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EDUCATION

M.S.W., 1988, Children and Youth Concentration, Family Therapy minor
Boston University School of Social Work, Boston, MA

BA., Political Science, 1983.
Tufts University, Medford MA

Study Abroad, 1981-82
Hebrew University, Jerusalem, Israel

POST GRADUATE TRAINING

Certificate in Family Challenge Model, Omni Program, 2005, Essex, MA.

Solution-Focused Brief Therapy, Brief Family Therapy Center, 1991 and 1992, Milwaukee, WI.

Seminar in Supervision, Boston University School of Social Work, Department of Continuing
Education, 1990, Boston, MA

Sexuality Training, Boston Children's Service Association, 1989, Boston, MA

PUBLICATIONS:

Fletcher, A. & Tohn, S. (2013). *Comparing and Integrating Somatic Therapy, Interpersonal
Psychotherapy and Solution Focused Therapy*. Boston, MA, NASW Focus.

Tohn, S., & McCarthy, D. (2006). *Conducting The Solution Focused Investigation in Child
Protective Services*. (audiovisual). Sudbury, Solutions Press.

Tohn, S., & Yancor, S. (2006). *Solution Focused Treatment in Spanish: Adapting The Model to
do Client-Centered Treatment*. (Audiovisual) Sudbury, Solutions Press.

Tohn, S., & Oshlag, J. (2005). *Crossing the Bridge: Integrating Solution Focused
Therapy into Clinical Practice*. Sudbury, Solutions Press, Fifth Edition.

Tohn, S. (2005). Introduction to Solution Focused Treatment. In, *Michigan Home Based Annual
Newsletter*. Detroit, Michigan Home Based Services.

Tohn, S. & Oshlag, J. (1996). Solution-Focused Therapy with Mandated Clients: Cooperating with
the Uncooperative. In S. Miller, M. Hubble, & B. Duncan (Eds.), *Handbook of Solution-
Focused Brief Therapy*. San Francisco: Jossey-Bass.

KEYNOTE/FEATURE PRESENTATIONS:

Department of Social Services Area Program Manager Conference, Worcester, MA. 09/07
The Villages Annual Fulton Foster Care Conference, Indianapolis, IN. 09/07
Department of Social Services Area Program Manager's Conference, Worcester, MA. 11/06
Department of Social Services Hotline Worker's Conference, Worcester, MA. 09/06
NASW West Virginia Annual Conference, Charleston, WV. 04/06
Michigan Home Based Services, Detroit, MI. 10/05
NASW New York Regional Conference, Albany, NY. 10/01
Indiana Coalition of Foster Care Agencies Annual Conference, Indianapolis, IN. 10/01
Michigan Home Based Services Annual Conference, Detroit, MI. 10/01
NASW West Virginia Annual Conference, Charleston, WV. 04/01
Family Foster Care Treatment Annual Conference, Cincinnati, OH. 08/00
West Virginia NASW Annual Conference, WV. 04/00
Head Start Statewide Conference, Boston, MA. 10/99
West Virginia NASW Annual Conference, Charleston, WV. 04/99
The Villages Annual Fulton Foster Care Conference, Indianapolis, IN. 08/99
National Children's Mental Health Conference, Jacksonville, FL. 05/94
Hospice Federation of Massachusetts Bereavement Coordinators Annual Meeting,
Worcester, MA. 10/92

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Solutions. Presented over 400 customized Solution Focused trainings nationally, 1992-present.
Details at end of CV.

