

Curriculum Vitae

Porsha Dodson

Education:

Doctor of Psychology Program in Clinical Forensic Psychology

California School of Forensic Studies
Alliant International University - Los Angeles.
Los Angeles, CA.

Conferred June 2015

Master of Arts, Clinical Forensic Psychology

California School of Forensic Studies
Alliant International University – Los Angeles.
Los Angeles, CA.

Conferred Oct. 2013

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Hampton University
Hampton, VA.

Conferred May 2006

Clinical Employment and Training Experience:

06/24-Present Contracted Clinical Psychologist
California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, CDCR
Supervisor: Dr. Angelo Colaiacovo
36 hours per week

Responsibilities: As a clinician in the Reception Center clinical unit, I am responsible for conducting and assessing incarcerated persons during a clinical interview for their appropriateness for inclusion into specialty mental health programming. For incarcerated person's demonstrating risk for suicide, suicide risk evaluations are conducted to determine individual risk and need for possible higher level of care or immediate clinician intervention. Clinical collaboration with psychiatry and other mental health staff as well as collaboration with custody staff regarding incarcerated persons care.

6/20- Present Owner and Primary Psychologist
Dodson Psychological Services
20 hours per week

Responsibilities: As owner and primary clinician of a private practice, duties include managing client case load and assessing ongoing needs of individual needs. Therapeutic techniques utilized address mental health concerns of clients, which includes individuals, couples, and adolescents. Management of client records along with the supervision of one psychological assistant.

9/19 - 6/24

Clinical Psychologist II
Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health,
CCR Division, Performance Oversight and Outcomes Unit
Supervisor: Dr. Veronica Macias
40 hours per week

Responsibilities: As a clinician in the Child Welfare Continuum Care Reform Division, I am assigned to oversee the intensive mental health services being provided by Short Term Residential Therapeutic Placements that are contracted by DMH and DCFS to provide services to youth in the foster care system. As a part of the oversight process, technical assistance is provided to clinical teams at the contracted agencies regarding fidelity to the Integrated Core Practice Model and the quality of intensive mental health service delivery. Annual and quarterly reviews of agency services are conducted with follow up formal reports to indicate areas in which the agencies need to improve practices and enhance trauma informed engagement with youth. As a way to enhance services, program development strategies and trainings are created and provided to county contracted agencies to ensure practice improvements and ensure appropriate services are being provided to youth with significant mental health acuity and histories of trauma.

2/16- 8/21

Clinical Psychologist
Spero Psychological Services
Supervisor: Dr. Lisa Weber, Ph.D.
10 hours per week

Responsibilities: As a California Sex Offender Management Board Independent practitioner at Spero Psychological Services I am assigned a case load of sex offenders mandated for sex offender treatment. Responsibilities include conducting intake evaluations for referred clients with supplemental reports completed that include a diagnosis from the current DSM-V. Weekly treatment also provided in group and individual sessions, which focuses on establishing treatment goals pertaining to relapse prevention. Containment meetings attended with Federal Probation Officers to provide risk assessment updates to the department. Throughout all treatment services provided there is continued assessment for recidivism while also maintaining sight of treatment goals and the management of mental health symptomology. Clinical Supervision provided to pre-doctoral interns with duties provided to clients on a weekly basis.

8/14- 8/19

Clinical Psychologist II
Starting Position: Pre-Doctoral Intern in 2014
Orange County Health Care Agency- Clinical Evaluations and Guidance Unit

Responsibilities: As a member of the CEGU team, assigned a case load of youth currently detained at Orange County Juvenile Hall for a variety of charged criminal acts. Youth assessed daily for the presence of mental health symptomology which includes assessing current levels of suicidal ideation, homicidal ideation, and self-injurious intent. Therapeutic services offered in weekly individual sessions with youth as well as in group sessions on the juvenile hall units. Psychological testing conducted on youth to answer referral

questions from multi-disciplinary treatment team assigned to various youth. Interviews of parental guardians as well as collaboration with Probation Staff and outside treatment agencies utilized to better serve youth and to offer comprehensive aftercare treatment plans.

Research Experience:

2011-2015

Dissertation

California School of Forensic Studies/ Alliant International University
Los Angeles, CA

Project: *Hidden Risk Factors: Do Race and Gender Influence the Perceived Culpability and Decisions about Juveniles Facing Waiver to Adult Court?*

2012-2013

Research Assistant

California School of Forensic Studies/ Alliant International University
Los Angeles, CA

Project: *The Convergent and Predictive Validity of Rorschach Indices in Low and High-Risk Youth as Assessed by the Structured Assessment of Violence Risk (SAVRY)*

Juvenile Risk Assessment – coded the SAVRY using retrospective record review of adolescent case files that included psychosocial and legal history as well as analysis of personality and cognitive assessments.

Relevant Employment Experience:

2015- 2017

Adjunct Faculty II

DeVry University

Supervisor: Dr. Lynn Joseph, Director of College of Liberal Arts

Responsibilities: Instructing students enrolled in Psychology courses to obtain their undergraduate degree in various majors. Curriculum includes psychological perspectives including theories and systems of psychology, psychological testing, biological bases of behavior, social psychology, and various approaches to therapy. Developing weekly classroom agenda and maintaining classroom grades.

2012- 2014

Child Care Counselor

Hillsides Home for Children, Pasadena, CA

Supervisor: Joseph White, Residential Program Director

Responsibilities: Ensuring the safety and security of severely emotionally disturbed children aged 5-18. Utilizing crisis counseling with clients who are combative or defiant of the safety rules outlined by the organization. Providing assistance to clients with activities of daily living; as well as coping skills for positive behaviors and attitudes within the program.

2007- 2011 Detention Services Officer
Los Angeles County Probation Department, Los Angeles, CA
Supervisor: Rona Rogers, Supervising Detention Services Officer

Responsibilities: Ensured the safety and security of at-risk youth detained in the Juvenile Justice System in a Special Handling Unit. Assessed for suicidal ideation or intent in minors with observed or reported risk. Utilized crisis intervention skills on a daily basis with a variety of juveniles, including high risk offenders and minors with expressed mental health symptoms

Certificates:

Licensed Psychologist –PSY29989
Expiration Date: 03/29/2026

References:

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