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EDUCATION

2001-2002	Antioch University <i>M.A. Clinical Psychology</i>	Los Angeles, CA
1989-1993	Pace University <i>B.A. Theatrical Arts</i>	New York, NY

- Certified Supervisor for Marriage and Family Therapists
- Court-appointed Reunification Therapist & Expert Witness
- Alpha-Stim, Cranial Electrotherapy Stimulation Certification
- Certificate in Object Relations Theory-Psychoanalytic Center CA
- Kinship Center, Adoption Clinical Training-Children's Bureau
- First Aid & CPR Certified
- Post-Traumatic Therapy for Children Certified
- Attachment Theory Certification
- Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Certified

PRIVATE PRACTICE

Provide Individual and Family Psychotherapy with foster and adoptable children, adults, and their families ages 3-100 with a focus on Attachment and Bonding. Facilitate Psychotherapeutic and Psycho-educational Support Groups for Foster and Adopted Children, Adults and their Families. Provide reunification planning and implementation for families separated through adoption, foster care and other circumstance.

EMPLOYMENT

2012 - present Yoffe Therapy, Inc. Los Angeles, CA
Founder and Executive Director
Mental Health Therapist

- Developed treatment programs for all members of the Adoption Constellation. (Adoptive Parents, Birth or First Parents, Adoptees)
- Provided Case management/supervision for staff working with foster and/or adoptive families and their children .
- Conducted individual and family therapy sessions.

2011 - present Celia Center, Inc. Los Angeles, CA

Founder and Executive Director

- Developed full day conferences and workshops for all members of the Adoption Constellation.
- Non-profit organizational management with strong experience and success in strategic planning, operational, fiscal, and program oversight and developing and supporting staff and support group leadership.
- Conducted monthly support groups for all members of the Adoption Constellation.

2015 - present Department of Mental Health Los Angeles, CA

Trainer

- Developed and presented training on Trauma Informed Practice.
- Assisted DMH Staff and Intensive Mental Health Service Providers in developing awareness of the various forms of trauma and it's impact to improve safety and well-being outcomes for youth and families in the Child Welfare System.

2015 - present University Consortium for Children & Families Los Angeles, CA

Trainer

- Developed and presented training on Trauma Informed Practice for County Social Workers.
- Assisted County Social Workers in developing awareness of the various forms of trauma and it's impact to improve safety and well-being outcomes for youth and families in the Child Welfare System.

2010 - 2014 UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs Los Angeles, CA

Trainer

- Developed and presented training on Grief Reactions to Trauma, Attachment Interventions, Beyond Consequences, Secondary Trauma for County Social Workers and PHN Nurses.
- Assisted County Social Workers and PHN Nurses in developing awareness of the various forms of trauma and it's impact on youth and families, as well as their impact as trauma workers. to improve safety and well-being outcomes for all working within the Child Welfare System.

2002 - 2006 Southern CA Foster Family Los Angeles, CA

Mental Health Therapist, 2003 - 2006

Foster Care Social Worker, 2002-2003

- Evaluated children's needs and developed treatment service plans.
- Provided Case management to foster families and children.
- Conducted individual and family therapy sessions.

2001 - 2002 Antioch Counseling Center Los Angeles, CA

Therapist, School Based Services - Los Angeles Unified School District

- Conducted individual play, talk and art therapy with children K-5.
- Developed needs and treatment plans.
- Implemented therapy groups based on children's developmental needs.

2001 - 2003 Julia Ann Singer Center Los Angeles, CA

Group Therapist-Intern

- Facilitated developmental attachment for children ages 5-13.
- Conducted play therapy groups for children who were at high risk for abuse.
- Conducted adult therapy groups for women with substance abuse issues.

2001 - 2007 Trauma Consultants Los Angeles, CA

On-call Dispatcher/Telephone Counselor

- Receive and execute emergency calls for bank robberies and critical incidents across the United States.
- Work with licensed therapists debriefing protocol and assistance.
- Help provide telephone counseling to victim employees.

2000 - 2006 Holy Family Adoption Agency Los Angeles, CA

Paraprofessional Speaker on Adoption and Foster Care Issues

- Speak on panels to prospective adoptive parents and social workers.
- Help provide an understanding of the psychological and emotional impacts of multiple transitions for children in out of home care.
- Provide tools for parenting adoptive and foster children.

2000 -2003 Adoption Support Center Los Angeles, CA

Paraprofessional Counselor

- Facilitated developmental attachment for adopted children ages 5-13.
- Worked with licensed therapists providing art and play therapy.
- Spoke on panels to adoptive parents regarding the psychological life-long impact of adoption.

MFT License

Marriage, Family Therapist License MFC 42758, awarded by California Board of Behavioral Sciences in 2005.

