

Iris Mersky

EDUCATION

- M.S.W., National Catholic School of Social Services, Catholic University, Washington, DC - 1987
- M.A., in Education, George Washington University, Washington, DC - 1973
- B.A., Psychology, American University, Washington, DC - 1971

EXPERIENCE

- Psychotherapist, Trauma Specialist 9/89 – 1/15
Montgomery County Victim Assistance and Sexual Assault Program
 - Provide clinical Assessment based on DSM diagnosis of crime victims.
 - Develop and provide appropriate treatment plans for clients with the goal of restoration to pre-crime functioning.
 - Implement Homicide Survivors (family and friends of murder victims) services including individual and family therapy, 8 week therapeutic groups and monthly support group.
 - Work with victim assistants to prepare clients for court.
 - Provide critical incident debriefings for outside agencies that have been crime sites or where employee is homicide victim.
 - Develop and implement presentations for police, church, community college, and community organizations on crime victimization's impact.
 - Develop and implement workshops/presentations on sexual assault/crime for local school systems.
- Social Worker, Sexual Abuse Specialist 11/87 - 9/89
Montgomery County Department of Social Services, Child Protective Services
 - Provided clinical assessment and treatment of sexually abusing families, including evaluation, and individual, family and group psychotherapy.
 - Provided case management, placement prevention and/or support services to families, including but not limited to mental health referrals, legal assistance, and educational referrals.
 - Participated in the juvenile court process, including testifying in hearings as an expert witness on child sexual abuse, consulting with county and State's attorneys, and preparing family members for court hearings.
 - Educated other social workers, professionals and the public about child sexual abuse.
 - Provided crisis intervention services for voluntary and non-voluntary agency clients involved in all types of abuse and neglect.
 - Addressed contributing issues such as substance abuse, marital conflicts, individual psychopathology and psychosocial dysfunction.
- Substitute Social Worker, Adolescent Unit 8/87
Psychiatric Institute of Montgomery County
 - Co-therapist for adolescent inpatient group sessions.
 - Provided family therapy and led multi-family group sessions.
 - Provided discharge planning.

EXPERIENCE (continued)

- Professional Intern, Family Service Department 9/86 - 5/87
 Jewish Social Service Agency, Rockville, MD
- Developed and implemented treatment plans based on DSM diagnosis for individuals and families using a family systems approach.
- Professional Intern, Adult Services Field Division 9/85 - 5/86
 Montgomery County Department of Social Services
- Provided long term treatment for at-risk adult clients including supportive therapy.
- Special Education Director 8/80 - 7/82
 Essex Town Supervisory District, Essex Center, Vermont
- Directed Special Education Program for Essex Town Supervisory District, Vermont. Supervised 25 professionals and paraprofessionals.
- Full-Time Consultant, Special Educational and Pupil Personal Services 9/76-7/80
 State Department of Education, Montpelier, Vermont
- Developed statewide programs and consulted on implementation of existing programs. Responsible for compliance with federal requirements (including P.L. 94-142) in State's largest population center.
- Instructor, Consulting Teacher Program Summers 1978, 79, 80
 University of Vermont, Burlington, Vermont
- Instructor in Special Education 9/76-5/77
 Goddard College, Plainfield, Vermont
- Master Teacher 9/73-7/76
 Harmony Hall Child Development Center, Oxon Hill, MD
- Adjunct Faculty Member and Consultant 9/73-7/76
 Special Education Department
 George Washington University, Washington, DC
- Teacher, Christ Child Institute 1/73-6/73
 Rockville, Maryland
- Master-Teacher-Therapist 9/71-6/72
 American Foundation for Autistic Children
 Chevy Chase, Maryland

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES, ASSOCIATIONS AND RECOGNITION

- Member of National Association of Social Workers
 NACO Award for Homicide Service Delivery by the Victim Advocate program, 1993
 Governor's Award for Victim Services 1991 (Victim Advocate Program)
 Award for Employee Recognition, 1993

REFERENCES AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST