



Marisa McNamara, MS, LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

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- ✓ *Dedicated, caring mental health professional with experience in counseling, education, and private practice*
- ✓ *Skilled in providing individual and group counseling, observing students, and designing behavior plans for students*
- ✓ *Excellent ability to communicate information clearly, concisely, and effectively to diverse groups and individuals*
- ✓ *Possess wide range of experience in case management, comprehensive assessments, diagnoses, and treatment planning*

*Adolescent Therapy
Behavioral Intervention
Child Advocacy*

*Crisis Intervention
Family Therapy
Grief Counseling*

*Psychosocial Assessment
Individual/Group Counseling
Physical & Sexual Abuse*

*Play Therapy
Program Development
Social Services*

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

- ❖ *Texas A&M University | Commerce, TX | 2002
Master of Science in Community Counseling*
- ❖ *Tarleton State University | Stephenville, TX | 1999
Bachelor of Science in Psychology, Criminal Justice*

LICENSURE & CERTIFICATIONS:

- Licensed Professional Counselor
- Certified Anger-Resolution Therapist
- Certified Equine Psychotherapist

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

McNamara Counseling | Vernon, TX & Wichita Falls, TX | 2011—Present

Community Care Psychological & Counseling Services | Waco, TX | 2001—2010

Private Practice Counseling

- Administered clinical and psychosocial intake assessments for new clients and developed comprehensive treatment plans
- Implemented mental, emotional, behavioral short-term and long-term goals in collaboration with the client
- Provided crisis intervention services for clients in acute distress
- Conducted individual and group therapy with children, adolescents, adults, and families
- Provided caseload management activities and fostered relationships with clients, families, and community providers
- Developed and implement prevention outreach programs
- Furnished patient education and recommended various materials to assist the client in their goal towards wellness
- Administered art and play therapy for children and performed crisis intervention/emergency services on school campuses

Heart of Texas Cooperative for Special Populations | McGregor, TX | 2001—2011

Special Education Counseling and Member of Autism Assessment Team

- Provided individual and group therapy services to 50+ at-risk students each year with emotional disturbances and learning disabilities
- Served eleven different school districts by providing extensive evaluation, assessment, diagnoses, and treatment planning
- Conducted autism screenings, observations, parent/teacher interviews, and play-based assessments
- Delivered informative presentations across multiple school districts concerning Asperger's Syndrome, emotional disturbances, ADHD, and conduct disorder.
- Collaborated with parents, faculty, and staff in implementing effective classroom behavioral management strategies
- Completed documentation for annual review (ARD) meetings and communicated with parents and staff on child's progress

TEACHING POSITIONS

Adjunct College Instructor | **Tarleton State University** | Stephenville, TX | 2008—2011

- Developed and delivered undergraduate courses in General Psychology, Abnormal Psychology, and Psychological Tests & Measurements, ensuring alignment with course objectives and academic standards.
- Facilitated dynamic classroom discussions, interactive activities, and multimedia presentations to engage students and promote critical thinking and inquiry.
- Applied innovative learning approaches and best practices to teach undergraduate level psychology classes
- Educated students on the fundamental principles of life-span development, psychological testing/assessment, research measurement, and application of psychological constructs

Adjunct College Instructor | **Baylor University** | Waco, TX | 2004—2008

- Supervised students during graduate-level practicum and taught Therapeutic Interventions, Counseling Children & Adolescents, and Child Psychopathology graduate classes
- Instructed students in how to conduct in-depth functional behavioral assessments, behavioral intervention plans, and behavioral management strategies for students K-12
- Taught crisis counseling, therapeutic modalities, and the application, diagnosis and treatment of childhood disorders

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Byers, Marisa. *Group Counseling Children of Divorce*. Texas Counseling Association Conference. Dallas, TX. 2002

Byers, Marisa. *Succeeding in College with Attention Deficit Disorder*. Texas Counseling Association Conference Dallas, TX. 2002

AFFILIATIONS

- ❖ Texas Counseling Association
- ❖ American Psychological Association
- ❖ National Association of Forensic Counselors
- ❖ American Psychoanalytic Association
- ❖ Texas Mental Health Counselors Association
- ❖ American School Counselors Association