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CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSES

- 1995 California Board of Psychology - Licensed Clinical Psychologist (PSY 14261)
- 2001 American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology - Board Certified in Pediatric Neuropsychology (# 2021)
- 2006 American Board of Pediatric Neuropsychology - Recertification
- 2007 American Board of Professional Neuropsychology - Board Certified in Professional Neuropsychology (# 413)
- 2019 Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards - Certificate of Professional Qualification (# 4758)
- 2020 Connecticut Department of Public Health – Licensed Clinical Psychologist (# 3986)
- 2021 Oklahoma Board of Examiners for Psychologists – Licensed Clinical Psychologist (#1367)

ACADEMIC RECORD

- Post-Graduate: Certificate in Neuropsychology, April 2001
Fielding Institute, Santa Barbara, CA
A.P.A. Accredited Program
- Graduate: M.A., Clinical Psychology, June 1991
Ph.D., Clinical Psychology, June 1993
California School of Professional Psychology, Los Angeles, CA
A.P.A. Accredited Program
- Internships: September 1993-August 1993: Thaliens Community Mental Health Center,
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA
September 1991-August 1992: Glen Roberts Child Study Center,
Glendale, CA
- Dissertation: A research method integrating infant observation and psychoanalysis to illuminate personality development
- Undergraduate: B.A. January 1983
Major: Playwriting *Minor:* Contemporary American Literature
Hampshire College, Amherst, MA

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

March 1995
to present

Private Practice of Clinical Psychology and Neuropsychology, Tarzana, CA

- Provide comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological testing of children, adolescents and adults
- Attend I.E.P. meetings and testify at due process hearings to insure the provision of necessary accommodations and services for students with special needs
- Serve as an expert witness in personal injury, employment, educational, family law, criminal law, business law, elder law, probate, and class action legal matters
- Provide consultation and continuing education training to mental health professionals, attorneys, educators, and physicians

2002-2011

Qualified Medical Evaluator, Encino and Tarzana CA

- Provided psychological and neuropsychological testing of applicants in the Worker's Compensation System

October 1993 -
December 1995

Clinical Psychologist II, Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health West Central Family Mental Health Center

- Provided diagnostic assessment, psychological testing, outpatient group and individual psychotherapy, and case management to low-income, persistently and severely mentally ill adults in a community mental health center
- Performed primary and advanced triage and crisis intervention.
- Performed program evaluation, participated in case conferences, and consulted with an interdisciplinary mental health team

October 1991 -
to March 1995

Registered Psychological Assistant, Beverly Hills, CA

- Provided individual and group psychotherapy to adults and children
- Provided psychological testing of egg donors for infertile couples, of litigants in personal injury lawsuits, and of applicants in the Worker's Compensation system

September 1992 to
September 1993

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern, Thaliens Community Mental Health Center Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles, CA

Outpatient Service

- Conducted intake interviews and assessed new patients
- Performed psychological testing of adults and children
- Provided treatment planning and crisis intervention
- Provided brief and long-term individual, conjoint and family psychotherapy for children, adolescents and adults
- Served as a consultant and liaison with other disciplines

Adult Inpatient Service

- Provided psychological assessment, treatment planning and consultation for adults as part of a multi-disciplinary team
- Led and co-led psychotherapy groups
- Attended case conferences

September, 1991
to August, 1992

Pre-Doctoral Psychology Intern, Glen Roberts Child Study Center, Glendale, CA

- Provided psychological testing of children and adolescents
- Provided play therapy for children and adolescents; co-led adolescent social skills groups; taught parenting classes to parents of latency aged children
- Attended school meetings, liaised with teachers and social workers; interfaced with the judicial system for court-referred cases

September 1990
to August 1991

Supervised Practicum in Clinical Psychology, Family Service of Santa Monica, Santa Monica, CA

- Provided psychodynamic individual and conjoint psychotherapy to adults

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

February 1989
to March 1992

Infant Observation Study: Longitudinal observation of two mother-infant dyads in their homes to study factors in personality development

PUBLICATIONS

Chidekel, D. (January 2002). *Parents in Charge: Setting Healthy, Loving Boundaries for You and Your Child*, Simon and Schuster: New York

Chidekel, D. (Winter 2003). The place of boundaries. *The Educational Therapist*, 24 (2), 5-11

Chidekel, D. (Nov/Dec 2004). Living a dynamic life. *The Los Angeles Psychologist*

Chidekel, D. (May 7, 2007). What I missed with my camcorder, *Newsweek, My Turn*

Chidekel, D. & Budding, D. (Winter 2010). Procedural deficits in learning disorders: a view beneath the verbal-nonverbal dichotomy. *The Educational Therapist*, 31 (1), 8-12

