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## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **The University of Akron 2006-present**

#### **Director, Clinic for Individual and Family Counseling, 2013-present.**

Training facility for masters and Ph.D. level graduate students in the Marriage and Family, School Counseling, Counseling Psychology, Counselor Education and Clinical Mental Health Programs. The clinic serves the uninsured with accessible and affordable mental health services. The clinic sees over a 1,000 clients/year.

- Responsible for 12-17 Graduate Assistants
- Responsible for 120 graduate trainees and 6-7 supervisors/year.

#### **Senior Lecturer; Visiting Senior Lecturer, 2009-2013** Courses include:

Marriage and Family and School Counseling Masters' Practicum; Marriage and Family Masters' Internship, Introduction to Marriage and Family Theory and Techniques, Marriage and Family Assessment and Treatment and Outcome Research in Marriage and Family Therapy (Ph.D level).

**Visiting Assistant Professor, 2006-2009** –MFT core faculty, duties included student advising (10-12 students per year) and teaching MFT courses at the masters and doctoral level. Courses included: Assessment and Treatment Issues in Marriage and Family Therapy; Systems Theory; Marriage and Family Ethics and Professional Identity; Marriage and Family Masters' Practicum; Marriage and Family Masters' and Doctoral Internship. Additional responsibilities included writing, grading and sitting on doctoral comprehensive examinations written and clinical committees, mentoring student research, and committee work at the program, department and College of Education levels.

**Supervisor. 2006-Present.** Approved AAMFT Supervisor and Professional Clinical Counselor supervision designation. Duties include supervision of master's and doctoral level marriage and family therapists and counselor trainees and interns.

#### **Practicum and Internship Coordinator for MFT program. 2010-Present.**

Coordinate the practicum and internship placements for the Master's and Ph.D. students in the training clinic and area agencies.

### **South Euclid Lyndhurst City Schools, 1990-2012** .

**School Counselor. 2001-2005; 2008-2012.** Responsibilities included small group and classroom lessons on a variety of topics including bullying prevention, anger management, problem solving, listening skills, and identification of feelings. Other responsibilities included running small group lessons in classrooms with students receiving special education services. Assisting with school wide testing, bullying prevention, and character education were among the other duties performed.

**Intervention Specialist—Mild to Moderate. 1990-2001; 2005-2007.**

Responsibilities included working in inclusive settings as well as in a resource room. Grade levels included fifth through eighth grade working with students labeled as having a Specific Learning Disability, Cognitive Disability and Emotionally Disturbed.

**Notre Dame College 2006-2013.** Lecturer through Instructional Delivery Services,, South Euclid, OH.

**Clinic for Individual and Family Study, 2006.** Therapist. Akron, OH.

**Family Achievement Center, 1999-2001.** Therapist. Westlake, OH.

**Berea City School System. 1998-1990** Learning Disabilities Tutor. Berea, OH

## **EDUCATION**

**THE UNIVERSITY OF AKRON, August, 2003**

Ph.D. in Counseling, Marriage and Family Therapy Track  
CACREP and COAMFTE Accredited programs

**JOHN CARROLL UNIVERSITY, Cleveland, OH, May, 1994**

Master of Education  
Ohio Certification in School Counseling K-12

**MIAMI UNIVERSITY Oxford, Ohio, May 1988**

Bachelor of Science in Education,  
Ohio Certification in Special Education K-12, Learning Disabilities, Severe Behavior Handicaps, Developmental Handicaps

## **AFFILIATIONS**

Licensed Independent Marriage and Family Therapist, OH F500037  
Professional Clinical Counselor License/Supervisor, OH E1200024-S  
School Counseling Certification in Ohio K-12  
AAMFT Approved Clinical Supervisor  
AAMFT Clinical Member  
American Counseling Association  
Ohio Counseling Association  
Ohio School Counseling Association

## **ELECTED OFFICES**

Elected to Ohio Association of Marriage and Family Therapist Board (OAMFT)  
Past President 2013-2014  
President 2011-2013  
President Elect 2009-2011

General Board member for term beginning in January, 2008  
Elections Committee for term beginning in January, 2007

### COMMITTEES

#### **2016 Search committee for an NTT and tenured track faculty positions.**

#### **2013 Clinic for Individual and Family Therapy. Clinical Operational Policies and Procedures.**

- Revised Clinic Policy and Procedure Manual
- Migrated clinic paperwork to electronic records through a web based program
- Revised Graduate Student/Office Staff manual

#### **2013 Clinic for Individual and Family Therapy. Paperwork Redesign Committee.**

In collaboration with several supervisors, revised all clinic paperwork to better reflect current best practice and to be more in alignment with current agency and state paperwork.

