

Donna Amsberg, LCSW: Curriculum Vitae

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EDUCATION

University of Houston – 1998-2002

Graduate School of Social Work, Houston, TX 77204

Degree: Masters in Social Work

Areas of Concentration or Major: Children & Families

University of Houston – 1992-1998

Degree: Bachelors of Science

Areas of Concentration / Major: Psychology

Minor: Sociology

TEACHING/RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW) 2013-Present

- Responsible for instructing students enrolled in Foundation and Dynamics of Leadership classes.
- Responsible for oversight and development of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program.

Houston Community College System (HCCS) 2001-Present

Adjunct Professor – 2008-Present

- Responsible for instructing students enrolled in the Human Services Technology program.
- Curriculum includes clinical assessment, counseling theories, interviewing skills development, community organization and group therapy skills development.
- Responsible for developing curriculum and instructing students enrolled in the Child Advocacy Studies Training (CAST) courses. Hybrid classes - taught both on-line and in-person concurrently.

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) 1998-2013

- Responsible for Family Violence Center Needs Assessment. 2000. Research resulted in the implementation of a child therapy project – 2001-Present
- Responsible for agency-wide client services Needs Assessment project - 2004 and 2006
- Responsible for ACE Scores research of Family Violence Center clients and their children. 2012-2013

EMPLOYMENT

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work (GCSW) 2013-Present

Clinical Assistant Professor

- Responsible for instructing students enrolled in Foundation and Dynamics of Leadership classes.
- Responsible for oversight and development of Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Program.

Northwest Assistance Ministries (NAM) 03/1997 to 08/2013

Director, Family Violence Center

- Develop and maintain relationships with county service providers to enhance client services.
- Responsible for \$400,000+ annual program budget, including grant writing and reporting.
- Development and implementation of operating guidelines.
- Recruitment, training and supervision of staff and volunteers.
- Administering grant funds within state and federal guidelines.
- Create and present domestic violence and related seminars to professional groups.
- Clinical work with clients in both individual and group settings.
- Development, administration, and analysis of agency-wide Needs Assessments.
- Responsible for recruitment, training and supervision of graduate social work and clinical students.
- Responsible for crisis intervention services agency-wide.
- Responsible for agency-wide Case Managers monthly professional development trainings.

Harris County Adult Violent Death Review Team (AVDRT) 01/2003 to Present

Chair, 2005 – Present (Volunteer Position)

- Recruitment and training of countywide agencies to collaborate with the AVDRT.
- Responsible for collecting case list information on domestic violence homicides/suicides in cooperation with the Harris County DA's Office and the Harris County Public Health and Environmental Services department.
- Responsible for overseeing a secure environment for the confidential file information.
- Providing statistical, non-confidential information to the AVDRT members and to other agencies by request.
- Oversee the writing, production, and dissemination of the biannual AVDRT report to citizens of Harris County and Texas.
- Collaborate with Texas counties with the development and implementation of countywide fatality review teams.

Harris County District Attorney's Office 12/1994 to 03/1997

Domestic Violence Case Worker, Family Criminal Law Division

- Interviewed and assessed the needs of victims of domestic violence, both adults and children.
- Instituted the data collection process regarding animal cruelty/abuse statistics.
- Prepared witnesses for testimony in criminal cases.
- Testified in felony criminal cases.

Foley's Department Stores 1988 to 01/1992

Human Resources Director, Memorial City, West Oaks, and Downtown Stores

- Responsible for Human Resource needs storewide.
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with state and federal employment laws.
- Responsible for recruiting, training, and developing management and store staff.

EYE+TECH Inc., 1984 to 1988

Human Resources Director

- Responsible for Human Resource needs across six (6) states..
- Responsible for ensuring compliance with state and federal employment laws.
- Responsible for recruiting, training, and developing management and store staff.

PUBLICATIONS AND PAPERS

- Texas Speech Communications Journal, August 1997,

Cruelty to Animals ... A Communication Form in Family Violence

MEMBERSHIPS

- Board Member, Harris County Domestic Violence Coordinating Council (HCDVCC) 1997 to Present
- Board Member, Chair, Adult Violent Death Review Team, Harris County (AVDRT) 2004 to Present
- Advisory Board Member, Houston Community College, Human Services Technology Dept. - 2002 to Present
- Chair, Workplace Violence subcommittee of HCDVCC – 1998 to 2002
- Allocations Committee, Texas Council of Family Violence – 1997 to 2006
- Texas Association for Infant Mental Health – 2013

LICENSURE

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) 2009
 - Licensed Masters in Social Work (LMSW) 2003
 - Play Therapy Training (RPT) 2013 to Present
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PRIVATE PRACTICE

- **Equine-Assisted Psychotherapy Practice** 2011 to Present