Boston College Graduate School of Social Work. Chestnut Hill, MA
Associate Professor for Clinical Practice, 2015-present
Clinical Assistant Professor, 2008-2015
Full-time lecturer, Part-Time Lecturer, 9/99 – 2008

Courses Taught: 90% of teacher evaluations were “very good-excellent”

- Solution Focused Treatment (on average 2-3 per year)
- Clinical practice with adults (on average 3-4 per year)
- Clinical practice with children and families (on average 3-4 per year)
- Advanced practice with children and families (2-3 per year)
- Integrative seminar (3 per year)

Courses Developed:

- Cognitive Behavior Treatment
- Time-Effective Treatment-focusing on Solution Focused Treatment
- Dual Diagnosis with adults and children
- Working with Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Questioning Youth, Families and Adults
- Trauma Treatment in Israel
- Co-developed Advanced Practice with Children and Families
- Revised Clinical Practice with Children and Families, Integrative Seminar, and summer Clinical Practice with Adults.

Course Coordinator:

- Clinical Practice with Children and Families
- Advance Clinical Practice with Children, Youth and Families

Additional Workshops:

- Global Concentration: Annually present “Integrating Solution Focused Therapy into Global Practice” To the global cohort.
- Continuing Education: Co-Developed Advanced Certificate in Clinical Practice and taught a two-day course for the certification, June 2007.
- Develop and annually present post graduation career workshop, “What you need to know before you go”, co-sponsored with BCGSSW Career Services, for BCGSSW clinical students, 2004-present.

Committee Membership:

- Serve on LGBTQ faculty task force. Co-planned LGBT conference in September 2006 entitled “Effective Clinical Practice with Children in Same Sex Families”. Coordinated and functioned as liaison to both keynote speakers. Currently developing LGBTQ teaching materials for faculty to integrate into all courses.
- Serve on Child Youth and Family and Health/Mental Health Concentration Committees. Requires attending monthly meetings, consulting on syllabi and strategic planning.

Adjunct Faculty, Spring 2005, Simmons Graduate School of Social Work

- Developed and taught Solution Focused Family therapy class

Adjunct Faculty, 9/94 – 5/96, Boston University School of Social Work

- Developed and taught graduate level course in Solution-Focused Brief Therapy.

SOLUTION FOCUSED CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

Solution Focused Trainer

RFS, Inc., 4/16/18-4/16/18, Oregon, Ohio

Develop and teach Solution Focused therapy with a focus on integrative care for social workers in a community setting as well as school social work.

Solution Focused Supervision

Excel Academy: 9/17-present, East Boston and Chelsea, ma

Supervise five school social workers weekly.

Solution Focused Supervision

Empath: 2/17-2/18, Brighton, ma

Supervise social worker with a focus on integrating Solution Focused therapy into 2-gen home-based family therapy.

Solution Focused Trainer

Boston Medical Center, 4/18/17-4/19/17, Boston, ma.

Develop and teach Solution Focused therapy with a focus on integrative care for social workers in a hospital setting.

Solution Focused Trainer

Codman Square Health Center, 1/17-3/18, Boston, ma.

Develop and teach Solution Focused therapy with a focus on integrative care. Work with primary care physicians, mental health professionals and nurses during this year long training.

Solution Focused Trainer

Community Center of Cape Cod, 11/14-11/15, Cape Cod, MA.

Develop and teach Solution Focused therapy with a focus on integrative care. Work with primary care physicians, mental health professionals and nurses during this year long training.

Solution Focused Consultant

Group Supervision, 2007-2017, Acton, MA.

Facilitate group supervision every six weeks for on-going group that focuses on Solution Focused Therapy, trauma treatments, and integration of several models of treatment.

Cognitive Behavior Therapy Trainer

Walker Home, 2/14-present, Needham and Watertown, MA

Developed and teaching a Cognitive Behavior Therapy model and Solution Focused model for residential services with children and adolescents. Year long training focusing on integrating Cognitive Behavior Therapy then Solution Focused Therapy throughout the therapeutic Milieu. Developed and teaching parents' training.

Solution Focused trainer

Gosnold on the Cape, 2/13-1/14, Cape Cod, MA.

Trained all therapists, residential counselors, and nurses for a full year

Solution Focused Trainer

The Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc., 6/11-6/12, Middlebury, Vermont,

Trained full staff in Solution Focused therapy for all levels of care.