Liability Insurance

CPH and Associates, \$2 Million/\$4 Million limits

Associations

California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)

Foster Care Alumni of America

American Adoption Congress

North American Council on Adoptable Children

AWARDS

In 2006, Foster Care Hero Advocate award for the Foster Care Awareness Campaign from the County of Los Angeles for her outstanding contributions to the children and families served by the Los Angeles County Foster Care System.

PUBLICATIONS and PRESS

The Los Angeles Times. **Internet Lifts Shroud of Secrecy in Adoption.** Interviewed by Emily Alpert Reyes. Published December 11, 2013.

St. Mary's College Magazine, in*tense. **“What’s Your Name, Who’s Your Daddy?” A theatrical play about one child’s journey through foster care and adoption.** Published 2001.

The Jewish Journal. **Are You My Mother? The odyssey of one adoptee serves as a healing lesson for others.** Interviewed by Naomi Pfefferman. Published July 30, 1999.

Adoptalk. A publication of North American Council on Adoptable Children. **Speak Out Corner: Just My Luck!** Published, Summer 1999.

MEDIA - T.V. & Radio Interviews

TLC Television Channel. **Long Lost Family “Am I Who I Think I Am.”** Season 1, Episode 5. Premiered 4/03/2016.

WESU/Wesleyan Radio, 88.1 FM. **Transracial Adoption Expert Interview.** Interviewed and discussed the psychological, emotional and systematic issues in the current Foster Care System. December 1, 2015.

Raising Whately, Docu-series on the OWN Network. Featured in the Webisode, **“Kym Gets Support From Other Adoptive Parents.”** December, 2013.

The New Projects Radio, 830AM. **Foster Care Awareness Month Radio Show.** Interviewed and discussed the psychological, emotional and systematic issues in the current Foster Care System. May 23rd, 2010.

Kids in the House Online Parenting Resource. **Featured Expert on Adoption.**

PERFORMANCE

One Woman Show, “What’s Your Name, Who’s Your Daddy?” A theatrical play about one child’s journey through foster care and adoption. Written and Performed at the Electric Lodge 1999.

KEYNOTE SPEAKER PRESENTATIONS

California Adoption Conference, Oakland, California. **Exploring Feelings About Adoption.** Presented March 19, 2016.

Children’s Bureau of Southern California, Empower, Enrich and Enlighten Conference. **Becoming Whole Parenting.** Presented May 18, 2013.

Children’s Bureau of Southern California. **Celebrating Families Conference.** Presented May 16, 2009.

Children’s Bureau of Southern California. **Parenting Your Adopted Child. Keynote Speaker.** Presented May 2008.

Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles County. **From Foster Care to Family: Keynote Speaker.** May 2007.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Children’s Law Center Los Angeles. **Trauma Informed Professional Practice.** Presented October 13, 2017.

Vista Del Mar Agency. Trauma Informed Practice. Presented June 28-30, 2017 and July 5-7, 2017.

Pennylane Agency. **Trauma and Attachment Informed Practice.** Presented June 21, 2017.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. **Trauma Informed Practice.** Presented monthly September 2016 - June 2017.

California Adoption Conference, Oakland, California. **Groundbreaking Interventions for Traumatized Children and their Families.** Presented March 18, 2016.

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health. **Trauma Informed Practice.** Presented monthly September 2015 - June 2016.

Alma Family Services. **Trauma Informed Practice Part I and II.** Presented September 24 and October 15, 2015.

El Nido Family Centers. **Attachment Focused Parenting.** Presented September 17, 2015.

North American Council on Adoptable Children. **Groundbreaking Interventions for Traumatized Children and their Families.** Presented July 29, 2015.

Pact Adopt Summer Camp 2015. **Groundbreaking Interventions with Foster and Adopted Children.** July 5, 2015.

Olive Crest Agency. **Adoption Competence Training for Professionals.** May 28, 2015.

Celia Center and Vista Del Mar Adoption Agency. **Truly, Madly, Deeply, Understanding your Foster and/or Adopted Child.** May 22, 2015.

Facing Trauma with Truth Conference, Celia Center 2014. **Open Adoption Panel.** Presented November 7, 2014.

Concerned United Birthparents Conference 2014. **Professional Panel.** Presented October 2014.

El Nido Family Centers. **Attachment Focused Parenting.** Presented April 18, 2014.

Valley Trauma Center. **The Mystery of the Foster and Adopted Adolescent.** April 2014.

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. **Trauma Informed Practice.** Presented to Department of Children and Family Services County Social Workers, Los Angeles County. September 30, 2013, November 4 and 22, 2013, February 11, 2014, March 27, 2014, and April 15 and 21, 2014.

El Nido Family Centers. **Attachment Focused Parenting.** Presented April 18, 2014.

