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LICENSED CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

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Education

- 1998 *Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited)*
Minnesota School of Professional Psychology
Eagan, MN 55121
- 1990 *B.A. in Psychology and a Minor in Business Management*
Moorhead State University
Moorhead, MN 56563

Dissertation

- 1998 Recidivism Rates of Successful Graduates of a Sex Offender Treatment Program

Licensure

- 1999 Licensed Clinical Psychologist in North Dakota
License number 327

Certifications

- 2012 Certified Trainer in the Static 99R, Stable 2007 and Acute 2007
- 2016 Certified Trainer in Core Correctional Practices; University of Cincinnati

Awards/Honors

- 2017 Nominated for Teacher of the Year by the psychiatry residents of the University of North Dakota School of Medicine and Health Sciences Psychiatry Residency Training Program
- 2017 Recipient of the Leadership Institute of Women in Psychology APA 10th Cohort

2016

Nominated by the North Dakota Psychological Association Board of Trustees for the 2017 State Leadership Award

Professional Experience

2016-Present

**Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Sciences,
University of North Dakota, Fargo Campus, Fargo, ND**

Clinical Assistant Professor

Responsible for the teaching/supervision of psychiatry residents and medical students completing their forensic rotation at the University of North Dakota.

2014-present

**Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment of North Dakota
Corporate Office, Fargo, ND**

President and Chief Executive Officer (CEO)

Cofounded this nonprofit organization that provides sex offender treatment throughout the state of North Dakota. Current offices located in Dickinson, Grand Forks, Devils Lake, Bismarck, Minot, Jamestown and Fargo.

Duties include preparing the yearly budget for board approval and prudently managing organizational resources within those budget guidelines according to current laws and regulations. Provide supervision and oversight to all staff. Report to Board of Directors and ensure they have up to date, accurate information. Represent the company at legislative sessions, committee meetings and at formal functions. Present company report at annual board of directors meetings.

Plan strategies and developmental plans for the welfare of the organization, Give direction and leadership toward the achievement of the organization's philosophy, mission, strategy, and its annual goals and objectives. Provide training to clinical staff and ensure clinical staff have the resources to provide the needed services. Ensure cost effective management of resources.

2005-present

**Benson Psychological Services, PC
Fargo, North Dakota**

President and Chief Executive Officer

Oversee and manage clinical and office staff.

Prepare the yearly budget and prudently manage organizational resources within those budget guidelines according to current laws and regulations.

Plan strategies and developmental plans for the welfare of the organization, Give direction and leadership toward the achievement of the organization's philosophy, mission, strategy, and its annual goals and objectives. Develop Strategic Plans to advance the companies mission and objectives and to promote revenue, profitability and growth as an organization. Ensure productive efficiency, quality service, and cost effective management of resources.

Clinical Psychologist

Evaluations:

Complete general and forensic psychological evaluations for a wide range of presenting problems. Examples include (but are not limited to); Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders, Independent Evaluations on respondents civilly committed at the North Dakota State Hospital as Sexually Dangerous Individuals, Court ordered psychological evaluations, Gastric Bypass pre-surgery evaluations, Pre employment evaluations, Threat assessments, Parental Capacity Evaluations, Competency to Stand Trial and Criminal Responsibility Evaluations, Fitness for Duty, Psychological Injuries, Transfer of Juvenile to Adult Court, and more.

Therapy:

Provided individual psychotherapy for a wide variety of presenting problems. Examples include (but are not limited to), Compulsive Sexual Behavior, Sexual Disorders, Sexual Offenses, Sexual Dysfunction, Depression, Anxiety, Marital Problems, OCD, Compulsive Shopping, Partners of Offenders, Parents of Juveniles who have offended, and other presenting problems.

Supervision:

Provide supervision to Psychology Residents, Psychology Interns, Psychiatry residents and other students at varying levels

Training/Public Speaking

Provide training and public speaking on issues related to the field of Clinical and Forensic psychology, most often related to sexual offenders or sexual behavior.

2000-2016

**Department of Math and Sciences:
North Dakota State University
Fargo, North Dakota**

Lecturer

Teach Psychology 210: Human Sexuality

Responsibilities include preparing for, lecturing to, developing tests for, and providing formal evaluations of performance on, approximately 300-1000 students per year. Course was offered as both a traditional lecture class, as well as a web based, distance learning version.