#### **2013 Search committee for two tenured track faculty positions.**

#### **2013 Search committee for Clinic Coordinator position**

#### **2006-2009 College of Education College Community**

### AWARDS

**2014 Award for The Advancement of the Practice of Marriage and Family Therapy**  
given by the Ohio Association of Marriage and Family Therapy

### PUBLICATIONS

Boyle, R., & McDowell-Burns, M. (2015) Modalities of Marriage and Family Supervision. In K.Jordan (Ed). *Couple, Marriage and Family Therapy Supervision*, Springer Publishing.

Parr, P., Boyle, R., Tejada, L. (2008). I said, You said: A communication exercise for couples. *Contemporary Family Therapy*, 30(3), 167-173.

Boyle, R. (2008) Aren't you a Psychologist?: MFT advocacy begins in the home. *Communiqué*, Spring, p. 4.

### SUBMITTED PUBLICATIONS

Weigold, I. K., Boyle, R. A., Weigold, A., Antonucci, S. Z., Mitchell, H. B., & Martin-Wagar, C. A. *Personal growth initiative and the therapeutic process*. Journal of Counseling Psychology.

Parr, P., Boyle, R., Perosa, L., Tejada, L. Teaching “Family” History of Marriage and family therapists through the use of the Genogram *The Family Journal*.(Provisionally accepted).

Fender-Scar, L., Parr, P., & Boyle, R. A Preliminary Investigation of the Relationship between Family Variables and Disordered Eating in Adolescent Female Gymnasts *The Family Journal*. (Provisionally accepted).

### **PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS**

Weigold, I. K., Boyle, R. A., Weigold, A., Antonucci, S. Z., Mitchell, H. B., & Martin-Wagar, C. A. (2016, August). *Personal growth initiative and the therapeutic process: An exploratory study*. Poster accepted for presentation at the 124<sup>th</sup> annual convention of the American Psychological Association, Denver, CO.

Jordan, K., Boyle, R., Katafiasz, H., Patton, R., Tefteller, D. (2016, April). *Technology: Ethical Challenges for Today’s Supervisor*. Poster accepted for presentation at the Ohio Association of Marriage and Family Therapy Conference, Columbus, Ohio

Boyle, R. and McDowell, M. (2016, February) Invited Presentation. Structural Family Therapy Workshop III. D and E Counseling Center

Boyle, R. and McDowell, M. (2015, December) Invited Presentation. Structural Family Therapy Workshop II. D and E Counseling Center

Boyle, R. and McDowell, M. (2015, October) Invited Presentation. Structural Family Therapy Workshop I. D and E Counseling Center

Jordan, K., Boyle, R., Katafiasz, H., Patton, R., Tefteller, D., Fisher, U., and Meyers, S.(2015, September). *Technology: Ethical Challenges for Today’s Supervisor*. Poster accepted for presentation at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy National Conference. Austin, TX.

Boyle, R. and McDowell, M. (2014, October). Invited Presentation. *Working with Conflictual Parents in a Group Setting*. Summit County Domestic Relations Court Roundtable. Akron, OH.

Boyle, R. and McDowell, M. (2014, April). Invited Presentation. *Indicators of Child Abuse and Potential Therapy Options*. Child Abuse Awareness Seminar. City of Akron, OH Joy Park Federation.

- Boyle, R. and Bursky, S. (2013, April). *Indicators of Child Abuse and Potential Therapy Options*. *Child Abuse Awareness Seminar* City of Akron, OH Joy Park Federation.
- Boyle, R., Bursky S. (2013, October). *An exploratory look at the Therapist's Evaluation of Treatment: What factors do Masters and Doctoral students in training say impact their treatment of couples and families?* Poster accepted for presentation at the American Association of Marriage and Family Therapy National Conference. Portland, OR.
- Boyle, R. (2012). Invited Presentation. *Working with Conflictual Parents in a Group Setting*. Summit County Domestic Relations Court Roundtable. Akron, OH.
- Boyle, R, Bursky, S. (2012, November). *Parents of Special Needs Children: Their Stress, Coping and Adaptation*. \_Ohio Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.
- Boyle, R., Brooks, S. (2009). *Understanding the Differences between IEP's and 504 plans. A Primer for Counselors*. Ohio Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.
- Boyle, R., Thomas, B. (2009). *Improving the Academic Success of Students in an Alternative High School*. Ohio Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.
- Rogers, J., Parr, P., Queener, J., Schwartz, R., Ziegler, F., & Boyle, R (2008). *Community Outreach through the Department of Counseling*. \_Engage to Learn, Learn to Engage: A Service-Learning and Community Engagement Institute.
- Thomas, B., and Boyle, R. (2008). *Managing Alternative Learners in an Urban High School*. Cleveland State University and Cleveland Municipal School District's Celebrating Quality Urban Educators: Sharing Road Maps for Success.
- Perosa, L., Perosa, S., Prendes, N., Posey, S. Tejada, L. Semivan, S. Parr, P., Queener, J., & Boyle, B. (2007). *Systemic consultation between school and community based counselors*. American Counseling Association Convention, Detroit, MI.
- Perosa, L., Perosa, S., Prendes, N., Posey, S. Tejada, L. Semivan, S. Parr, P., Queener, J., & Boyle, B. (2006). *Systemic consultation between school and community based counselors*. Ohio Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.
- Boyle, R. (1998). *When Living Hurts: Understanding Depressive Illness in Families*. American Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.

Boyle, R., and Thomas, B. (1997). *Too Scared to Cry: Post Traumatic Stress Disorder in Children*. American Counseling Association's All Ohio Counselors Conference.

### **MANUSCRIPTS IN PROGRESS**

Bursky, S., and Boyle, R. Relationship between attachment style and adult sibling forgiveness communication.

Bursky, S., and Boyle, R. Forgiveness & Sibling Relationships: A Qualitative Analysis

Boyle, R., and Bursky, S., Predictors of Coping and Adaptation in Families with A Child with a Developmental Disability.

Boyle, R., and Bursky, S. An exploratory look at the Therapist's Evaluation of Treatment: What factors do Masters and Doctoral students in training say influence their treatment of couples and families?

Bursky, S., and Boyle, R., Therapist's Evaluation of Treatment: A qualitative analysis.

Bursky, S., Boyle, R., and Parr, P. Medical Family Therapy Collaboration between a University and a Psychiatric Hospital: Where are we now?

### **RESEARCH INITIATIVES**

Boyle, R., Varley, J. & Jordan, K. Using the Adverse Childhood Experiences scale to examine couple relationships. Currently collecting Data. Co-Principle Investigator

Patton, R., Boyle, R., and Katafiasz, H. Examining Prevalence and Correlates Substance Abuse and Intimate Partner Violence through a Family Systems Lens. Currently collecting data. Co-Principle Investigator

Wiegold, I., Boyle, R., Personal Growth Initiative and the Therapeutic Process: An Exploratory Study. Currently collecting data. 2015 Co-Principle Investigator

Burns, M., and Boyle, R., An exploratory look at the Couples' Conflict Resolution Styles Assessment: Does the 5 factor model apply to couples? 2016 Co-Principle Investigator

## **DISSERTATION COMMITTEE MEMBER**

Successfully Defended:

- McDowell-Burns, M. (2016). Patterned behaviors in couples: The validity of the couples conflict resolution styles assessment.
- Apel-Bursky, S. (2016). The role of relational ethics and forgiveness in adult sibling relationships.
- Cook, R. (2016). Parent-Adolescent communication and adolescent depression after a partial hospitalization program
- Wootton, K. (2015) Family therapist training credentialing and working with children:: A modified Delphi study reviewed
- Miranda, M. (2015). The experience of foster care and long-term attachment outcomes into adulthood.
- Rogers, T. (2015). Healing partners: The integration of a therapy animal in feminist family therapy.
- Tefteller, D. (2014). The influence of father involvement and family structure variables on young adult-father relationship quality.
- Benson, O. (2013). A qualitative study of Nigerian couples in the United States: Examining emotional reactivity and the concept of differentiation of self.
- Hall, T. (2013). Internet family therapy: A qualitative inquiry.