



# JAMES DAVIDSON Ph.D.

CRIMINAL AND CIVIL FORENSIC PSYCHOLOGY

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## Nancy Davidson, Ph.D. Clinical and Forensic Practice

### Curriculum Vitae

*Information accurate as of November 22, 2024*

#### Degrees Earned

- Ph.D. 1973 Michigan State University  
*Majors: Clinical and Developmental Psychology*
- M.A. 1969 Michigan State University  
*Majors: Clinical and Developmental Psychology*
- B.A. 1967 University of Michigan  
*Major: Psychology*
- A.A. 1965 Flint Junior College. Flint, Michigan

#### License and Certification Earned

##### License as Psychologist

*Texas State Board of Psychology Examiners: 12-07-2011-08-03-24 (#36019)*

*Idaho State Board of Psychologist Examiners: 04-17-2017 – 08-03-2024 (#203030)*

*Ohio State Board of Psychology: 02-14-1976-09-30-2014 (#2071)*

*Psypact temporary authorization to practice and interjurisdictional telepsychology through 5-17-23*

##### Certificate of Professional Qualification in Psychology

*Association of State and Provincial Psychology Boards: 2000 (#279)*

#### Independent Clinical Practice

- 2012 – present Davidson Counseling Group. Plano, Texas and Boise, Idaho  
*Clinical and forensic psychologist and founding partner in a group private practice emphasizing individual psychotherapy and forensic assessment with all ages and a broad spectrum of presenting problems.*
- 1994 - present LifeLine Counseling and Forensic Center. Willoughby, Ohio  
*Clinical psychologist and founding partner in a group private practice*

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*emphasizing individual psychotherapy and assessment with all ages and a broad spectrum of presenting problems. Consultation with schools, physicians, churches and social service organizations.*

- 1990 - 1995      Emerge. Akron, Ohio  
*Chief clinical psychologist in a mental health center emphasizing individual and group psychotherapy with adults, children and families. Trained and supervised professional staff. Courtesy staff for the inpatient psychiatric treatment unit at Cuyahoga Falls General Hospital doing assessment and treatment planning.*
- 1975 - 1991      Davidson & Associates. Ashtabula, Ohio  
*Clinical psychologist and founding partner in a group practice*
- 1972 - 1976      Hiram College. Hiram, Ohio  
*Assistant Professor, Department of Psychology. Taught psychology and education courses, counseled and provided career development for students. Served as chairman of the Teacher Education Board and President of the Senate.*
- 1971 - 1972      Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan  
*Head Teacher, MSAU Day Care Center, Infant and preschool units.*
- 1970 - 1971      Michigan State University. East Lansing, Michigan  
*Instructor of Psychology, College of Human Medicine*
- 1969 - 1970      Veteran's Administration. Battle Creek, Michigan  
*Psychology Technician*
- 1966              Lapeer State Home & Training School. Lapeer, Michigan  
*Psychology Technician*

### **Professional Affiliations**

American Psychological Association  
American Psychology-Law Society  
American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts

### **Consulting**

- 1975 - present      Forensically trained in assessment, interviewing children for allegations of abuse, and psychological evaluations in criminal and family law settings. Supervision and/or consultation has been provided over the years in a diverse array of organizations, including the Hattie Larlham Foundation, Portage County Juvenile and Rehabilitation Center, Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital, Rebecca Williams Community House, the Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation, Bureau of the Visually and Sight Impaired, various nursing homes, Headstart of Ashtabula County, Children's Service's Board of Ashtabula County, various

private schools, the Ohio Youth Commission and others. Trained agency staff at the professional and paraprofessional level. Served as a professor in the Emmerge/Ashland University Master's level counseling program.

1988 – 2002      Heart & Hand Foundation. Cofounder and Program Director. Recruited and supervised hundreds of volunteers, developed curriculum, supervised educational programs, taught life skills, and organized food and clothing distribution.

### **Recent Specialized Training**

- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Open Forum: Ethics Code." July 10, 1998 (3 CE credits).
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Risk management with Potentially Dangerous Patients." June 19, 1998 (9 CE credits).
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Psychopharmacology: Basic Mechanisms and Applied Interventions." July 10, 1998 (10 CE credits).
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Health Psychology Through the Lifespan." May 26, 2000 (12 CE credits).
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "New APA Ethics Code".
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Understanding Sleep", May 26, 2000 (10 CE credits).
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Counseling and Psychotherapy of Work Dysfunctions" June 20, 2002 (8 CE credits)
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Integrating Family Therapy". June 19, 2002 (18 CE credits)
- One-day workshop dealing on "Interfacing with Domestic Relations Courts". Sponsored by the Ohio Psychological Association. April 29, 2004 (6 CE credits)
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "The "Expert" Expert Witness: More Maxims and Guidelines for Testifying in Court". May 12, 2004 (4 CE credits)
- American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "Working with Parents of Aggressive Children." July 20, 2004 (9 CE credits)
- Completed the American Psychological Association's Continuing Professional Education course entitled: "The Hidden Disorder: A Clinician's Guide to ADHD in Adults". July 26, 2004 (5 CE credits)
- Five-day conference sponsored by CounselWorks. September 14-18, 2004 (11 CE credits)
- One-day workshop dealing with "An Introduction to Forensic Psychology Practice". Sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. April 5, 2006 (7 CE credits)
- One-day workshop on "Autism Spectrum Disorders" sponsored by Ohio Psychological Association, January 12, 2006.
- One-day "Domestic Abuse and Attachment in Child Custody Evaluations". Sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, October 19, 2006 (7.0 CE credits)
- Two-day International Symposium on Child Custody, sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "Avoiding Bias in Child Forensic

- Interviews", " Interviewing Parents", " Examining Parental Alienation in Child Custody Cases", " Parents with Developmental Disabilities: Determining Parental Fitness" and plenary sessions. October 20-21, 2006 (15.0 CE credits)
- One-day workshop dealing with "Jury Selection: Research & Practice". Sponsored by the American Academy of Forensic Psychology. January 10, 2007 (7 CE credits)
  - One-day workshop on "Aspergers Syndrome and PDD-NOS", March 10, 2010, Cleveland, Ohio (6 CE credits)
  - One-day seminar entitled "The 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Douglas G. Ullman Conference on ADHD", March 12, Bowling Green State University, Bowling Green, Ohio (6 CE credits)
  - Completed the course "Integrative Treatment for Adult ADHD", July 22, 2010 (5 CE credits)
  - Completed the course "Dialectical Behavioral Therapy", July 22, 2010 (5 CE credits).
  - Completed the course "Ethical Pitfalls", July 30, 2010 (6 CE credits)
  - "Interventions for Temper Tantrums", PESI, June 21, 2011 (6 CE credits).
  - "Assessing and Treating Compulsive Sexual Behaviors, PESI, July 24, 2011, (6 CE credits)/
  - "Avoiding Ethics Complaints", PESI, September 6, 2011 (6 CE credits).
  - The Best Evidence Based Techniques to Treat Anxiety, Panic, OCD, Phobias and PTSD, PESI, August 6, 2012 (6.5 CE credits).
  - Nine Ethical Values of Master Therapists, CE-Credit, March 23, 2013 (1 CE credit).
  - The Practical Aspects of Online Counseling, CE-Credit, March 23, 2013 (3 CE credits).
  - Men and Depression, CE-Credit, March 24, 2013, (2 CE credits).
  - Telehealth, CE-Credit, March 24, 2013, (5 CE credits).
  - Psychologists Use of E-mail with Clients: Some Ethical Considerations, CE-Credit, March 24, 2013, (1 CE credit).
  - After the Affair, CE-Credit, March 16, 2014, (9 CE credits)
  - Legal and Ethical Issues in Couples Counseling, CE-Credit, March 16, 2014, (2 CE credits).
  - 10 Ways Practitioners Can Avoid Frequent Ethical Pitfalls, CE-Credit, March 16, 2014, (1 credit).
  - Two-day 11th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "Writing the Child Custody Evaluation Report: Integrating Forensic and Clinical Perspectives", "Examining the Unintended Consequences of Child Custody Evaluations", "The Activities and Roles of Consultants: How Many Is Too Many", "Effective Report Writing", "Collaborative Work Product Reviews: A Concept In Search of a Method", "Religious and Cultural Issues in Custody and Parent Time Disputes", "Ethical Controversies in Child Custody Cases: Missing the Forest for the Trees", "Standardized Assessment of Children and Adolescents in Child Custody Evaluations". November 6-8, 2015 (17.0 CE credits)
  - Infant and Toddler Overnights and Relocation. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "New Findings on Infant and Toddler Overnight and Relocation", "Why Responsible Father Engagement Matters", "Attachment and Bonding Considerations for Infant and Toddler Overnights", "Standardizing Access for Infants and Toddlers - Ethics, Research and Legislation." Texas AFCC 13th Annual Conference. January 23, 2015 (4.5 CE credits)
  - APA Ethical Principles of Psychologists and Code of Conduct. CE-Credit, April 20, 2015 (3 CE hours)
  - Research-Informed Critical Decision Points for Considering Intimate Partner Violence and Alienation in Child Custody Disputes. AFCC 52nd Annual Conference. May 27, 2015 (6.5 CE hours).
  - Using the DSM-5 and ICD-10: The Changing Diagnosis of Mental Disorders. July 10, 2015 (6 CE hours).
  - Two-day 2015 Forensic Evaluation, sponsored by Capacity for Justice. Sessions attended included,

