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A clinical social worker in independent therapeutic practice, I specialize in treating buried issues and inhibited expression. Most of my experience deals with clients who present with depression, anxiety, trauma, sexual assault of both women and men, loss, addictions, relationship issues, character and fitness for attorneys, and unresolved grief. I counsel individuals, couples, and groups, including adolescents and adults. I also have experience lecturing on various aspects of mental and social health. I am certified and licensed by the State of Michigan, and I have earned membership into the Academy of Certified Social Workers by the National Association of Social Workers.

### **Professional Experience:**

#### **Mary Petersen, M.S.W., A.C.S.W., P.C., 03/05-Present**

- Private therapy practice counseling individuals, couples, groups
- Facilitate Group: Male Survivors of Sexual Assault, since 05/08
- Facilitate Group: Brotherhood Group for Men, since 10/11
- Expert Witness 03/07, 12/07, 08/08, 02/09, 04/11, 05/11, 06/11, 06/12, 07/12, 12/15, 06/15, 12/15, 02/16, 05/18, 02/19, 04/19, 08/19.

#### **Clinton Counseling Center, 12/99 – 06/07**

- Individual and group clinical therapy working with a challenged population, often indigent and/or court-ordered and largely substance-abusing and dual-diagnosis

#### **Center for Creative Living, 08/99 – 02/00**

- Clinical therapy working with a varied emphasis on holistic practice focused on interaction of body, mind, and spirit
- Began research in movement therapy

#### **Grosse Pointe Counseling Center, 07/99 – 02/00**

- Clinical therapy
- Assisted agency in developing administrative practices and documentation

**Take Back the Night, Macomb County, 04/98 – 04/11**

- Participate annually in the march, rally, and speak out sponsored by Turning Point Shelter to protest sexual violence.

**Grosse Pointe News, 2014-present**

- Multiple articles printed in *Ask The Experts* column on various topics including but not limited to Suicide, Grief and Loss, Male Survivors of Sexual Abuse

**Radio Show WDTK 92.7 FM/1400 AM – Next Steps Radio Show, Taped 12/02/15, aired 01/03/16**

- How the Sandwich Generation Deals with Stress and Self-Care

**Training:**

- **Internship - Children's Home of Detroit, 09/98-04/99**
- **Internship - Wayne State University Counseling Center, 09/97-05/98**
- **Macomb County Department of Social Services, MSU Extension Center - Volunteer in the Parent-to-Parent Program, 08/96-04/97**

**Education:**

**Continuing Education** and seminars on multiple topics including, but not limited to: psychiatric emergencies, risk assessment and reduction of HIV, sexual abuse, treating male survivors of sexual abuse, trauma, facilitating groups, coping with grief, different ways of grieving, personality disorders, ethics, pain management, communicable disease, attachment and bonding, elder-specific cultural issues, treating couples, infidelity, difficult children and adolescents, personality disorders, dealing with toxic people, and managing anger.

**Wayne State University**

• **Master of Social Work**

Concentration in Mental Health, 05/99

Graduate research on Inhibited Grief

Honored: Graduate/Professional Scholarship, 1997-1999

• **Provisional Teaching Certificate for Secondary English & Psychology, 08/93 MAT Program**

Honored: Student teaching in Cranbrook's HUB Program

**Michigan State University**

• **Bachelor of Arts In English, Minor in Psychology, 07/92**

Honored: Michigan Competitive Scholarship, 1988-1992

## **LECTURE HISTORY:**

**Foundations Detroit** – for Clinicians

08/18, Royal Oak, MI - *Understanding Men Who've Been Sexually Abused and How to Treat Them.*

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital** – for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Year Psychiatric Residents

04/17, Livonia, MI - *Couples and Group Counseling*

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital** – for 1<sup>st</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> Year Psychiatric Residents

07/16, Livonia, MI - *Couples and Group Counseling*

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital** – for 4<sup>th</sup> Year Psychiatric Residents

01/16, Livonia, MI - *Sexuality and the Trauma of Sexual Abuse and How to Treat It*

**St. Mary Mercy Hospital** – for 4<sup>th</sup> Year Psychiatric Residents

01/16, Livonia, MI - *Couples and Group Counseling*

**Family Center of Grosse Pointe and Harper Woods** – Grosse Pointe Academy

*Recovering From Grief and Loss*

10/14, Grosse Pointe Farms, MI

**Wayne State University**– for graduate students of Social Work

04/04/13, Detroit, MI - *Understanding Men Who've Been Sexually Abused and How to Treat Them*

**CARE's 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Parenting Conference**–for parents and clinicians, Macomb ISD

*Managing Stress in Your Household*

03/13, Clinton Township, MI

**Center for Relationship and Sexual Health** – Continuing Education for Clinicians

*Understanding Men Who've Been Sexually Abused and How to Treat Them*

02/13, Royal Oak, MI

**Daughters of Penelope** – Women's Group, Assumption Greek Orthodox Church

*Coping with Stress During the Holidays*

11/11, St. Clair Shores, MI

**Eastside Take Control Group** – Support for people in transition

02/11, Grosse Pointe Park, MI

**Detroit District Dental Society**, for Dentists, Hygienists, and Office Staff on *Stress*

*Management of and Dealing with Difficult Patients*

11/09, Detroit, MI

**Beaumont Hospital, Royal Oak**, “Lunch & Learn” on *Stress Management and Dealing with Difficult Patients* - for Nurses  
05/09, Royal Oak, MI

**Grosse Pointe Rotary Club**, Grosse Pointe Yacht Club  
02/08, Grosse Pointe Shores, MI

**Wayne State University**– for graduate students of Social Work  
04/05, Detroit, MI - *How to Open a Private Practice*

**Take Back the Night**, Macomb County, Roseville Recreation Center  
04/04, Roseville, MI – Participate annually in the march, rally, and speak out sponsored by Turning Point to protest sexual violence. Gave the 2004 address as keynote speaker: “How One’s Story Evolves. “

**Assumption Cultural Center** – for women, “Girl’s Night Out” series  
St. Clair Shores, MI  
03/04 – Fitness Night – *Facilitating Mental Health*  
09/04 – Make Life Easier – *Getting Organized & Overcoming Stress*

**Our Lady Star of the Sea** – for Mothers of Young Children group  
11/04 – Grosse Pointe, MI – *Stress Management*

**Dakota High School** – for ninth grade girls  
04/04 – Macomb, MI – *Stress Management*

**Renaissance Unity** (formerly Church of Today) – for Coffee House series  
01/03 – *Regaining Your Health* (Mental, Emotional, Social, & Spiritual)

**Assumption Nursery School** – for faculty and staff  
05/03 – St. Clair Shores, MI - *Stress Management*

**Lorman Education Services** – Education about PTSD for professionals  
11/02 – Dearborn, MI - *Disasters & Schools in Michigan* (collaboration)  
11/02 – Southfield, MI - *Disasters & Schools in Michigan* (collaboration)

**Scott Shuptrine Furniture** – for employees  
09/02 – Troy, MI - *Stress Management*

**Good Food CO, Inc.** – for customers  
08/01 – Troy, MI - *Stress Management* – the Holistic perspective

**Expert Witness Testimony:**

- 03/13/07 – Deposition on a case where a social worker’s client committed suicide

- 12/10/07 – Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 08/28/08 – Follow-Up Hearing for Character & Fitness before the State Bar of Michigan
- 02/27/09 – Court appearance to testify on behalf of an adolescent client whose estranged biological father was seeking visitation
- 04/28/11 – Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 05//20/11 – