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Consultant Clinical Psychologist



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Dr Monaco is an HCPC registered Clinical & Forensic Practitioner Psychologist, and Chartered Clinical Psychologist of the British Psychological Society. He is originally from the USA, and completed his doctoral training at the California School of Professional Psychology in San Francisco. He currently works in independent private practice, particularly with patients who present with symptoms related to depression and mood disorders, sexual abuse and trauma histories, substance misuse/dependence, internet addiction, and compulsive sexual behaviour.

He is experienced in conducting psychological assessments and evaluations, marital/relationship psychotherapy, consulting military members and their families during deployments and/or reintegration, and teaching/supervising doctoral and masters level students. He is skilled in the use of a wide range of psychological assessment tools relating to the assessment of personality, risk of violence or sexual offending, cognitive assessment and the assessment of parenting.

RELEVANT EXPERTISE

- Assessment of adults
- Assessment of ability to parent
- Assessment of parenting risk
- Child and Adolescent Mental Health
- Children in Care
- Adolescent Forensic Mental Health
- Alcohol and substance misuse
- Domestic violence
- Attachment
- Adult mental health
- Adult Forensic Mental Health
- Depression & anxiety
- Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder
- Self-harm & suicidal ideation
- Trauma
- Abuse & neglect –physical, emotional or sexual
- Ability to protect
- Family dynamics
- Assessment of capacity to change
- Ability to work with professionals
- Capacity assessment

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- Cognitive assessment

WORK HISTORY

Feb 05 – present Practitioner Psychologist — Independent Practice in Long-and short-term psychotherapy services to individual adults and couples. o Psycho-diagnostic assessments, conducting assessments within family law proceedings, sexual offender evaluations, risk assessment, peace/police officer disqualification appeal evaluations, pre-bariatric surgery psychological evaluations. o Expert witness testimony. o Clinical supervision with doctoral level interns and externs. o Assist military personnel and their families with issues faced throughout the cycle of deployment, and reintegration with their community and families upon return.

Aug 09 – Aug 11 Cygnet Hospital, Stevenage, Hertfordshire and Beckton, Consultant Psychologist o Head of the Department of Psychology, provide direct line management to, and clinical supervision for, 5 psychologists and 2 assistant psychologists. o Provide individual and group psychotherapy to adults hospitalised under the Mental Health Act 1983 o Responsible for the Planning, Implementation and Evaluation of patient care o Perform full psycho-diagnostic assessments, and suitability for admission evaluations conducted at off-site correctional and/or mental health facilities.

Nov 07 – July 08 Gateways Hospital, Los Angeles, California Clinical Director o Clinical supervision and program development for Los Angeles County Conditional Release Program. o Extensive written forensic evaluations of patients deemed Not Guilty By Reason Of Insanity, Incompetent to Stand Trial, and/or Mentally Disordered Sexual Offenders o Conducted research, managed clinical staff, and provided specialised training to mental health professionals, attorneys, law enforcement, and community groups regarding forensic mental health issues.

May 07 – Nov 07 Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation, California Senior Psychologist – Supervisor o Direct observation and supervision of clinical staff, in both the administrative and clinical domains, which included assessment of their clinical competencies and/or deficiencies. o Crisis intervention and ongoing treatment of patients in a correctional setting o Provided training in cognitive behavioural/group/short-term treatment interventions.

April 06 - April 07 Kirby Forensic Psychiatric Centre, New York Licensed Psychologist, Forensic assessment and report writing for risk assessment of Not Guilty by Reason of Insanity patients and Fitness to Proceed with Trial evaluations. o Treatment and evaluation of Sexually Violent Predators (SVP), who were civilly committed after completing sentences in the correctional system. o Comprehensive risk assessments for dangerousness and potential for reoffending; Psychological testing, forensic evaluations, and reports. o Expert testimony in criminal court.

June 05 - June 06 Riker's Island Prison Health Services, New York Clinical Supervisor Direct observation and supervision of clinical staff, in both the administrative and clinical domains, which included assessment of their clinical competencies and/or deficiencies. o Provided psychological services to patients within the jail facilities who exhibited difficult or complex problems requiring a higher level of professional intervention.

Sept 03 - Sept 05 St. Peter's University Hospital Child Protection Centre, New Brunswick, New Jersey Psychologist/Post-Doctoral Intern Extensive Psychological evaluations on Family Services mandated referred

individuals and families Adult, adolescent, and child perpetrators and/or victims of alleged abuse. o Comprehensive interview, psycho-diagnostic test battery, summary and treatment recommendations. o Evaluations regarding the attachment relationships between children and their parents or caregivers. o Expert testimony in family and/or criminal court proceedings. o Presentations on child maltreatment to various community agencies.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2011-13 Diploma in Applied Systemic (Family) Therapy, Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust
1999-04 California School of Professional Psychology, San Francisco, APA Accredited Doctoral Program
Doctor of Psychology, Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.)
1994-97 San Francisco State University, San Francisco, California Master of Science, Counselling
1985-89 Hofstra University, Hempstead, New York Bachelor of Business Administration Major: Accounting;
Minor: Business Computer Information Systems London

RESEARCH

Sept 00 - Jan 04 The Etiology and Treatment of Psychopathy Clinical dissertation research examining the historical background and theoretical understanding of the etiology and treatment of violent psychopaths.

Nov 97 - Apr 99 Rehabilitation, Research & Training Centre on Mental Health for the Hard of Hearing or Late Deafened Assisted in data collection for ongoing research projects in the area of mental health issues for deaf and/or hard-of-hearing, and/or late-deafened individuals.