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Licensure

2025-Present **Licensed Mental Health Counselor Associate**
Indiana LMHCA # 99130037A

2006-2021 **School Counselor License**
Indiana School Services License #1588089 (expired)

Education

2025-Present **University of the Cumberlands**
Doctoral student
Counselor Education and Supervision

2008-2012 **Indiana State University**
Earned 58 credit hours toward a Ph.D. in Counseling Psychology

2006-2008 **Indiana University Bloomington**
Ed.S. Counseling and Counselor Education – Mental Health Track
Minor: Human Development

2003-2008 **Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis**
M.S. Counseling and Counselor Education – School Track

1991-1996 **Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis**
B.S. Psychology
Minor: Biology

Clinical Experience

- 2021-Present
Hope Haven Psychological Resource, LLC
Evaluator
Conduct evaluations for ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and other mental health disorders under the supervision of an HSPP licensed psychologist. Administer, score, and interpret psychological tests. Make diagnoses and recommendations for treatment, placement, and services based on the results. Type and edit psychological reports.
- 2013-Present
Midwest Psychological Center, Inc.
Psychometrist
Conduct psychological testing for children and adolescents primarily referred by Juvenile Probation and/or the Department of Child Services to assess their mental health and behavioral needs. Conduct intake assessments and provide crisis interventions as needed. Administer, score, and interpret psychological test results under the supervision of an HSPP licensed psychologist. Make diagnoses and recommendations for treatment, placement, and services based on the results. Type and edit psychological reports. Provide follow up to clients and case managers as needed. Provide court testimony regarding psychological evaluations when necessary. Provide individual mental health counseling and outpatient substance use group counseling services.
- 2017-2019
Wernle Youth and Family Treatment Center
Contract Clinician
Conducted psychological testing for children and adolescents in a residential treatment setting who were referred by Juvenile Probation and/or the Department of Child Services to assess their mental health and behavioral needs. Conducted clinical interviews and provided crisis interventions as needed. Administered, scored, and interpreted psychological test results under the supervision of an HSPP licensed psychologist. Made diagnoses and recommendations for treatment, placement, and services based on the results. Typed and edited psychological reports. Met with youth, families, and service providers to review test results. Provided court testimony regarding psychological evaluations when necessary.
- 2016-2017
Indiana Connections Academy
504 Coordinator
Reviewed student eligibility for 504 plans. Conducted case conferences to determine eligibility and accommodations, and provided follow up to ensure accommodations were implemented appropriately. Conducted ISTEP testing for students with accommodations.
- 2014-2016
Centerpoint Community Based Services
Home-Based Therapist
Provided home-based mental health counseling services for youth and families as youth were transitioning back into the home from residential treatment for aggressive and/or sexually maladaptive behaviors. Developed treatment plans. Implemented primarily trauma-informed cognitive behavioral techniques, behavioral techniques, and systems-based

approaches such as Functional Family Therapy. Monitored and reported on outcomes.

2012-2013

**Interdisciplinary Diagnostic and Evaluation Center
Clinician**

Conducted psychological testing for children, adolescents, and adults referred by the Bureau of Developmental Disability Services (BDDS) and Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services (VR). Evaluations were primarily focused on identifying Developmental Disorders, Learning Disorders, and Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorders. Conducted clinical interviews. Administered, scored, and interpreted psychological test results under the supervision of an HSPP licensed psychologist. Made diagnoses and recommendations for treatment, accommodations, and services based on the results. Typed and edited psychological reports. Provided follow up to clients and case managers as needed.

2009-2010

**Indiana Developmental Training Center
Therapist intern**

Provided crisis interventions and individual, group, and family therapy for youth dually diagnosed with mild to moderate intellectual and/or developmental disabilities and emotional or behavioral disorders in a residential treatment center. Collaborated with on-site social workers, teachers, nursing staff, psychiatrists, and youth care staff in the implementation of interventions. Developed treatment plans. Monitored incidents of problematic behaviors and types of interventions utilized by the on-site teachers and youth care staff to address those problematic behaviors. Developed social stories using the Writing with Symbols program. Attended case conferences and IEP meetings. Conducted life skills assessments.

2009

**Centerstone
Therapist Intern**

Provided individual therapy to adults and youth in a rural community mental health center. Co-facilitated intensive outpatient groups for clients with substance use disorders. Maintained electronic case notes through concurrent documentation methods. Conducted ANSA and CANS assessments. Provided assessment and diagnosis of mental health disorders. Wrote and implemented treatment plans. Completed biopsychosocial assessments. Conducted mental status exams. Monitored and reported on outcomes.

2009

**St. Mary of the Woods College Counseling Center
Therapist Intern**

Conducted intakes and provided individual therapy and career counseling for undergraduate students at St. Mary of the Woods College. Wrote and implemented treatment plans. Conducted mental status exams. Administered Myers-Briggs Type Indicator, Life Values Inventory, and Livermore Achievement Motivation Process.

