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CURRICULUM VITAE

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LICENSURE:

Licensed as a psychologist in the State of Florida in 1988
Licensed Number: PY4097

EDUCATION:

1986-1987 Intern, Tulane University Medical Center, Full APA approval
1984-1987 Psy.D., Clinical Psychology (Respecialization), Florida Institute of
Technology, Full APA approval
1980-1985 Ph.D., Developmental Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi
1980-1984 M.A., Psychology, University of Southern Mississippi
1976-1980 B.A., Psychology, Millsaps College

ADDITIONAL TRAINING:

1995 Imago couple's therapy training, by master therapist, Wendy Paterson, LCSW,
Atlanta, Georgia, 30 hours.
2013 Florida Forensic examiner training, sponsored by the University South Florida
College of Behavioral and Community Sciences and the Department of Mental
Law and Policy, Orlando, Florida.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

August 1987 - Present **Licensed psychologist at Psychological Associates** in Pensacola, Florida with an
emphasis in clinical psychology with duties that include:

A. Diagnostics: Provides psychological evaluations and medical consultations in the
areas of psycho-education, intelligence, attention, and psychological/personality
assessment (over 3,000 completed). These evaluations span from age 4 through
adulthood. Legal consultations, such as court-ordered custody evaluations and pre-
surgical psychological screenings for bariatric surgery and spinal cord stimulator
implantation, are also conducted. Evaluations pertaining to military veterans' disability
are also performed.

B. Treatment: Individual treatment for preteens and adults (ages 10-80+) as well as couple's and family therapy.

C. Forensic Psychology: Evaluation and treatment of a wide range of civil and criminal cases, primarily in Family Law. Completed over 250 court ordered custody evaluations/social investigations since 1988. Provided legal consultations/assistance to attorney's on a variety of cases, including personal injury (i.e. PTSD cases) and criminal resentencing/mitigation. Testified in Florida (First District Court) and Louisiana (Seventh District Court).

D. Medical Burnout Treatment: Provides services for Escambia and Santa Rosa County Medical Society physician members.

E. Professional Community Outreach: Provided various community mental health seminars and psychological information via the media of print, news, and television, on a wide range of topics from ADHD to PTSD.

October 1992 - Present **Partner at Psychological Associates:** Duties include practice management and business administration.

August 1991 - August 1993 **Unit Psychologist** at the Children's Stress Unit, Baptist Hospital, Pensacola, Florida. Responsibilities included administration and supervision of all clinical teams with an inpatient hospital program for children. Services also included individual, family, and group therapies and consultation.

February 1989 - February 1992 **Clinical Director:** Children's Counseling Center, a program of Psychological Associates in Pensacola, Florida. Responsibilities included administrative duties, therapy supervision, program development, and outpatient services for children, adolescents, and families. Services included treatment, teacher consultation, and seminars.

September 1986 - August 1987 **Clinical Psychology Intern** at Tulane University Medical Center, New Orleans Adolescent Hospital, and Charity Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana. Responsibilities included individual, couples, family, and group therapies in both inpatient and outpatient facilities with child, adolescent, and adult patients. Duties consisted of diagnostic interviewing, developmental screening, psychological and neuropsychological testing, supervision of psychology students and weekly consultation services to Pediatric Neurology Clinic at Charity Hospital.

June 1985 - July 1986 **Staff Psychologist** at Brevard County Mental Health Center, Rockledge, Florida. Responsibilities consisted of intake interview, treatment plan development, individual psychotherapy with children and adults, couples and family therapy, process-oriented group therapy, and court-ordered psychological evaluations.

January 1986 - July 1986 **Psychologist** at Wuestoff Memorial Hospital, Rockledge, Florida. Responsibilities within a private psychiatric inpatient unit for treatment of adults and adolescent patients.

January 1985 - **Counselor** at Center for Student Development, University Counseling Center, Florida
May 1986 Institute Technology, Melbourne, Florida. Responsibilities included intake interviews, psychological assessment and psychotherapy with adult patients.