- inter alia*, "Overview from Arrest to Courtroom," "Incompetency to Stand Trial Under Texas Law," "Legal, Clinical and Ethical Issues in CST Evaluations," "Insanity & Criminal Responsibility Under Texas Law," "Legal, Clinical & Ethical Aspects of Insanity Evaluations," "Texas Forensic Mental Health System," "Legal Requirements & Practicalities for Expert Testimony - Federal," "Legal Requirements & Practicalities for Expert Testimony - State," "Malingering & Deception," "A Competency Case: Interviewing to Form an Opinion & Write a Report," "A Sanity Case: Critiquing an Interview, Forming an Opinion, Outlining and Writing a Report," "Legal Requirements & Practicalities for Expert Testimony-Incorporation of Psychiatry and Psychology," "Attorney Preparation with Witnesses," "Mock Trial: Substance Abuse & Head Injury Case & Critique." October 29-30, 2015 (16 CE Hours).
- How to Fail as a Therapist. CE-Credit, July 27, 2016 (4 CE hours).
  - Guidelines for Practice with Older Adults, August 12, 2016 (3 CE hours).
  - 12th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "Putting the New Guidelines for Evaluating Intimate Partner Violence to Work", "Alienation and Estrangement", "Parent-Child Contact Problems: News You Can Use", "Relocation and child custody evaluation", "A dozen things lawyers and judges should know about", "Overcoming the Co-Parenting Impasse: Negotiating Parent-Child Contact Problems", "Reunification Therapy and Court Orders: Best Practices to Be on the Same Page". November 2-5, 2016 (16.5 CE hours)
  - Psychology's Potential in Overcoming Racism, CE Credit, April 15, 2017 (3 CE hours)
  - 24<sup>th</sup> Two Days in June Conference, sponsored by the Idaho Council on Domestic Violence and Victim Assistance. Sessions attended, included, *inter alia*, "Start by believing public awareness campaign", "Fight the new drug", "A survey of domestic violence perpetrator programs in the U.S. and Canada", "Domestic violence perpetrator programs: A proposal for evidence based standards", "Finding common ground across batterer intervention models", "NCOs v CPOs: What's different, what's the same", "Cross-cultural communication: Discovering strategies to effectively communicate with immigrant survivors". June 6-7, 2017 (11.5 CE hours).
  - Child Forensic Interview Clinic, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, September 11-15, 2017 (33.5 CE hours).
  - Developing Parenting Plans for the Developing Child: A Guide for Legal and Mental Health Professionals by Marsha Kline Pruett PhD. First District Family Court Services, Coeur d'Alene Idaho. February 09, 2018 (6.5 CE hours)
  - Guidelines for Psychological Practice with Older Adults, CE-Credit, April 17, 2018 (3.0 CE hours)
  - Competence as an Ethical Standard for Psychologists, CE-Credit, April 17, 2018 (3.0 CE hours)
  - Diversity Issues in Violence Risk Assessments: Gender and Sexuality, Concept, May 30, 2018 (1.0 CE hours).
  - Evaluations in High Stakes Sentencing: Capital and Juvenile Murder Cases, Mark Cunningham Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto, California, August 23-24, 2018, (14 CE hours).
  - One-day workshop dealing with "Evidence for Mental Health Professionals." American Academy of Forensic Psychology. February 06, 2019 (7 CE hours).
  - One-day workshop dealing with " Comprehensive Assessment of Malingering." American Academy of Forensic Psychology. February 07, 2019 (7 CE hours).
  - Two-day 2019 Advanced Workshop on Ethics and Challenges in Forensic Evaluation, sponsored by Capacity for Justice. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, Nuts and Bolts and Special Circumstances; Competency Assessment Issues; Ethics of Being an Expert, Interviewing Witnesses and Victims and Cultural Issues, Challenging Cases, Attorneys and Experts Working Together, Challenging Cases, Group Practicum Activities February 22-23, 2019 (16 CE Hours).
  - The Role of Consultants and Expert Witnesses in Cases of Alleged False Confession, Brian Cutler

- Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto California, November 2, 2019, (7 CE hours).
- HCR-20v3 Overview, Kevin Douglas LL.B, Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto California, January 25, 2020, (3 CE hours).
  - Concepts, Controversies, and Conundrums of Parent-Child Contact Problems, Nicholas Bala JD Ph.D. and Barbara Fidler, Ph.D., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 12, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Parental Alienation: In Search of Common Ground for a More Differentiated Theory, Matthew J. Sullivan, PhD., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 15, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Dynamics, Not Diagnoses: Assessing and Responding to the Best Interests of the Polarized Child, Benjamin Garber Ph.D., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 19, 2020 (1.5 CE hours).
  - Children Resisting Contact with a Parent: Can a Proactive Role for Lawyers Contribute to Better Outcomes, Jackie Campbell LLB, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 26, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Children Resisting Contact with a Parent: Can a Proactive Role for Lawyers Contribute to Better Outcomes, Lyn Greenberg Ph.D. and Hon. Robert Schnider, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, May 29, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Polyvagal Theory in the Courtroom and Beyond with Rebecca Bailey, PhD and Frank Davis, PhD, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 2, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Allegations of Child Abuse During Child Custody Disputes, Michael Saini, PhD; Stacey Platt, JD; and Taina Laajasalo, PhD., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 9, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Parental Alienation: False Positives and Myriad Concerns; Richard Warshak, PhD., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 11, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Rhetoric and Reason in Parental Alienation Discourse; Joan Meier, JD; Madelyn Milchman, PhD; and Robert Geffner, PhD, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 16, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Parental alienation in the United States courts – 1985-2018; Demosthenes Lorandos, Ph.D. J.D, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 18, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Innovative Psychojudicial Responses to Resist-Refusal Cases; Francine Cyr, PhD; Karine Poitras, PhD; and Elisabeth Godbout, PhD., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 15, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Parental alienation and misinformation proliferation; William Bennett, MD., Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, June 25, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Responding to Severe Parent-Child Rejection Cases Without A Parentectomy Confirmation; Shely Polak, PhD, and Linda Popielarczyk, MSW, RSW, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, July 7, 2020, (1.5 CE hours).
  - Cultural diversity & sensitivity in sexual offender treatment; Alejandro Leguizama Ph.D., Global Institute of Forensic Research, July 14, 2020 (3.0 CE hours).
  - Ethically navigating clinical practice and supervision with sexual abusers; Becky Palmer M.S. Global institute of Forensic Research, July 19, 2020 (3.0 CE hours).
  - Maintaining ethical forensic practice 2020 (Inter alia: Malingering, Multicultural considerations in forensic evaluations, Pitfalls in competency evaluations, Violence risk assessment, What attorneys what experts to convey to judges and juries), Capacity for Justice, Texas Health and Human Services, September 24-25 2020 (8 CE hours).
  - Ethical Forensic Practice 2021, Capacity for Justice-Texas Health and Human Services-Texas Department of State Health Services, June 3-4, 2021 (8 CE hours).
  - Ethics of Forensic Practice (Inter alia: The role of diagnosis in forensic evaluations; Working with