- 2006-2008 **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School**
Academic Counselor
Taught freshman seminar classes. Provided individual counseling and crisis interventions for students. Led multiple support groups for students regarding substance use, social skills, stress management, sexual orientation/identity, and grief. Developed formal written plans for students with special learning needs. Held case conferences with students, teachers, and parents to clarify implementation of the formal written plans. Participated in a school-wide self-study for ISAACS accreditation. Participated in committee meetings and counseling program self-study required for Indiana Gold Star Counseling recognition. Monitored student academic progress and credit requirements for graduation. Nominated students for scholarships, special programs, and awards. Met with parents regularly to discuss concerns. Conducted developmental classroom guidance sessions. Administered ISTEP, PSAT, and ACT/PLAN tests to students. Guided and supported students through the college application process. Developed four-year plans and scheduled courses for students. Earned the Indiana Gold Star Counseling Award in 2008.
- 2005-2006 **Brebeuf Jesuit Preparatory School**
School Counselor Intern
Provided crisis counseling for students, conducted developmental classroom guidance sessions. Administered standardized tests. Guided and supported students through the college counseling process. Developed four-year plans and scheduled courses for students.
- 2004-2007 **Hope Haven Horse Farm**
Developmental Specialist
Obtained certification in Equine Assisted Learning and Psychotherapy in 2005. Organized, developed, and implemented an Equine Assisted Learning program for school groups and for children and adolescents at-risk of developing emotional, behavioral, or academic difficulties. Wrote grant proposals leading Hope Haven Horse Farm to be awarded the \$5000.00 Indiana Youth Investment Award grant. Participated in fundraisers.
- 1995-1996 **Indianapolis Zoo**
Marine Mammal Keeper
Used classical and operant conditioning techniques to train cetaceans and pinnipeds, including Atlantic bottlenose dolphins, harbor seals, sea lions, and walrus. Performed public training demonstrations. Conducted the feeding and husbandry of dolphins, seals, sea lions, polar bears, and walrus.
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Research Experience

- 2009 **Indiana State University
Independent Study Project**
- Conducted an empirical investigation of the impact of common illnesses on aggressive behaviors in youth with intellectual and developmental disabilities.
 - Presented at Sycamore Educator's Day, Indiana State University in 2010.
- 2009-2011 **Indiana State University
Research Assistant**
- Distributed surveys to participants and entered completed survey data on group research project assessing the relationship between social interest and intimate partner violence.
- 2007 **Indiana University Bloomington
Research Team Member**
- Interviewed and monitored parents and children and the Children's Museum of Indianapolis for research exploring the impact of parental expectations and parent-child interactions on the development of childhood expertise.
- 2006 **Indiana University
Independent Research Project**
- Co-authored a literature review in the use of Equine Assisted Therapy as an intervention for youth exposed to domestic violence.
 - Presented at the Indiana Counseling Association Conference in 2006.
- 1997 **Indiana Department of Natural Resources
Naturalist Aid 3**
- Collaborated with the USDA and Purdue Entomologists to examine correlations between weather variables and Japanese Beetle flight to assist with Japanese Beetle population control.
- 1995 **Indiana University-Purdue University at Indianapolis
Independent Research Project**
- Developed a database for the Indianapolis Zoo to monitor the feeding habits and husbandry behaviors of Atlantic bottlenose dolphins.
- 1994-1995 **DowElanco
Research Assistant**

Cultured cells, amplified DNA of polyhedral inclusion bodies, and ran protein assays of lyophilized fungi in a molecular biology lab.

1992

**Indiana University
Research Assistant**

Conducted classical and operant conditioning studies with rats. Recorded rat behavior using Microsoft Excel. Cleaned rat cages. Fed and watered rats.

**Teaching
Experience**

2010

**Indiana State University
Associate Instructor, Department of Communication Disorders
and Counseling, School, and Educational Psychology**

Department

- Taught *Techniques of Counseling: Interpersonal Communication* to graduate students working toward a master's degree in mental health counseling.
- Developed quizzes, exams, and homework.
- Revised the syllabus.

2008-2010

**Indiana State University
Teaching Assistant, Department of Educational Leadership,
Administration, and Foundations**

- Taught *Techniques in Interpersonal Communication* for three semesters.
 - Taught in both in-person and synchronous remote learning formats.
 - Revised the syllabus
 - Developed quizzes, exams, and homework
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Professional Presentations

2010

Paper Presentation

Kirsch, E. & Roberts-Pittman, B. (2010). *Impact of Common Illnesses on aggressive behavior in youth with cognitive and developmental disabilities*. Sycamores Educator Day, Indiana State University, Terre Haute, IN.

2006

Paper Presentation

Kirsch, E. & Menke, C (2006). *Equine Assisted Interventions for at-risk youth*. Indiana Counseling Association Conference, Indianapolis, IN.