Solution Focused Trainer and Consultant

Massachusetts Department of Children and Families, Statewide, MA. 8/05-2012

Developed and taught 8-12 Solution Focused full-day workshops for the Child Welfare Institute and DCF area offices statewide. Developed specific curriculum for investigators, assessment workers, on-going workers, domestic violence workers, foster care reviewers, teaming units, supervisors and managers. Consulted to the Child Welfare Institute on strategic plan for "Family Engagement Model". From June 2007-present, volunteering as a foster care review third party panelist monthly.

Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Solution Focused Consultant

The Home, 2/11-4/11, Boston, MA.

Created a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy and Solution Focused Therapy "train the trainer" manual for The Home to be used for all home-based and residential programs. Trained "trainers" and consulted around implementation.

Solution Focused Supervisor and Consultant

Roxbury Multi-Service Center, 9/01-2009, Roxbury, MA.

Conducted weekly supervision for up to 5 social workers on a family stabilization team and conducted consultation biweekly to a community support team. Conducted Solution Focused training for agency including: Community Support, Family Stabilization, Family Homeless Shelter, Outreach, and School Based Counseling Programs.

Brockton Multi-Service Center, 4/03-9/03, Brockton, MA.

Dorchester House, 9/02-6/03, Dorchester, MA

Wayside Youth and Family Support Network, 9/00-9/01, Waltham, MA.

Behavioral Healthcare Network, 3/00-5/01, Jamaica Plain, MA

Taught Solution Focused Brief Treatment to home-based clinicians and outreach workers. Provided monthly Solution Focused clinical consultation to clinical staff. Reviewed videotaped sessions, role-played cases.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Clinical Supervisor, 08/03-present, Solutions, on-site locations

Provide individual weekly LICSW supervision to 1-8 social workers working toward their license. Focus of supervision is the integration of Solution Focused Treatment into their setting. The different settings include: Outdoor adventure clinical groupwork, hospice social work, home-based family stabilization team, out-patient mental health, Department of Children and Families, lead agency intensive case management and clinical directorship supervision, employee assistance programs, anger management groups, and drug and alcohol counseling.

Clinical Social Worker, 3/92 - Present, Solutions, Private Practice, Sudbury, MA

Provide clinical services to individuals, couples, families and groups. Clinical work utilizes Solution-Focused Brief Therapy approach. Participate in Blue Cross/Blue Shield Voluntary Outcomes Measurement Project. Own and operate private practice providing clinical training of Solution-Focused Brief Therapy for agencies, private practice clinicians, schools, universities, and presenting at conferences.

Clinical Social Worker, 5/92-8/93, Family Counseling Center, Fitchburg, MA

Provided Solution Focused Brief Therapy to individuals, couples and families. Provided in-service training for clinical staff. Utilized video taping and use of one-way mirror with clients.

School Adjustment Counselor, 5/89-6/91, Challenge Alternative School, Malden, MA

Provided individual, group, family counseling and case management to 20 students. Trained and consulted to teaching staff around behavioral issues. Developed and led multiple groups. Supervised MSW first-year intern from Boston University from 9/90-5/91.

Clinical Social Worker, 5/89-6/90, Private Practice, Lexington, MA

Treated adolescents and families. Specialized in treating acting out behaviors, drug abuse, suicide, and cult involvement. Provided peer pressure workshops for area high schools

Clinical Social Worker, 8/88-5/89, Bedford Youth & Family Services, Bedford, MA.

Provided therapy to adolescents, groups, and families. Specialized in drug and alcohol abuse and suicide counseling. Co-led Peer Leadership Program at Bedford High School. Offered on-going groups.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Congregation Beth El, Sudbury, MA

Co-Chairperson, Leadership Development Committee, 7/02-7/03,

Developed leadership program for congregation. Facilitated relationship between professional staff and lay leadership. Program leadership training day utilizing new games and trust exercises.

Membership Chair, 1/08-present

Chair of auction fundraiser, current.