65th Annual Convention of California Council of Parent Participation Nursery Schools. **Parenting Your Adopted or Foster Child.** April 14th, 2014.

American Adoption Congress Conference 2014. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families.** Presented April 11, 2014.

Vista Del Mar Family and Child Services. **Adopted For the Life of Me Panel & Film Screening.** August 2013.

Valley Trauma Center. **The Mystery of the Foster and Adopted Adolescent.** June 2013.

Children's Bureau of Southern California. **Unfolding the Open Adoption Relationship.** April 29, 2013.

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. **Secondary Trauma.** Presented to Department of Children and Family Services County Social Workers and Public Health Nurses, Los Angeles County. March 14, 2013, March 27th, 2013, April 11th, 2013 & May 16th, 2013.

UCLA Luskin School of Public Affairs. **Beyond Consequences, Logic and Control.** Presented to the Department of Children and Family Services County Social Workers, Los Angeles County. March 22, 2012, March 29, 2012, December 13, 2012 & July 18, 2013.

Adopt Salon Conference 2012. **Understanding Your Teen Adoptee.** Presented November 9th, 2012.

Children's Bureau of Southern California. **Disclosing Adoption and Family History to Adoptees.** October 2011 & April 2012.

The Resilient Spirit Event. **BLANK- One Man Show Celebrating National Adoption Month.** November 5th, 2011.

Olive Crest Agency. **Attachment Focused Interventions.** October 27, 2011.

Valley Trauma Center. **Attachment Focused Parenting Strategies with Interventions.** September 29, 2011.

Learning for Life at the Skirball Conference. **Attachment Focused Parenting for Adoptive and Foster Children.** June 12, 2011.

Ties for Families Open House. **Attachment Focused Parenting.** May 20, 2011.

The Resilient Spirit Event. **From A Child's Point of View into the Foster Care System.** May 14th, 2011.

San Fernando Valley Community Mental Health Center, Inc. **Attachment-**

Focused Parenting: Improving Communication Between You and Your Child. May 17th, 2011.

Children's Bureau of Southern California. **Attachment Focused Parenting.** Presented January 2011.

Department of Children and Family Services. Committed 2Adoption Conference. **Parenting Your Adopted Child and Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families.** Presented June 9, 2011.

The Resilient Spirit Event. **The Adoptive Child and Family.** November 6th, 2010.

Valley Trauma Center. **Groundbreaking Interventions Working with Traumatized Children and Families in Foster Care and Adoption.** July 29th, 2010.

Reiss-Davis Child Study Center. **Cross-Cultural Sensitivity to Working Clinically with Adoptive Families.** Presented June 12, 2010.

Ties for Families. **Parenting Your Adopted Child and Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families.** Presented June 9th, 2010.

UCLA Center on Child Welfare. **Grief Reactions to Trauma.** Presented to Department of Children and Family Services County Social Workers, Los Angeles County. January 26, 2010, February 25, 2010 & November 10, 2010.

County of Los Angeles - Department of Mental Health. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families Part I & Part II.** May 20, 2010 & May 27, 2010.

The Resilient Spirit Event. **From Foster Care to Family, Foster Care Guest Panel.** May 8th, 2010.

Children's Bureau of Southern California. **Beyond Consequences: Understanding Brain and Behavior.** Presented October 2009, February 2010, April 2010 & July 2010.

Vista Del Mar Family and Child Services. **Unlocking the Heart of Adoption: Movie Presentation.** Presented October 25th, 2009.

Children's Bureau of Southern California. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families Part I, II & III.** Presented October 2008, February 2009, April 2009 & June 2009.

Vista Del Mar Family and Child Services. **Adoption Triad Panel. Navigating the Lifelong Pathways of Adoption.** Presented September 21st, 2008.

Children's Hospital of Los Angeles. **Managing Loss with Foster and Adopted Children.** Presented March 2008.

Vista Del Mar Family and Child Services. **Managing Loss.** Presented September 10th, 2007.

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center. **Coping with Emotional Issues that Arise for Foster and Adopted Children.** Presented March 3rd, 2007 & January 2008.

Electric Lodge Cultural Arts Center. **Parenting Your Adopted Child.** Presented May 22nd, 2007

Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency. **Adoption After Infertility.** Presented November 2007.

Child Welfare League of America. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families Part I.** April 17th, 2007.

Jewish Family Services. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families.** Presented February 2, 2006.

Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families in Foster Care & Adoption Part II.** February 15, 2006.

Child Welfare League of America Conference. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families Part I.** Presented June 21, 2005.

Southern California Foster Family and Adoption Agency. **Groundbreaking Ways to Work with Traumatized Children and Families in Foster Care & Adoption Part I.** Presented September 27, 2005 and November 2, 2005.