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EDUCATION

- August 2004* **Doctorate of Philosophy**, Clinical Psychology, University of Houston
Specialty: Child/Family, Dissertation: Treatment Outcomes of Sexually Abused Children
- May 2001* **Master of Arts**, Clinical Psychology, University of Houston
- May 1997* **Master of Arts**, Psychology, San Diego State University
- June 1991* **Bachelor of Arts**, Psychology, University of California, Santa Cruz
Graduated with Crown College Honors
- 1989 – 1990* **University of California Education Abroad Program**, University of Sussex, England
GPA: 4.0 Majors: Psychology and Anthropology

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

- Dec 2013 - Present* **Owner, Dandelion Psychology, LLC**, Arvada, CO
Provide individual therapy and psychological testing for children, teens and adults. Conduct play and family therapy. Provide fact and expert testimony as needed. Conduct community trainings and case consultation to colleagues. Provide training and supervision for graduate students in psychology and education. Specialty areas: treatment of childhood trauma, juvenile delinquency, parenting skills training, adoption and foster care adjustment, child behavior problems, divorce, family violence, and codependency.
- Jan 2010 – August 2013* **Psychologist in private practice**, Austin, TX
Conducted individual therapy and testing with children, teens and adults. Conducted play and family therapy. Specialized in treatment of childhood trauma, juvenile delinquency, adoption, child behavior problems, divorce, family violence, and codependency. Conducted trainings in the community for school and mental health professionals. Provided consultation and expert testimony for family law attorneys.
- March 2009 – Sept 2009* **Director of Clinical Services**
Psychiatric Solutions Inc - The Oaks Treatment Center, Austin, TX
Designed and implemented new clinical programs as needed. Participated as a member of an interdisciplinary team managing daily operations and provision of therapeutic services to children ages 5 to 17 years in residential treatment. Provided supervision, training, and guidance to therapists and case managers, program managers, and recreational therapists. Acted as liaison to on-site UT charter school. Arranged and supervised clinical internships and practicum placements. Reviewed referrals for admission. Presented at local conferences. Provided individual, group, and family therapy as needed.
- August 2007 – February 2009* **Director of Clinical Programs**
Austin Children's Shelter, Austin, TX

Designed, implemented, and evaluated psychological, psychiatric, social work, educational, and medical services provided to emergency shelter residents, ages birth through 17 years. Developed and updated clinical policies and procedures. Hired, trained, and managed ten interdisciplinary staff. Coordinated clinical internships and supervised interns. Provided 24-hour staff support and admission request processing. Provided consultation to staff regarding behavioral management of children in the milieu. Conducted trainings on clinical issues for volunteers, staff, and community partners. Monitored progress toward grant targets. Conducted crisis interventions and weekly meetings with shelter residents.

*August 2005 -
February 2007*

Clinical Psychologist V

MHMRA Juvenile Forensic Unit, Juvenile Justice Center, Houston, TX

Conducted over 100 psychological screenings and evaluations with juveniles charged with various crimes. Provided trainings for probation staff on mental health issues in juveniles. Assisted with establishment of new pre-doctoral internship in psychology for Harris County Juvenile Probation Department. Conducted weekly individual and group supervision with interns. Conducted evaluations for certification of juveniles to stand trial as adults, mental retardation determination, and competency to stand trial. Provided court testimony.

*January 2004 -
March 2006*

Post Doctoral Fellow

The Children's Assessment Center, Houston, TX

Conducted individual, group, and family therapy with sexually abused children and their families. Conducted psychological evaluations. Provided trainings on sexual abuse and related issues for foster parents and community professionals.

*January 2003 -
August 1999*

Psychology Intern / Practicum Extern

The Children's Assessment Center, Houston, TX

Conducted individual, family, and group therapy with sexually abused children and their families. Co-lead group for juvenile perpetrators of sexual abuse. Conducted the first Animal Assisted Therapy sessions at The CAC. Completed intake interviews and psychological evaluations of children and adults. Testified as a fact witness in family court hearings. Attended trainings and conferences.