Koziol, L.F., Budding, D.E., and Chidekel, D. (August 2010). Adaptation, Expertise, and Giftedness: Towards an Understanding of Cortical, Subcortical, and Cerebellar Network Contributions. *Cerebellum*, vol. 9, no. 4, pp. 499–529

Koziol, L.F., Budding, D.E., and Chidekel, D. (June 2011). Sensory Integration, Sensory Processing, and Sensory Modulation Disorder: Putative Functional Neuroanatomic Underpinnings. *Cerebellum*, 2011 Dec, 10 (4):770-92

- Koziol, L.F., Budding, D.E., and Chidekel, D. (November 2012). From Movement to Thought: Executive Function, Embodied Cognition and the Cerebellum. *Cerebellum* Jun, 11(2):505-25
- Budding, D.E. & Chidekel, D. (2012): ADHD and Giftedness: A Neurocognitive Consideration of Twice Exceptionality. *Applied Neuropsychology: Child* 1 (2), 145-151
- Koziol, L.F., Budding, D.E., & Chidekel, D. (January 2012) Hyperbilirubinemia: Subcortical Mechanisms of Cognitive and Behavioral Dysfunction. *Journal of Pediatric Neurology* 48 (1) , 3-13
- Koziol, L.F., Budding, D.E., and Chidekel, D. The Vertically Organized Brain in Theory and Practice: ADHD as a Model of Brain-Behavior Relationships. *Springer Briefs in Neuroscience*. 2013, New York, NY. Springer

PRESENTATIONS

Keynote Addresses

Parenting with the Long View

Independent School Consultants' Association Fall Conference. "Setting the Stage for Student Success", Hollywood, CA. November 2007

Parenting to Develop Good Students

Steven S. Wise Elementary School Parent Education Conference. Los Angeles, CA. August 2009

Does a Fish Know It's in Water? How Our Invisible Assumptions Determine What We See

Scientific Association of Forensic Examiners 2021 International Conference. Virtual Presentation. August 2021

Presentations to professionals

Psychological Evaluations of Foster Children

Inner Circle Foster Family Agency, Van Nuys, CA. September 1995

Issues in Developmental Evaluation and Psychological Testing of Foster Children

Westside Children's Center, Culver City, CA. May 1996

Behavioral Management of Foster Children

Guadalupe Homes Foster Family Agency, Covina, CA. August 1996.

The September Epidemic: What Pediatricians Should Know about ADHD

Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, CA. September 1998

New Theories of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder: Essential Information for Educators Teachers at Temple Judea, Tarzana, CA. April 1999

Current Conceptualization of ADHD and ADD: Implications for Diagnosis and Treatment
Encino-Tarzana Regional Medical Center, Encino, CA June 1999
Valley Presbyterian Hospital, Van Nuys, CA. September 1999

Psychological and Neuropsychological Testing: Methods and Interpretation
Columbia-West Hills Medical Center, West Hills, CA. October 1999

Assessment and Diagnosis of Nonverbal Learning Disorder
Association of Educational Therapists West Valley Study Group, Woodland Hills, CA. November 1999

Kindergarten Readiness: What's the Brain Got to Do with It?
Directors' Conference of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Encino, CA. October 2001

Taking Charge in the Classroom: Child Development and Appropriate Practice
Pleasanton Unified School District, Pleasanton, CA. October 2003

Parents in Charge: Setting Healthy, Loving Boundaries for You and Your Child
Directors Conference of the Bureau of Jewish Education, Encino, CA. January 2002
Association of Educational Therapists West Valley, Woodland Hills, CA. February 2002
Jewish Education Bureau Early Childhood Spring Institute, Woodland Hills, CA. March 2002

Neuropsychology and Educational Therapy: Bridging the Gaps, Facilitating Communication, and Smoothing Ruffled Feathers
27th Annual National Conference of the Association of Educational Therapists, Woodland Hills, CA. October 2005

The Brain in Everyday Life: How it Works (And What to Do When You Suspect It Doesn't)
6-hour Continuing Education Seminar, Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc. Burlingame, CA. February 2006; Berkeley, CA March 2006; Riverside, CA April 2006; Pasadena, CA. April 2006

New Directions in Neuropsychology: Automatic and Higher-Order Control in Psychiatric Disorders
Co-Presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. Convention of the California Psychological Association, "Psychology - A Leadership Profession" Oakland, CA. April 2009

Attention Beyond the Frontal Cortex: Critical Roles of Subcortical Structures in Attention Disorders
Providence-Tarzana Medical Center Collegial Consortium, Tarzana, CA. September 2009