Co-Chairperson, Committee For Families With Young Children, 9/97-7/98

Programmed and supervised 10 programs throughout the year. Hired and supervised an early childhood specialist. Wrote a \$5000 grant proposal for Combined Jewish Philanthropies.

Developed three year budget for families with young children for congregational approval. Led focus group for building expansion project.

Sudbury Cooperative Preschool, Sudbury, MA

President, 7/98-6/00

Conducted monthly board meetings, provided leadership for eight person parent board, supervised and evaluated preschool director, solicited and collected sponsorship for annual Family Fitness Fun Run, coordinated marketing plan with volunteer parent, acted as liaison to Leassor and negotiated annual lease, and monitored school morale.

Second Vice President, Board Member, 6/97-6/98

Supervised all parent volunteer activities. Provided leadership to parents and developed positive community reputation. Developed partnership with local toy company and provided parents for focus group program. Coordinated and collected sponsorship donations from businesses for school family fitness walk.

Director of Fundraising, Board Member, 9/96-6/97

Developed and supervised all fundraising activities for the school. Created and supervised a family fitness 2.9 mile walk.

SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS FROM 1992-present

2014: 4 Trainings for: Boys and Girls Club of Boston, Walker Home (year long), Boston College Continuing Education, and Solutions

2013: 4 Trainings: Boston Children's Hospital, Gosnold on the Cape (year long), Children's Friend and Service, Providence, RI, and Solutions

2012: 4 Trainings: Children's Services of Roxbury, Harvard Vanguard Behavioral Health, University of New Hampshire, Northwestern Counseling, St. Albans, Vt., and Solutions.

2011: 11 Trainings: The Home, University of New Hampshire, Cape Cod Healthcare, Children's Friend and Service, Providence, RI, NASW New England Renal Association, East Bay Family Care

Community Partnership, The Counseling Service of Addison County, Inc. (year long) Vermont, Fenway Community Mental Health, and Bar Ilan University, Israel and Solutions.

2010: 7 Trainings: New Hampshire Attorney General's office, Children's Services of Roxbury, New Hampshire Department of Children, Youth and Families, Cape Cod Behavioral Health,

2009: 7 Trainings: Department of Children and Families-investigations, MA, Boston College Graduate school of Social Work Supervision seminar, Counseling Services, Inc. Portland, ME., Boston College GSSW continuing education, Boston College Residential Life, and New Hampshire Attorney General's office

2008: 7 Trainings: Counseling Services, Inc. Executive Staff, Portland, ME, Lowdoin Public Schools Counseling Department, Leesburg, VA, NASW Symposium, NASW State Conference, Charleston, WV.

2007: 13 Trainings: Haverhill CFP/DSS, Counseling Services, Inc. Portland, ME, and Headstart (year long)

2006: 16 Trainings: Mott Children's Center, Detroit, MI, NASW symposium, Suffolk County Jail, Mentor Foster Care, Fallon Community Health Plan Social Work Department, Children's Friend and Service, Providence, RI, Communities for People, Counseling Services, Inc., Portland, ME, Case Collaborative, and Haverhill CFR/DSS

2005: 14 Trainings: Children's Home Society Foster Care in Florida, out-patient mental health clinics, Life Choices Wrap Around Services in Indiana, Life Resources Pilgrim Center DYS, and NASW Massachusetts chapter.

2004: 10 Trainings: NASW Massachusetts chapter state conference, Walker School, Children's Friend and Service in Rhode Island.

2003: 28 Trainings: Adoption Crossroads, several out-patient mental health clinics, Children's Friend and Service in Rhode Island, Mott Children's Center in Michigan, Community Healthlink, You, Inc., Board of Child Care in Maryland.

2002: 29 Trainings: Dorchester House, Family Resources Action Committee in Rhode Island, Family Foster Care Treatment Association Annual Conference in Illinois, Billerica Special Education Department, Family Solutions in Indiana, NASW Massachusetts chapter state conference, and Michigan Home-Based Services.

2001: 37 Trainings: Several out-patient clinics, Baptist Family Services in Maryland, Family Foster Care Treatment Association Annual Conference in Florida, Action Youth Care in West Virginia, Maryland Association of Resources for Families and youth in Maryland, Belmont Public Schools.

2000: 56 Trainings: Robinhood Public School, NASW Massachusetts chapter state conference, Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, Kennedy Krieger Social Work Department in Maryland, National NASW Conference, Harvard University/Cambridge Hospital Conference, Health and Education Services, Simmons Graduate School of Social Work Continuing Education, Stoneham School Psychologists, Advanced Group Therapy Conference, Massachusetts NASW, Kennedy Krieger Family Institute Foster Care and Out-Patient Clinic, Headstart.

1999: 38 Trainings: Stoneham School Psychologists, The Villages in Indiana, North Essex Mental Health, The Family Center in Maryland, Kennedy Krieger Institute in Maryland, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work, Healthway in West Virginia, Brighton Center for Children and Families, Department of Social Services Central Region.

1998: 20 Trainings: Villa Maria in Maryland, Bay State Medical Center Grand Rounds, Tufts Health Maintenance Organization, North Essex Mental Health, Association for Ambulatory Behavioral Healthcare in Washington, D.C., Providence Family Institute, NASW Massachusetts chapter state conference, Belmont Public Schools.

1997: 31 Trainings: Vila Maria in Maryland, The Villages in Indiana, Providence Family Institute, Moundbuilders of Ohio, L.A.P.P. in Ohio, Belmont School System, National NASW Annual Conference, Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, Rhode Island NASW, Maryland Association of Resources for Families and Youth in Maryland, Children's Group Therapy Association Annual Conference, Women and Infant's Hospital in Rhode Island, Ohio NASW State Conference, New England Society for Group Psychotherapy.

1996: 20 Trainings for: National Employee Assistance Conference, National NASW Annual Conference, several out-patient mental health clinics, Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, Long Island Jewish Hospitals, Massachusetts NASW Managed Care Committee Conference, Boston University Graduate School of Social Work, New England Medical Center, NASW Massachusetts chapter state conference, Ohio NASW, Jackson Brook Institute.

1995: 17 Trainings for: Massachusetts Eye and Ear Infirmary, Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, several out-patient mental health clinics, Connecticut Association of School Social Workers, National NASW Annual Conference, Rhode Island NASW Annual Conference, American Biodyne, Brookside Hospital in New Hampshire.

1994: 24 Trainings for: Several out-patient mental health clinics, Connecticut NASW, Massachusetts Bureau of Substance Abuse, Several Hospitals, Catholic Charities, North American Congress on Employee Assistance Programs, Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan, Boston University Graduate School of Social Work, NASW Massachusetts State Conference, Florida NASW State Conference, Woburn School System, Stonehill College.

1993: 25 Trainings for: Massachusetts School for Professional Psychology, Cape Cod Hospital, Spaulding Rehabilitation Hospital, Catholic Charities, Boston College Graduate School of Social Work Continuing Education, Boston University Graduate School of Social Work, Harvard Pilgrim Health Plan, Headstart, Employee Assistance Program Association, Hospice Federation of Massachusetts, several out-patient mental health clinics, Massachusetts NASW, Addiction Treatment Center.

1992: 11 Trainings for: Massachusetts NASW Continuing Education and State Conference, Cape Cod Hospital, Hospice Federation of Massachusetts, Stonehill College, Baystate Substance Abuse Treatment Program, Boston University Graduate School of Social Work, several out-patient mental health clinics.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

1993-1997: Merit Behavioral Healthcare Provider Advisory Council

1993-present: Massachusetts NASW Private Practice Conference Program Committee

1986-present: National Association of Social Workers; Massachusetts Chapter NASW

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1990-1993: Children's Group Therapy Association

1984-1986: Association of Jewish Communal Workers

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