*August 2000 –
August 2002*

Clinic Assistant

Psychology Research and Services Center, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Conducted 86 intake interviews for therapy and assessment services, arranged CEU trainings, completed monthly reports on service volume, and provided on-call crisis management services.

*August 2000 –
August 2002*

Clinical Research Practicum Student

Victims' Resource Institute, University of Houston, Houston, TX

Conducted individual therapy with sexually assaulted children in two treatment outcome studies. Developed skills in exposure, systematic desensitization, and relaxation techniques. Provided support and child management training to victims' parents as needed. Collected and analyzed sexual abuse research data for presentation at conferences or publication by faculty.

*August 2000 –
August 2001*

Psychology Practicum Extern

Texas Children's Hospital, Houston, TX

Conducted psychological evaluations and individual therapy with children and adolescents displaying behavioral or emotional problems related to physical illness.

- June 2000 – October 2000* **Advanced Practicum Student (overload)**
Psychological Research and Services Center, University of Houston, TX
Conducted weekly marital and individual therapy, utilizing empirically supported measures to assess client needs and progress.
- June 1998 – June 2000* **Clinical Research Interviewer, Community Data Project**
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Designed measure of parent-child affinity; recruited subjects from the community for participation in cross sectional study of marital conflict. Conducted interviews with adult and child subjects, administered standardized measures of psychological functioning.
- August 1998 - June 1999* **Psychology Practicum Therapist**
Psychological Research and Services Center, University of Houston
Conducted individual therapy with adults. Developed skills in interview techniques, case conceptualization, use of progressive muscle relaxation, cognitive and stimulus control techniques, and social skills training. Conducted cognitive assessments with children.
- August 1997 - June 1999* **Clinical Research Interviewer, Project Support**
University of Houston, Houston, TX
Conducted interviews with women and children, administered standardized measures designed to assess psychopathology, provided referrals, conducted crisis interventions.
- January 1995 - January 1996* **Clinical Research Interviewer**
Center for Child Protection, Children’s Hospital, San Diego, CA
Studies: Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services Study; B.R.A.V.E.
Interviewed and administered battery of standardized screening instruments to parents and children referred for treatment of child sexual abuse. Facilitated parent orientation meetings. Administered satisfaction and adjustment measures to families who received a video intervention to increase parental support for sexually abused children (BRAVE).
- August 1992 – July 1994* **Foster Care Social Worker**
Catholic Social Services, Philadelphia, PA
Provided case management for 20 maltreated children in 12 foster homes. Designed and facilitated support group for biological children of foster parents. Attended clinical trainings. Wrote a children’s book for foster children experiencing multiple moves. Facilitated kinship and non-kinship adoption of foster children.
- August 1991 – August 1992* **Residential Childcare Worker/Vincentian Service Corps Volunteer**
Catholic Home Group Home Network, Philadelphia, PA
Provided full-time supervision of residents, participated in In-Service Plan meetings. Completed intakes, incident reports, and medication registries. Attended clinical trainings.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2015-present* **Field Practicum Community Supervisor, University of Denver**
Provide clinical experience, training and supervision for 1-5 doctoral students each year from the PsyD program in Psychology and/or the School Psychology Clinical program

- 2010-2013 **Adjunct Faculty, Master's in Counseling Program, St. Edward's University**
 Master's in Counseling Course: Techniques with Children & Adolescents (12 semesters)
 Master's in Counseling Course: Abnormal Psychology (1 semester)
- 2007- 2008 **Adjunct Faculty, Austin Medical Education Program**
 Provided lectures on child maltreatment and PTSD to psychiatry residents
- 2006-2007 **Lecturer, Child Abuse: Interdisciplinary Perspectives, University of Houston**
- 2004 **Lecturer, Child Development, University of Houston**
- 2002-2004 **Teaching Fellow, Child Development, University of Houston**
- 2001 – 2004 **Teaching Fellow, Abnormal Psychology, University of Houston**
- 2000 – 2002 **Teaching Fellow, Introduction to Psychology, University of Houston**
- 1997 – 1998 **Teaching Assistant, Introduction to Psychology, University of Houston**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