Procedural Deficits in Learning Disorders: A View Beneath the Verbal-Nonverbal Dichotomy
Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. 31st Annual National Conference of the Association of Educational Therapists, Woodland Hills, CA. October 2009

Your Brain: A User's Guide for Non-Neuropsychologists
6-hour Continuing Education Seminar for Psycho-Legal Associates, Inc. Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. Sherman Oaks, CA September 2009; Costa Mesa, CA. October 2009; Pasadena, CA December 2009

Learning Disorders: Beyond the Verbal/Nonverbal Divide

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. 2010 Help Group Summit: Advances and Best Practices in Autism, Learning Disabilities, and ADHD, Skirball Cultural Center, Los Angeles, CA. October 2010

Subcortical Development and Psychopathology

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. 3rd annual Conference of the American College of Professional Neuropsychology, "Practical Applications of Current Trends in Professional Neuropsychology," Las Vegas, NV. March 2011

Knowing versus Doing: How Neuropsychological Assessment Can Help Therapy Succeed

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. 2011 Convention of the California Psychological Association, "Looking Ahead - Increasing Opportunities for Psychologists and Improving Access for Consumers," San Diego, CA. April 2011

The Vertical Brain - Implications for Developmental Disorders & Sensory Integration.

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. First Ever Conference of ReColo, "Innovations in Neuroscience," London, England. November 2011

From Movement to Thought: Subcortical Contributions to Psychiatric & Learning Disorders

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. R2K Annual Research Conference, Torrance, CA. February 2012

The Vertically Organized Brain: Beyond Left and Right Hemisphere & Below the Cortex

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D and Jayme Jones, Ph.D. Theory in Practice, Inc., First Fall/Winter Seminar Series. Frostig School, Pasadena, CA. September 2014; Westmark School, Encino, CA October 2014; Park Century School, Culver City, CA. November 2014.

The Vertically Organized Brain: Implications for Evaluation & Treatment of Autism Spectrum Disorders

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D and Jayme Jones, Ph.D. Theory in Practice, Inc., First Fall/Winter Seminar Series. Frostig School, Pasadena, CA. September 2014

The Vertically Organized Brain: Implications for Sensory Integration Disorder, ADHD, & Learning Disorders

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D and Jayme Jones, Ph.D. Theory in Practice, Inc., First Fall/Winter Seminar Series. Westmark School, Encino, CA. October 2014

The Vertically Organized Brain: Implications for ADHD, Learning Disorders & Anxiety

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D. and Jayme Jones, Ph.D. Theory in Practice, Inc., First Fall/Winter Seminar Series. Park Century School, Culver City, CA. November 2014

The Vertically Organized Brain: Implications for Trauma & PTSD

Co-presentation with Deborah Budding, Ph.D and Jayme Jones, Ph.D. Theory in Practice, Inc., First Fall/Winter Seminar Series. Renaissance Preparatory School, San Pedro, CA. January 2015

How Tell if a Litigant is Faking in a Psychological or Neuropsychological Exam

Lewitt, Hackman, Shapiro, Marshall and Harlan. Encino, CA. March 2018

How Tell if a Litigant is Faking in a Psychological Exam.

Orange County Bar Association Labor and Employment Section. Irvine, CA. April 2018

Warring Siblings, Second Spouses and Suddenly Not-So-Distant Relatives: Strategies to Mitigate Escalating Litigation in Elder Law Scenarios

Beverly Hills Bar Association Elder Law Section. Beverly Hills, CA. September 2018

Warring Siblings, Second Spouses and Spouses and Quirky Personalities: The Neuroscience and Handling of Difficult Beneficiaries

Co-presentation with Andrew Pharies, Esq. and Meg Lodise, Esq. 2019 Annual Meeting of American College of Trust and Estate Counsel (ACTEC). La Quinta, CA. March 2019

Improving your Law Practice by Understanding Decision-Making: A Neuropsychologist's Perspective.

The Esquire Network (TEN). Pasadena, CA. October 2019

Helping Clients Make Decisions: A Neuropsychologist's Perspective. The Esquire Network (TEN).

Brentwood, CA. February 2020

Warring Siblings, Second Spouses and Suddenly Not-So-Distant Relatives: Strategies to Understand & Negotiate Dynamics in Elder Law Scenarios (in a pre- and post-COVID world)

ProVisors Pasadena Estate & Succession Planning Affinity Group. June 2020

Trauma-Informed Interviewing

Virtual co-presentation with Anne E. Garrett, Esq., and Jay Sherman, Esq., The Association of Workplace Investigators, San Fernando Valley Local Circle, July 2020

Guiding your Clients by Understanding Decision-Making: A Neuropsychologist's Perspective.

