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**SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS:**

Expert Witness and Consultant on high profile litigation cases. Review and assessment of documents, Child Protective Services procedure, and law enforcement procedure.

Expert Witness for the Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Child Custody Evaluator, Family Law.

Expertise in a clinical setting as it pertains to Family Law issues, mediation, therapy, expert testimony and interviewing.

Expertise include forensic interviewing (CFIT), Court report development and testimony, case management, case presentation and critical incidents such as child deaths.

Presenter & Trainer for The Public Child Welfare Training Academy on Child Abuse Investigations, Mandated Reporting, Forensic Interviewing, Testimony, Mental Health, Values & Ethics, Intimate Partner Violence.

Trainer of foster/adoption parenting classes with certifications in "Positive Parenting," PRIDE Parenting & Trauma Informed Parenting (National Child Traumatic Stress Network, NCTSN).

Training of foster/adoption parents: Juvenile Dependency Court System, Welfare & Institutions Code 300, Child Abuse and Neglect Identification, Mandated Reporting, Intimate Partner Violence, Placement, Permanency and Adoption, Safety & Risk, Discipline, Diversity

(ICWA/MEPA/LGBTQ), Substance Abuse, Drug Exposure, and Mental Health.

Adoption & Foster Care Homestudies (SAFE Model)

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

11/09- Present - Private Practice

- Expert Witness as it relates to Child Protective Services, Child Abuse and Family Law
- Child Custody Evaluator, Family Law Court
- Psychotherapy

6/03- 2/15 - Riverside County DPSS, CSSW V - Riverside County, California

- Crisis intervention and assessment with high risk families, Team Decision Making Meetings
- Child Abuse Investigator, Over 1,000 investigations and 7 child death investigations
- Forensic Interviewer, Training and implementation of forensic interviewing
- Comprehension of trauma and the effects of abuse and neglect
- Safety and Risk Assessments
- Effective Court report writing
- Policy implementation
- Bio-Psychosocial Assessments
- Resource Family Training and Assessment/Licensing Home Evals/Title 22 Regulations
- Provide training to foster/adoptive families utilizing "Trauma Informed Parenting" and Grief & Loss Model
- Adoption Home Study Assessment's, both approvals and denials
- Participation in grievance reviews when it applies
- Criminal Background Checks, Initial and Continual Screening of Applicants
- Critical Incident Investigation, Assessment, Collaboration with Medical Experts and Law Enforcement
- Working conjointly with Community Care Licensing regarding Title 22 regulations