1998-2010

**Southeast Human Service Center
Fargo, North Dakota**

Staff Psychologist 9/08-6/10

After resigning my full time job in 9/08 to focus more on my growing private practice, I was offered a position working two days per week, completing risk assessments of sexual offenders and supervising doctorate level interns and psychology residents, which I stayed in for another year and a half.

Director of Clinical Training 09/01-9/08

Founded, Coordinated and Directed our APPIC member internship Program. This internship marked the first APPIC member internship Program in the state of North Dakota. It became the first APA approved internship in the state of North Dakota while I was still employed there, but had resigned from the Director of Training position. I was instrumental in the two year process to get APA approval.

Chief Psychologist 09/99-9/08

For nearly 10 years I was employed as the Chief Psychologist of this Community Mental Health Center. My

duties included supervising and overseeing the psychology department, Coordinating the referrals for psychological evaluations, Conducting Psychological Evaluations, primarily with adults (Specializing in conducting Risk Assessments on Sex Offenders and other court ordered evaluations) Consulting to the North Dakota Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, Providing individual therapy to adult males and females, Providing staff training both within and outside the agency, Providing input / approval on diagnosis and treatment plans through multidisciplinary case conferences and informal consultation, attendance at Supervisors Meeting and other duties as assigned.

Clinical Supervisor Adult Therapy Services 06/99-6/06

In addition to the overlapping job duties mentioned above I supervised the Adult Therapy Services unit for 7 years, until I resigned this position (keeping the Chief Psychologist position). While in this role I directly supervised the clinicians in the Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, Coordinated all referrals for adult therapy services, Completed a wide variety of psychological evaluations with a special focus on Sex Offender Evaluations but also including a wide variety of psychological evaluations such as Parental Capacity Evaluations, personality testing, projectives, intellectual, ADHD, malingering, diagnostic, memory testing, etc

Psychology Resident 09/98-09/99

During my first year with Southeast Human Service Center I was employed as a psychology resident. In that capacity I conducted psychological evaluations, primarily with adults with a heavy focus on Parental Capacity Evaluations and Risk Assessments on Sex Offenders for the Courts, but also included general evaluations such as personality testing, projective, intellectual, achievement, ADHD, malingering, diagnostic etc. I was also the consultant to the North Dakota Sexual Abuse Treatment Program, provided individual therapy with adult males and females, provided staff training both within and outside the agency, provided input / approval on diagnosis and treatment plans through multidisciplinary case conferences and informal consultation. I was promoted to the Clinical Supervisor of Adult Therapy Services after 9 months in this role, and to Chief Psychologist after 1 year (upon licensure).

1999-2004

**Solutions Behavioral Health Professionals
Fargo, ND**

Staff Psychologist

Completed psychological evaluations and forensic consultation, specializing in evaluations of sexual offenders

1997-1998

**Federal Correctional Institution
Tallahassee, Florida**

Clinical Psychology Intern

I completed my psychology internship at this APA approved internship site in a Federal Prison 4 days per week. During my year there I provided individual therapy with incarcerated adult males and females, Group Therapy with incarcerated adult females, Psychological Evaluations on adult incarcerated females, Crisis Intervention as needed, Jail Screenings (suicidality, dangerousness, medication needs, etc.) Psychiatric Consultation exposure, Provided staff training on working with Axis II Disorders and took part in Annual Hostage Negotiation/SORT Training

1997-1998

**Tallahassee Memorial Psychiatric Center
Tallahassee, Florida**

Clinical Psychology Intern

I completed Psychological Evaluations on a full range of patients from children to geriatric in an inpatient psychiatric hospital one day per week. Evaluations included objective, projective, intellectual, achievement and /or neuropsychological testing.

1996-1997

**Eden Prairie Psychological Resources
Eden Prairie, Minnesota**

Therapy Practicum Student

Therapy with children diagnosed with Reactive Attachment, Disorder, Individual Therapy with children, adolescents and Adults, Marriage, Family, Group, In-Home, and Play Therapy.

