan Benz, PhD, MSW, LCSW - Domestic Violence: Treatment Strategies to Stop the Cycle and Heal the Pain, July 2025

Catherine M. Pittman, PhD, HSPP - Anxiety, Depression & Mood Disorder Certification Course: Essential Tools for the Most Common & Challenging Client Problems, January 2025

J. Eric Gentry, PhD, LMHC, DAAETS, FAAETS, CCTP - Certified Clinical Trauma Professional Training, April 2024

Texas Counseling Association - Accepting Our Roots: Breaking the Cycle of Generational Transmission of Dysfunction, November 2025

Texas Counseling Association - Cultivating Compassion: A Cultural Humility Approach to Counseling LEO Professionals, November 2025

Texas Counseling Association - Trauma-Informed Counseling: Integrative Assessment & Treatment, November 2025

Charles Jacob, PhD - Dialectical Behavior Therapy & Mindfulness Dual Certification Training, August 2020

Professional Affiliations

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)

Forensic and Coparenting Specialist (FACS)

Texas Counseling Association (TCA)

American Counseling Association (ACA)