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1994 – Present	Special Education Consultant for behavior support, home planning, transition planning (EI to Pre-K to K and post secondary), residential placement, training, and advocacy for 0 to 21years and adults with developmental disabilities, emotional and learning disabilities.
1982 – Present	Psychotherapist treating individuals, groups and families across the lifespan.
2010 – Feb. 2015	Co-founder & Clinical Director , Westbrook Preparatory School, Westbury, NY, the first and only NY approved therapeutic residential Regents high school designed for adolescents with higher functioning autism and related disabilities. Created and led the development of clinical, family, PBS, pragmatics, travel training, transition, special events, staff development and client orientation programs <i>emphasizing therapeutic fidelity</i> .
2002 – 2004	Senior Social Worker & School Consultant , Fay J. Lindner Center for Autism, Brookville, NY. Diagnostic assessment and educational planning for EI, CPSE and CSE, behavior intervention, school consultation, social skills training, parent training, sensitivity training and in-service training.
1988 – 2008	Adjunct Social Work Professor (1988 - 2008), Director of Field Education (1989 - 1992), Assistant Director of Field Education and Forensic Project Director (1988 - 1989) Adelphi University School of Social Work, Garden City, NY
1982 – 1987	Operations Manager , N Enterprises Corp., Melville, NY
1979 – 1982	Assistant Professor, Coordinator of Field Instruction and Acting Director (1980) Molloy College Social Work Program, Rockville Centre, NY
1979 – 1982	Coordinator of Single Parent Program (part-time) Family Consultation Service, Queens Village, NY
1978 – 1980	Program Trainer and Evaluator , Foster Parent Training (part-time) Nassau County Department of Social Services, Mineola, NY
1973 – 1979	Assistant Mental Health Consultant , Family Court and Criminal Divisions Nassau County Probation Department, Mineola, NY
1970 – 1973	Social Worker , Child Development Center Nassau County Medical Center, East Meadow, NY

Education

Ph.D., Cognitive Behavior Therapy, International University for Graduate Studies, Riverdale, NY

Certified Child Birth Counselor, Birth Resources Training, New York, NY

Certified Addiction Specialist, Adelphi University, Garden City, NY

Doctoral Candidate (ABD), Hunter College School of Social Work, CUNY

BSSW/MSW Adelphi University, Garden City, NY (first BSW degree in the U.S., NIMH grantee)

Additional Training: (Details are provided in complete Curriculum Vita upon request)

- Individual training by specialists in Applied Behavioral Analysis, 1998-present, 800+ hrs.
- Positive Behavioral Support: 1998-2002, 100+ hrs.
- The TEACCH Program and Structured Teaching, Advanced Level II, and Invitational Colloquium, 2000-2005, over 109 hrs.

- Asperger Syndrome, PDD-NOS and co-morbid subtypes, 1998-present, over 800 hrs.
- Special Education, Social Work, and Psychotherapy: Since 2000, over 700 CEU's in Feingold; sex therapy; work of Virginia Satir; cognitive behavior therapies; therapy with children and parents; group work; hypnosis; guided imagery; anxiety disorders; mood disorders; psychotic disorders; suicide assessment; inclusion; transition; person centered planning; Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI); mindfulness, and special education law.

Career Highlights as a Special Education Consultant for EI, CPSE, K-12, college students, families and schools:

- Perform screening and differential diagnosis for students with mixed psychiatric and neurodevelopmental diagnoses, and confusing educational profiles
- Assess adaptive skills (Vineland-II Interview Ed.) and write prescriptive reports
- Evaluate developmental, medical, psychological, and educational records to synthesize recommendations
- Provide detailed recommendations based on functional assessment and observations in classrooms, recess, lunchtime, school buses, home and community
- Design and supervise behavior intervention plans for school and home
- Develop customized social skills plans: select appropriate curricula to teach social cognition and relationship skills with careful attention to the gradual mastery of fundamental skills, integration during the school day and peer mediated strategies
- Evaluate and match students for appropriate class placement along the continuum of public and private school options for inclusion, LD schools, and residential therapeutic schools
- Facilitate steps in obtaining CPSE and CSE/PPT placement
- Train and supervise home instructors, social coaches, and college coaches
- Ensure coordination of home and school interventions
- Design transition plans and life plans for individuals with disabilities and their families
- Guide educational team building and develop systems for coordination and transition planning
- Develop, customize, and present classroom peer sensitivity and bullying prevention programs
- Train and supervise buddies and peer mentors
- Provide expert testimony for due process hearings

Sampling of Recent Publications, Staff Development and Workshops

- *TEACCH*, Westbrook Staff Development, September 2014; Parent Training, January 2015.
- *Autism 101 and Then Some: Diagnoses of ADHD, ADD, Social Communication Disorder, OCD and Tourette's*, Westbrook Staff Development, February and December 2014.
- *Rethinking Space to Shape Coping Behaviors: Employing Mindfulness and Nonverbal Prompts*, Westbrook Staff Development, April and December 2014.
- *Navigating Entitlements with Transition Planning: Desensitize, Demystify, and Disabuse*, Westbrook Parent Program, October 2014.
- "Response to Intervention and Positive Behavior Support," *The Complete Guide to RTI*, D. Burton & J. Kappenberg. Thousand Oaks, CA: Corwin 2012.
- *Working with Challenging Parents: Strategies and Techniques*. A 90-minute Webinar for schools, therapists and attorneys. Lorman Education Services, 2009, 2010, and 2011.
- *Working with Parents of Autistic Children*, NY State Society of Clinical Social Workers, Molloy College, Rockville Centre, NY, 2010.

Credentials

- New York State "R" Licensed Certified Social Worker (LCSW), No. PR-012542
- Board Certified Diplomat in Clinical Social Work (BCD), No. 019908
- National Association of Social Workers Diplomat in Clinical Social Work and Academy of Certified Social Workers (ACSW)
- Fellow, New York State Society for Clinical Social Work