

*Curriculum Vitae*

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Executive Director/Forensic Interviewer

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## Academic History

2004      **Springfield College**  
Manchester, New Hampshire  
Master of Science: Human Services/Criminal Justice

1994      **Keene State College**  
Keene, New Hampshire  
Associate of Science: Chemical Dependency

1994      **Keene State College**  
Keene, New Hampshire  
Bachelor of Art: Psychology

## Work Experience

2008 – present      **Boston University School of Criminal Justice**  
**Boston, Massachusetts**  
**Online Facilitator**

Facilitate Masters level online courses including *Forensic Behavior Analysis* and *Crime and Punishment: A Conceptual and Ethical Inquiry*

2005 – present      **Springfield College School of Human Services**  
**Manchester, New Hampshire**  
**Adjunct Faculty**

Teach Bachelor and Masters level courses including *Dynamics of Case Management*, *Interviewing Techniques*, *Ethics in Human Services*, *Social Movements*, *Change and Alternative Visions*, *Community Project I through III* and *Building Multicultural Organizations*.

- 2004 – present     **Child Advocacy Center of Hillsborough County  
Nashua, NH  
Executive Director**
- Run the day to day operations of the agency including finances, human resources and staffing. Conduct forensic interviews of children ages 3 to 18 alleging sexual assault. Have conducted over 1700 child forensic interviews in career. Provide outreach and education to the community on topics related to child sexual abuse, prevention, internet safety and pedophile behavior and red flags. Provide additional trainings on the Child Advocacy Center model and child sexual abuse investigations and first responders. Provide consultation to other agencies regarding child abuse interviews, dynamics of sexual abuse and non-profit administration.
- 2003-2004         **Child Advocacy Center of Rockingham County  
Forensic Interview Specialist  
Portsmouth, NH**
- Conducted forensic interviews of children ages 3 to 18. Facilitated pre and post interview meetings with multi-disciplinary team and families. Facilitated monthly case review meetings. Provided trainings to local police departments on Child Advocacy Centers and First Responders. Provided in-service trainings.
- 2000-2003         **The Division for Children Youth and Families  
Child Protective Service Worker  
Portsmouth, NH**
- Investigated allegations of child abuse and neglect. Interviewed children who had allegedly been abused or neglected. Interviewed family and community members. Collaborated with professionals in the community such as schools, therapists and police departments. Prepared Abuse and Neglect petitions, affidavits and ex-parte motions. Prepared case discovery and witnesses for Preliminary and Adjudicatory Hearings in Family Court. Provided testimony at Adjudications. Provided education and training to other community agencies on the State of New Hampshire’s Child Abuse and Neglect Laws. Member of the State of New Hampshire’s Public Speaking Bureau.
- 1999-2000         **Crestfield Rehabilitation Center  
Social Worker/ Patient Advocate  
Manchester, CT**
- Provided depression management, dementia support and death and dying support to patients and families. Developed discharge plans for rehabilitation patients. Facilitated Care Plan meetings and weekly Sub-Acute Rounds. Assisted with obtaining guardian or conservator services. Case Management. Addressed and investigated grievances with patients and family members. Created a monthly employee newsletter.
- 1995-1999         **Seacoast Mental Health Center  
Exeter, NH & Portsmouth, NH**
- As Case Manager, maintained a caseload in excess of 30 adult clients with mental illness. Recorded daily contact notes, quarterly reviews and yearly assessments. Met weekly with staff Psychiatrist for client medication consultation. Provided supportive counseling, mental illness management and crisis intervention. Participated in intensive

Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for women with Borderline Personality Disorder. Promoted to Family Outreach Specialist as of 6/1998. Provided in-home supportive counseling to parents and children around issues of child maltreatment and family dynamics. Addressed treatment goals that facilitated safe and healthy relationships within the family. Coordinated and facilitated meetings with schools, Court officers, therapists and doctors. Participated in intensive Dialectical Behavior Therapy (DBT) for adolescent teenaged girls who had a history of being sexually abused. As Therapeutic Respite Care Provider, provided evening and weekend respite care for at risk two teenaged girls living in group homes. Objectives included preparing them for an adoptive home and addressing social skills in the community as well as in the home environment. In addition, worked as an emergency on-call provider for children in crisis requiring overnight care.

1994-1995

**NFI, North  
Tracker  
Keene, NH**

Tracked the progress and compliance of adolescents on probation. Submitted reports to the Juvenile District Courts. Made community referrals as necessary. Collaborated with Juvenile Probation and Parole Officers.

## Professional Publications

Palestino, Kristie L. (2004). Child Advocacy Centers and Their Effect on Prosecution Rates: A Study of Child Sexual Abuse Cases in Rockingham County, New Hampshire. Submission pending.

## Professional Affiliations

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children: Member

The New Hampshire Network of Children's Advocacy Centers: President

The NH Attorney Generals Child Advocacy Center Task force: Appointed member

NH Network of Non-Profits: Member

The Exchange Club of Nashua: Member

## Relevant Trainings

2008 NH AG's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect

2008 Advanced Leadership Academy: Colorado Springs, CO

2007 Finances for the non-financial manager (Fred Pryor)

- 2007 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference
- 2006 Quickbooks Computer Program Training
- 2006 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference
- 2005 National Children's Alliance Leadership Conference
- 2005 American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC) 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Colloquium
- Think Tank on the Evaluation of Forensic Interviewers
  - Assessing Child Maltreatment in Multicultural Populations
  - Evaluating the Quality of Forensic Interviewing
- 2005 19<sup>th</sup> Annual San Diego International Conference on Child and Family Maltreatment.
- Interviewing Children Who are Internet Crime Victims
  - Legal Issues in Child Abuse Investigations
  - Getting More Accurate Information in Forensic Interviews
  - Interviewing Adults and Children with Disabilities
  - Crawford vs. Washington
- 2000-2006 Attorney General's Conference on Child Abuse and Neglect
- 2003 Advanced Forensic Interview School, Huntsville Alabama
- 2003 20<sup>th</sup> National Symposium on Child Abuse, The National Children's Advocacy Center, Huntsville, Alabama.
- 2002 Child Fatality Investigations, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention
- 2002 Advanced Sexual Abuse Investigations, Division for Children, Youth and Families.