- March 2003 - **Full Circle of Care: Closing the Gap in the Treatment of Child Sexual Abuse**
 April 2006 The Children's Assessment Center, Houston, TX
 Project Coordinator , Data Analyst and Manager
- January 2005 - **STOP Worry Program, Baylor College of Medicine, Houston, TX**
 August 2005 Independent Evaluator
- August 2000 - **Victims' Resource Institute, University of Houston**
 January 2003 Therapist, Data Manager
- January 2002 - **High School Dating Violence Study, University of Houston**
 May 2002 Interviewer
- August 1997 - **Project Support, University of Houston**
 August 2000 Site Coordinator, Child Management Skills Instructor, Observational Data Coder
- January 1995 - **Social Development Laboratory, San Diego State University**
 August 1997 Projects: Childhood Friendship Project, Best Friend Project, Social Schema Project
 Project Coordinator
- January 1995 - **Child and Family Research Group, Children's Hospital, San Diego, CA**
 August 1997 Projects: Foster Care Mental Health Study, Longscan, Healthy Families of America
 Research Assistant
- May 1993 - **Aggression Study, University of Pennsylvania/Children's Seashore House, Phila, PA**
 July 1994 Project: Aggression in Schools: Risk Factors, Psychosocial Outcomes, and Interventions
 Research Assistant

SELECTED PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

Peters, B.R. "Vicarious trauma, self-care, and boundaries" invited presentation to the Human Trafficking Summit, July 2025.

Peters, B.R. "Grooming: The Dynamics of Child Sexual Abuse" Invited presentation to the Sexual Abuse Response Team meeting in Adams County, April 9, 2024.

Peters, B.R. & Lampert, K. "Why do they do that? Effective ways to work with the adolescent brain." Invited Presentation for Ralston House affiliates February 16, 2023 and for Child Abuse Task Force, January 24, 2019.

Peters, B.R. "Secondary Trauma" Invited Presentation for Ralston House, November 9, 2022 and April 4, 2018.

Lock, Cheryl, July 13, 2020, invited parenting consultant for New York Times Article entitled "How to help kids cope with moving". Download: <https://www.nytimes.com/2020/07/13/parenting/moving-tips-kids.html?fbclid=IwAR3D0qx0OQI9uLJ4kNnGBrHuLbxQu4VeUvvoiN9XRMhyGx9yfs4lbQlyAiw>

Peters, B.R. "The Neurobiology of Trauma" Invited presentation to the Jefferson County, Colorado Victim Advocacy Office of the District Attorney for Sherriff's Department. October 22, 2019.

Peters, B.R. Trauma Informed Care Invited Presentation for Ralston House & Partners, May 17, 2017

Peters, B.R. Child and Teen Therapy Techniques, Invited Presentation for Nicoletti-Flater Associates, June 4, 2017

Peters, B.R. Positive Discipline: Introduction for Therapists, Invited Presentation for Longmont Therapists Association, March 2017

Peters, B.R. Parenting Kids and Teens with Positive Discipline, Invited Presentation for Jefferson Academy School, October 2015.

Peters, B.R. Play therapy techniques for promoting attachment. Invited presentation to the Hill Country Play Therapy Association, January 2013.

Peters, B.R. Child Maltreatment: Current Trends and Treatment. Invited Presentation to Capital Area Psychologists Association, 2010.

Peters, B.R. You are Awesome! Self Esteem for Teens, Invited Presentation, Caring Family Network, June 2010.

Peters, B.R. Working with Military Families. Invited Presentation, TNOYS Annual Conference, August, 2009.

Peters, B.R. Child Abuse and Neglect: What you need to know. Invited Presentations, Region XIII Education Service Center Homeless Education conferences, Austin, TX October 2008 and Fredericksburg, January 2009.

Peters, B.R. The Origins of Juvenile Delinquency. Invited Presentations, DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX November 2006, Sam Houston State University, January 2007.

Peters, B.R. To Spank or Not to Spank? Invited Presentation, DePelchin Children's Center, Houston, TX 2005.

Peters, B., Dominguez, R., Lovria, E., Vincent, J., Harris, G., and Cross, J. Child Victims of Crime: Treatment Outcomes. Symposium for the Annual Meeting of the Texas Psychological Association, Houston, TX, 2001.

Peters, B., Dominguez, R.Z., Vincent, J., Harris, G., and Cross, J. Treatment responses among symptomatic and asymptomatic sexually abused children. Research poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Psychological Association, San Francisco, CA, 2001.

Peters, B.R., McDonald, R., and Jouriles, E.N. Marital conflict and child adjustment: The role of parental support and nurturance. Poster presented at the Annual Meeting of the American Association for Behavioral Therapy, New Orleans, LA, 2000.

Peters, B.R., Atkins, M.S., & McKernan-McKay, M. (1999). Adopted children's behavior problems: A review of five explanatory models. *Clinical Psychology Review*, *19*, 297-328.

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

- July 2025* **Human Trafficking Summit**, attendee and presenter, 12 hours
- March 2025* **Sibling Sexual Behavior**, 4 hr online webinar by Safer Society Foundation
- March 2025* **AI for Testing Psychologists**, 3 hr online webinar by Liz Angoff, PsyD
- Nov 2024* **Treating Trauma Master Series** 6.5 hr training by National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine. Modules included:
- How to Work with Traumatic Memory That Is Embedded in the Nervous System
 - The neurobiology of trauma – What's going on in the brain when someone experiences trauma?
 - How to Work with Emotional and Procedural Memory in the Case of Preverbal Trauma
 - What resets our nervous system after trauma?
- July 2024* **Mandatory Reporting**, 2 hr training by Yolanda Arredondo, CO Division of Child Welfare
- July 2024* **Erasing their Possibilities: Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children**, 4 hr training by Myra Strand, MA, CA
- July 2024* **Teaching Parenting the Positive Discipline Way**, 13 hr training from Positive Discipline Association
- July 2024* **Working with Transgender and Gender Diverse Youth**, 1.5 hr training with Jen Shivey, LPC
- April 2023* **Certified Clinical Trauma Professional**, Evergreen Certifications #106877
- March 2023* **Understanding the Gut Brain: Stress, Appetite, Digestion, and Mood**, 6 hr training by Dr. Christopher Lowry
- March 2023* **Recognizing & Treating youth with Dissociation: Weaving together play therapy, family therapy and trauma therapy protocols** 18 hr training by Monaco, Water, and Beckley-Forest
- Feb 2023* **How to Talk about Difficult Birth Histories** 4 hour training by Dr. Chaitra Wirta-Leiker

- 2018 – 2022 **Clinical Consultant**, Nicoletti-Flater Associates, provide clinical consultation for child and adolescent cases to clinicians serving law enforcement officers and their families
- 2018 – 2022 **EMDR consultation group participant**, Trainer: Lori Pereria, LPC
- 2018 **EMDR Trained** through Trauma Recovery HAP as a Ralston House Provider
- 2012 **Certified Positive Discipline Parenting Educator**, Trainer: Deborah Owen-Sohocki, LPC
- 2004, 2002 **Manuscript Reviewer**, Journal of Research on Adolescence
- 2003 **Cultural Diversity Taskforce**, The Children’s Assessment Center
- 2001 **Manuscript Reviewer**, Journal of Consulting and Clinical Psychology

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS & LICENSES

- Licensed Psychologist, Colorado PSY #4004, Dec 12, 2013 – present
- Denver Area Psychologists Organization, Member 2014 – present
- Colorado Assessment Society, Member September 2019 - 2020
- Licensed Psychologist, Texas #33019, March 31, 2006 – Dec 18, 2015
- Capitol Area Psychologists Association, Member, Private Practice Representative 2010- 2012
- Child Maltreatment Section of the APA, Member 2010
- Texas Psychological Association, Member, 2001, 2006, 2007-2008, 2010-2014, 2015-2019 (Affiliate)