1995-1996

**Project Pathfinder
St. Paul, Minnesota**

Diagnostic Practicum Student

Psychological Evaluations with adult male sex offenders,
Conducted outcome research on program efficiency.

1995-1996

**Jenny Lind Elementary School
Minneapolis, MN**

Child Development Technician (CDT)

Development and implementation of individual behavior plans and behavioral management programs for at risk students. Development and implementation of school wide behavioral plans/reinforcers, Crises Intervention and follow up, Co facilitated groups with the school psychologist, Conducted outcome research on program efficiency, Handled the school discipline, including crises calls, suspensions, and parent phone calls, Wrote the training manual for this position.

1993-1995

**Olson Elementary School
Minneapolis, MN**

Child Development Technician (CDT)

Development and implementation of individual behavior plans and behavioral management programs for at risk students, Development and implementation of school wide behavioral reinforcers, Crises Intervention and follow up, Co facilitated groups with the school psychologist Handled the school discipline, including crises calls, suspensions, and parent phone calls

1992-1996

**St. Joseph's Home for Children
Minneapolis, MN**

Lead Youth Counselor (LYC) 1992-1994

Supervision of children and adolescents with multiple behavioral problems, Responsible for daily programming on my shifts, Monitored behavior and charted progress in treatment, Created treatment goals for residents based on their identified needs, Co facilitated groups, Coordinated the Volunteer Program, Helped to ensure the unit functioned in a safe manner, Utilized both verbal and physical de-escalation techniques as appropriate

On-Grounds Supervisor (OGS) 1994-1996

All duties as mentioned above, plus was the Identified after hours supervisor for three residential units during my shifts

1990-1992

**Luther Hall
Fargo, ND**

Residential Specialist

Supervision of children and adolescents with multiple behavioral problems, Monitored behavior and charted progress in treatment, Helped create treatment goals for residents based on their identified needs, Co facilitated groups, Helped to ensure the unit functioned in a safe manner, Utilized both verbal and physical de-escalation techniques as appropriate, Attending staff meetings

1990-1990

**Brainerd Regional Human Service Center
Brainerd, Minnesota**

Psychology Intern-Undergraduate

Attended group therapy sessions with children, adolescents and adults, Attended staff meetings regarding children, adolescents and adults, Gave input on treatment plans in the adolescent unit, Involved in all unit activities on the adolescent unit

Current Volunteer Experience

2013-2017

**Service Dogs for America
Jud, North Dakota**

Medical Review Board Member

Review applicants from Veterans applying for a PTSD trained service dog, attend monthly conference calls to approve or deny placement based on set criteria. Provide information to the review board regarding comorbid mental health issues and its impact on the Veterans eligibility for a service dog.

Memberships

2017-Present

APA Women's Leadership Institute

2015-Present

Fargo/Moorhead/West Fargo Chamber of Commerce

2014-Present	American PsyLaw Association: APA Division 41
2014-Present	APA Council of Representatives
2014-Present	Veteran's Service Dog Medical Review Board
2012-Present	Minnesota Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (MnATSA)
2012-Present	Sex Offender Civil Commitment Provider Network (SOCCPN)
2007-Present	Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)
2006-Present	Board of Trustees of NDPA
2000-Present	North Dakota Psychological Association (NDPA)
1999-2003, 2012-Present	American Psychological Association (APA)
2012-2014	Past President of NDPA
2010-2012	President of NDPA
2008-2010	President Elect of NDPA
2001-2006	National Health Service Corps
2000-2001	Council for the National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology

Selected Invited Presentations

2017	Core Correctional Practices <i>Sponsor: Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment of North Dakota</i>
2017	Static 99R updates, Stable 2007, Acute 2007 Certification Workshop <i>Sponsor: Sex Offender Treatment and Assessment of North Dakota</i>
2017	Risk Assessments: Past, Present and Future <i>Sponsor: University of North Dakota Medical School</i>
2017	Psychopathy <i>Sponsor: University of North Dakota Medical School</i>
2017	Static 99R Certification Workshop <i>Sponsor: Department of Corrections: Pennsylvania</i>
2016	Supporting Children with Sexual Behavioral Problems <i>Sponsor: PATH annual conference</i>
2016	The Jacob Wetterling case and Stranger Abductions <i>Interview: Valley News Live</i>
2016	Sex Offenders and Housing <i>Sponsor: Real Estate commission</i>
2016, 2015, 2014	Static 99R/Stable/Acute 2007 Certification Workshops <i>Sponsor: MnATSA Annual Conference</i>
2017, 2016, 2015, 2014, 2013, 2012	Interviews on WDAY, KVLV, Fox News, North Dakota Today and various other TV and radio stations regarding issues related to sexual behavior
2015	Too Busy to Get Busy <i>Interview: Valley News Live</i>
2015	Sex Offenders from a Psychological Viewpoint <i>Interview: WDAZ</i>
2015	How a Pornography Addiction can be as Addictive as Drugs <i>Interview: WDAY</i>
2015	Ethical Clinical Supervision <i>Sponsor: Behavioral Health Summit Spring and Fall Meetings</i>
2015	Ethical Clinical Supervision

2014 Sex, Lies and Videotape
Sponsor: NDPA Fall Conference

2014 Static 99R/Stable/Acute 2007 Certification Workshop
Sponsor: West Central Regional Juvenile Center

2014 Risk Assessments of Sex Offenders
Sponsor: North Dakota DOC

2014 Sexting Apps and How Kids Are Hiding Them from Their Parents
Sponsor: Indigent Defense Council

2013 Static 99R/Stable/Acute 2007
Interview: Valley News Live

2012 Juveniles who have Sexually Offended
Sponsor: North Dakota State Penitentiary

2012 Sex Offenders: What You Need to Know and Why
Sponsor: ND Guardian Ad Litem Training

2011 Compulsive Sexual Behavior
Sponsor: Red River Valley Children's Advocacy Conference

2011 Electronics Addiction
Sponsor: Prairie St. Johns

2010 Sex Offenders and Housing
Interview: Jack and Sandy KFGO

2010 Internet Pornography
Sponsor: Real Estate commission

2007 Sex Offenders
Interview: Terry Speis KFGO

2007 Panel Discussion at UND on sexual offenders
Interview: Scott Henen's Hot Talk

2006 Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders
Sponsor: Northern Lights Psychology Conference

2005 Understanding, Identifying and Treating Personality Disorders
Sponsor: UND Medical School

2005 Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders
Sponsor: SCHSC

2004 Sexual Offenders
Sponsor: North Dakota Psychological Association

2004 Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders
Interview: Prairie Public Radio

2003 Sexual Offenders
Sponsor: Merit Care

2001 Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders
Interview: Channel 11

2011 Understanding, Identifying and Treating Personality Disorders
Sponsor: North Dakota State University

2000-2007 Understanding, Identifying and Treating Generalized Anxiety Disorder
Sponsor: NEHSC

2000-2007 Understanding, Identifying and Treating Sexual Disorders
Sponsor: SEHSC Internship Training Program

2000-2007	Understanding, Identifying and Treating Panic Disorder <i>Sponsor: SEHSC Internship Training Program</i>
2000-2007	Understanding, Identifying and Treating Sexual Paraphilias <i>Sponsor: SEHSC Internship Training Program</i>
2000-2007	Understanding, Identifying and Treating Personality Disorders <i>Sponsor: SEHSC Internship Training Program</i>
2000-2007	Understanding, Identifying and Treating OCD <i>Sponsor: SEHSC Internship Training Program</i>
2000	Risk Assessments on Sexual Offenders <i>Sponsor: UND Medical School</i>

Selected Advanced Training

Dr. Benson regularly attends local and national conferences related to clinical and forensic psychology and has received advanced training in the evaluation and treatment of sexual offenders, forensic report writing, expert witness testimony, competency to stand trial and criminal responsibility, psychological injuries, parental capacity and child custody evaluations, and several other areas of competency.

Testimony

Dr. Benson has testified as an expert witness in state, federal and military court. She has testified on issues related to Sex Offender Risk Assessments, Parental Capacity, Criminal Responsibility, Competency to Stand Trial, Civil Commitment of Sexually Dangerous Individuals, Child Pornography, Sexual Assault, PTSD, Disability, Wrongful Termination, Transferring Juveniles to Adult Court and more.