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EDUCATION

M.A. Clinical Psychology with Emphasis on Marriage, Family & Child Counseling,
Pepperdine University, 1992

B.A. Clinical Psychology, California State University Dominguez Hills, 1984

LICENSE HELD

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, State of California, 1997, License #LMFT 34315

**ASSOCIATION
MEMBERSHIPS**

California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists 1998-Present
American Association of Marriage & Family Therapists 2009-Present
Long Beach-South Bay California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists
Delta Society Animal Assisted Therapy 1997-1999
Member, Prader-Willi California Foundation 1999-Present
Founder and facilitator, Los Angeles County and Statewide PWS Support Groups 2001-Present
Member, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA 1999-Present
Board of Directors, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA 2002-2006
Co-Chair, Leadership Development Committee, PWSA | USA 2006-Present
Moderator, eSupport Group, PWSA | USA 2000-2015
Advisory Board, Richard deLone Special Housing Project 2011-Present

EXPERIENCE

2002 - Present Private Practice, Office of Lisa Graziano, M.A., LMFT, Redondo Beach, CA

2003 - Present Contracted Marriage & Family Therapist, Detection & Treatment Resources, Inc. (DTR),
Mental Health Department, Long Beach, CA

2002 - 2017 Executive Director, Prader-Willi California Foundation

1997 - 2002 Group Practice, L.A. Counseling Services

1995 - 1997 Private Practice Internship, L.A. Counseling Services

1992 - 1995 Executive Director, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District Branch of the
American Psychiatric Association

1986 - 1995 Ethics Committee Coordinator, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District
Branch of the American Psychiatric Association

1986 - 1992 Executive Assistant, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District Branch
of the American Psychiatric Association

SELECTED SPECIALIZED TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

I specialize in working with patients who present with anxiety, have been exposed to trauma, or experience chronic grief. I provided mental health services via California's Victim Compensation Program approximately 25 years ago. Because I have a background in treating symptoms of anxiety, trauma, and grief I founded a support group in 2001 for families of children with a rare life-threatening genetic disorder. The focus of this group and other support groups I facilitate is to decrease participants' feelings of denial, shock, fear, guilt, anxiety, anger, depression, and hopelessness while working to help them feel more connected, empowered, hopeful, and at greater peace.

Since 2003, through DTR, Inc., I have provided psychotherapy services to individuals who are placed on Federal Probation. Services include substance abuse counseling and sobriety maintenance skills, anger management, parenting skills training, interpersonal communication skills training, and couples therapy, with special emphasis on treating anxiety, trauma, grief and loss, and stress-related disorders including PTSD.

I have over 25 hours of training in Emotionally Focused Therapy and find this treatment approach particularly effective with couples and with patients who present with anxiety or have experienced trauma.

SELECTED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

Prader-Willi Syndrome: Creating a Strong, Supportive, Healthy Family
A Synopsis of Prader-Willi Syndrome
Core Therapeutic Interventions for the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome
Speech & Language Therapy for the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome
Food Security at School for the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome
Laying Good Foundations in Early Childhood Behavior
Never Spank the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome
For the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome Food is Never OK in the Classroom
Increase Success in the Workplace for the Employee with PWS
Prader-Willi Syndrome Residential Staff Training DVD script
Overview of Food & Behavior Management for the Individual with PWS
Gastroparesis: The Newest Threat
Behavior Management Strategies that Work DVD
Lying, Stealing and Confabulation
Co-author, PWS and Theft
Co-author, [Latino Families with a Child with PWS: Identifying Needs for Support](#),
Journal of Social Work in Disability & Rehabilitation, May 8, 2014,
DOI: 10.1080/1536710X.2014.912184

SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

Laughter Through Tears: Creating a Strong, Supportive, Healthy Family,
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conferences, New York 2006,
Texas 2007

Prader-Willi Syndrome: Considerations for Marriage and Family Therapy,
Valley Child Guidance Clinic, 2009

Prader-Willi Syndrome Residential Staff Training, provided to residential facilities
throughout California from 2009-Present

*The Impact of Prader-Willi Syndrome on Child Custody Evaluations and
Conservatorship*, California Association of Superior Court Investigators
State Conference, 2010

Marriage and Family and PWS: Creating the Foundation for a Good Life,
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conference, 2011

**SELECTED
CONFERENCE
PRESENTATIONS
& TRAININGS
CONTINUED**

The ABCs of Managing PWS Behavior, Prader-Willi California Foundation Annual Conference, 2011

Prader-Willi Syndrome: Considerations for Marriage and Family Therapy, St. Francis Medical Center, 2011

How to Put the “FUN” in the PWS FUNctional Family, Children’s Hospital Orange County, 2011

The Principles of Food Security, Children’s Hospital Orange County, 2012

Behavior Management Training, PWSA | Georgia, 2014

PWS Family Perspective, Indiana Network of Genetics Counselors, 2014

Self Care for the Care Provider, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conference, 2015

Behavior Management Strategies for the Young Child, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conference, 2015

PWS Behavior Management Strategies and Marital and Family Dynamics, PWSA | Utah, 2016

PWS, IEPs and Behavior Management Strategies, CSU Dominguez Hills, 2016

Behavior Management Strategies for the Young Child Webinar and DVD recorded for PWSA | USA, 2016

Prader-Willi Behavior Management Strategies That Work DVD produced for Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2016

PWS Behavior Management Strategies: Beyond the Basics Video produced for Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2017

HCBS New Rules Impact Your Future: New Tools to Keep Your Loved One Safe, Prader-Willi California Foundation Annual State Conference, 2018

PWS residential staff trainings, Day Program and vocational staff trainings, School personnel trainings, Regional Center staff training provided throughout California for the Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2009-Present

Pomona Unified School District Nurses Inservice Training, Prader-Willi Syndrome, 2019

New Federal Rules Impact Your Future: New HCBS Tools to Keep Your Loved One Safe, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA Conference, 2019

**SELECTED
AWARDS**

Outstanding Volunteer Award, PWSA | USA, 2020

President’s Award, PWCF, 2018

City of Redondo Beach Commendation, 2017

President’s Award, PWCF, 2017

Civic Award, Arc of San Diego, 2004

President’s Certificate of Appreciation, Southern CA Psychiatric Society, 1995

President’s Award, Southern CA Psychiatric Society, 1993

REFERENCES

Emily Dame, M.Ed., Executive Director, PWCF	405.245.8758
Diane Kavrell, President, PWCF	916.996.-369
Woody Ojeda, Detection & Treatment Resources, Inc.	562.423.6888 ext 109
Janalee Heinemann, MSW, former Executive Director; PWSA USA	941.685.6044
Suzanne Cassidy, M.D., Past President, Int’l PWS Organisation	559.227.4472
Mindi Thelen, Executive Director, Southern CA Psychiatric Society	310.815.3650