Virtual Presentation, ProVisors Westlake Village Lawyers Affinity Group. September 2020

Trauma-Informed Interviewing and Credibility Assessment

Virtual co-presentation with Anne E. Garrett, Esq., and Jay Sherman, Esq., The American, Australasian & Canadian Chapters of the Association of Workplace Investigators. October 2020

A World Gone Mad: How to Help Our Clients (and Ourselves) in a time of COVID and other Crises.

Virtual presentation, San Gabriel Valley Financial Planning Association. October 2020

Keys to the Kingdom; Improve your Law Practice by Understanding Motivation and Decision-Making.

Virtual Presentation, ProVisors Silicon Valley Lawyers Affinity Group. February 2021

How Tell if a Litigant is Faking in a Psychological or Neuropsychological Exam

Virtual Presentation, Kantor and Kantor, LLP, Northridge, CA. April 2021.

Trauma Informed Interviewing

Virtual co-presentation with Anne E. Garrett, Esq., and Jay Sherman, Esq., Facebook Workplace Investigators, North American Team. June 2021

Trauma Informed Interviewing

Virtual co-presentation with Anne E. Garrett, Esq., and Jay Sherman, Esq., Facebook Workplace Investigators, International Team. June 2021

Keys to the Kingdom: Improve your Law Practice by Understanding Motivation and Decision-Making.
Virtual Presentation, ProVisors Orange County Lawyers and Legal Professionals Affinity Group.
June 2021

From "Where did I put my keys?" to "What keys?": Signs that Your Clients May Be Losing Capacity (and Be Vulnerable to Undue Influence)
Virtual Presentation, ProVisors Seniors and Special Needs Zoom Affinity Group of Orange County. June 2021

How Tell if a Litigant is Faking in a Psychological or Neuropsychological Exam
Virtual Presentation, The Esquire Network (TEN) Online Employment and Personal Injury Groups. September 2021.

Capacity and Undue Influence: How to Use Your Neuropsychology Expert in Probate Litigation
RMO LLP Annual Retreat, Newport Beach, CA. June 2022

Capacity and Undue Influence: How to Use Your Neuropsychology Expert in Probate Litigation
MCLE presentation for attorneys at Keystone Law Group, PC, Los Angeles, CA. August 2022

From "Where did I put my keys?" to "What keys?": Signs that Your Clients May Be Losing Capacity (and Be Vulnerable to Undue Influence)
Fiduciary Round Table of the San Gabriel Valley, Pasadena, CA. September 2022

From "Where did I put my keys?" to "What keys?": Signs that Your Clients May Be Losing Capacity (and Be Vulnerable to Undue Influence)
Virtual Presentation for Foundation for Senior Services of the San Gabriel Valley, East Chapter, January 2023

Presentations for the Lay Public

ADHD: Coping with Disorganization and Other Pitfalls
CHADD Convention, Moorpark, CA. September 1999

Toilet Training from Top to Bottom: Mental and Physical Aspects of This All-Important Milestone
Temple Judea, Tarzana, CA. November 1999

Children at Risk for Violence.
31st District PTSA, Woodland Hills, CA. April 2000

How Much is Too Much? The Overscheduled Child
Multiple school settings 1999-2007

Child Development and Kindergarten Readiness
Multiple school settings 1999-2005

Self-Esteem in Young Children: Confidence and Competence
Valley Beth Shalom Temple, Encino, CA. March 2001

Fostering Real Self-Esteem in Young Children

31st District PTSA, Woodland Hills, CA. March 2001

Parents in Charge: Setting Healthy, Loving Boundaries for You and Your Child

Multiple settings since 2002

Helping Children through Crisis

Kirk O' the Valley School, Reseda, CA September 2001

Calvert Elementary School, Woodland Hills, CA. September 2001

Talking to Children about Death

Montessori Shir Hashirim, Hollywood, CA. October 2005.

Addressing Giftedness in Adulthood

Panelist, Mirman School for the Gifted, Bel Air, CA. May 2019

The ADHD Equation: How Can People with the Same Diagnosis Look So Different?

CHADD, West Los Angeles Chapter, Culver City, CA. May 2018

CHADD, San Fernando Valley Chapter, Studio City, CA. October 2019

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Psychological Association

American Academy of Pediatric Neuropsychology, Fellow

American College of Professional Neuropsychology, Fellow

National Association of Neuropsychology

California Psychological Association

Mirman School for the Gifted, Approved Tester