- difficult evaluatees: Strategies and outcomes; A judge's impression of forensic evaluations; A public defender's perspective on working with psychiatric/psychological experts; Developmental maturity and sophistication in fitness to proceed evaluations), Capacity for Justice, Texas Health and Human Services, June 30-July 1, 2022 (8 CE hours).
- Management of Pain at the End of Life. NetCE, July 18, 2022 (2 CE hours).
  - Anxiety Disorders in Older Adults. NetCE, July 22, 2022 (3 CE hours).
  - Understanding and Treating Spiritual Abuse. NetCE, July 19, 2022 (5 CE hours).
  - Cultural Competence: An Overview. NetCE, July 19, 2022 (2 CE hours).
  - Human Trafficking and Exploitation: The Texas Requirement. NetCE, July 22, 2022 (5 CE hours).
  - Digital Technology and Domestic Violence. NetCE, July 22, 2022 (3 CE hours).
  - 15th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "When the Deck is Stacked: Stress from Trauma in Family Court", "AFCC Guidelines for Parenting Plan Evaluations", "Is it Just a Word Game: The Dangers of Concept Creep in Family Law", "What to Do When Your Child Doesn't Want to Go to Their Other Parent's Home", "Integrated Responses to Complex Families", "Child Custody Assessment: New Professional Perspectives from Research", "Crafting Parenting Plans that Address the Unique Cultural Dynamics of a Family". November 10-12, 2022 (15.5 CE hours).
  - High Conflict Institute, sponsored by the Texas Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "Understanding the five high conflict personality disorders," "Paradigm shifts for high conflict mediation," "How contagious emotions drive resistance and refusal," "The BIFF method: Ethical communication with clients," "New ways for families: Teaching skills for parenting without court." December 8, 2022 (6 CE hours).
  - Ethics and telemental health. January 1, 2023 (3 CE hours).
  - Ethics of Forensic Practice (Inter alia: Dealing with delusions and "other ideas"; Texas State Hospitals: Forensic system improvement initiatives for competency restoration services; Forensic neuropsychology in criminal court; An overview of not guilty by reason of insanity, Capacity for Justice, Texas Health and Human Services, May 11-May 12, 2023 (8 CE hours).
  - Differentiating Delusional Disorder from Extreme Beliefs. Mark Cunningham Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, California, May 15, 2023 (4 CE hours).
  - Best Practices in Competence to Stand Trial. Patricia Zapf Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, California, June 11, 2023 (20 CE hours).
  - Conducting Work Product Evaluations in Child Custody Litigation. David Martindale Ph.D., Concept, Palo Alto University, Palo Alto, California, July 14, 2023 (3 CE hours).
  - Online Professionalism and Ethics. NetCE, February 11, 2024 (3 CE hours).
  - Ethical Forensic Practice including, inter alia, Group Thinking and Over Valued Ideas, Guardianship Evaluations, Recent & Potential Legislation, Violence Risk Assessment in Persons with Severe Mental Illness. Concept for Justice and Texas Health and Human Services, May 21 and May 22, 2024 (8 CE hours).
  - Human Trafficking and Exploitation: The Texas Requirement, Net CE, July 9, 2024 (5 CE hours)
  - Why is Estrangement on the Rise – Common Pathways to Estrangement, APA, September 17-18, 2024 (4 CE hours)
  - Texas HB300, September 24, 2024, HIPAA+ Exams (0.1 CE hours).
  - 16th Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts. Sessions attended included, *inter alia*, "Advanced Parenting Plan Evaluations," "Including Children's Voices in Family Law Proceedings," "Should I Persist When My Child Resists," "Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in the Context of Child Custody Evaluation,"

“Judicial Dilemmas in Cases Involving Adolescents,” “Advanced Issues in Child Custody Assessments.” November 14-16, 2022 (15.5 CE hours).

### **Treatment Orientation and Populations**

Experienced with counseling high conflict families, court ordered therapy, intimate partner violence/domestic violence and family law cases. Primary population served consists of clients with presenting diagnoses of mood disorders, anxiety, adjustment reactions, schizophrenia, personality disorders, problems related to abuse or neglect and various childhood diagnoses. Clinical treatment emphasizes cognitive behavioral and behavior modification orientations. Emphasis on short-term problem/solution-oriented therapy. Play therapy and family systems used when appropriate for younger children and family counseling. Experienced with individuals, couple and family counseling.

### **Recent Workshop Presentations**

Family Law Forum sponsored by Family Court Services, Third and Fifth Judicial Districts and the Nampa Justice Center. “Counseling Clients Involved in the Legal System.” Nampa Civic Center, August 22, 2017. 7.0 CE for attendees.

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders – Idaho: Female Sexual Offenders, Boise Idaho, August 1, 2018 3.25 CE for attendees.

Association for the Treatment of Sexual Offenders – Idaho: Online Child Pornography, Boise Idaho, August 1, 2018 3.25 CE for attendees.

Kootenai County Public Defender Office: Tip of the spear: Five steps for behavioral health assessment at client intake. Coeur d’Alene, Idaho.

### **Honors**

1993 Honored as the 414th Presidential "Point of Light" by President George Bush for the volunteerism efforts of the Heart & Hand.