COMMUNITY SERVICE:

September 1994 - **Supervised Visitation Incorporated/Board Member.** Responsibilities included
September 1998 program development, supervision, and training for a nonprofit corporation designed to provide a place for supervised visitation during custody and foster care disputes.

September 1994 - **Chairman, Parental Advisory Committee** at N.B. Cook School of the
September 1996 Performing Arts.

June 1992 - **Emerald Coast Pediatric Association, Board Member.** Services included
June 1993 program development of a non-profit corporation designed to facilitate pediatric care for low-income, indigent populations. The goal was to increase the number of physicians who served the indigent population and provide a financial mediator between the medical community and Medicaid.

PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP:

1994-2002 **Liaison for the Facilitators for the “Helping Children Cope with Divorce” Course.** Provided supervision and training for all facilitators of this program (required by the State of Florida), which is mandated by the court system for all parents with children under the age of 18 who are coming into the court system.

1989-1996 **Clinical Associate Professor of Pediatrics in Psychology** at Sacred Heart Pediatric Residency Program, Sacred Heart Hospital, Pensacola, Florida.

1987-1990 **Chairman of Professional Advisory Committee of the Mental Health Association.** Helped develop community and professional workshops in the areas of mental health.

1992-1993 **President of West Florida Chapter of Florida Psychological Association**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

American Psychological Association
Florida Psychological Association

PUBLICATIONS:

Spencer, T.R. (1985). Maternal personality, attitudinal, and life-events correlates of the patterns of infant-mother attachment - Doctoral Dissertation.

Spencer, T.R. (1984). The relationship between daycare caregiver-child attachments and caregiver sensitivity ratings - Master Thesis.

Spencer, T.R. & Wesley, A. L. (1982). The development stage concept: A question of utility. *Journal of Mississippi Academy of Science*, 27, 58. Also presented at the meeting of the Mississippi Academy of Science, Biloxi, Mississippi.

PRESENTATIONS:

Spencer, T.R., & Spencer, P. (2013, September). The psychology of pain, assessment, treatment, and resiliency in a workers' compensation population. Presented at pain workshop, Pensacola, Florida.

Spencer, T.R. (1994, June). Child Sexual Abuse Indicators in a Pediatric Medicine Practice. Presented is Southeastern Regional Pediatric Medicine Conference in Burrito Beach, Florida.

Spencer, T.R. (1992, April). Suggestibility of children's memory: Implications for eye witness testimony in sexual abuse cases. Presented at criminal law seminar, sponsored by the Escambia – Santa Rosa Bar Association, Pensacola, Florida.

Spencer, T.R., Goggin, W.C., and Brandt, R. (1985, March). Maternal life-events and depression correlates to the patterns of infant-mother attachment. Presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Spencer, T.R. & Faulkender, P. (1984, March). The relationship between substitute caregiver-child attachment and caregiver sensitivity ratings. Presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cowart, C., and Spencer, T.R. (1985, March). A multi-trait-multi-method validity analysis and Luria-Das processing. Presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Psychological Association, Atlanta, Georgia.

Merritt, F.M., Dickson, A.L., Ochler, J.J., and Spencer, T.R. (1984, March). Planning ability across ranges of intellectual ability: A test of the Luria-Das information processing model. Presented at the meeting of the Southeastern Psychological, Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.

Cotten, P.D., Merritt, F.M., Cowart, C., Spencer, T.R. and Banks, M. (1983, November). Parental

Acceptance Scale: A measure of the acceptance state of parents of handicapped children. Presented at the meeting of the American Association on Mental Deficiency, Asheville, North Carolina.

Bloodworth, M., Spencer, T.R., Range, L.M., and Gates, G. (1982, March). Maternal sex preferences for children. Presented at the Southeastern Psychological Association, New Orleans, Louisiana.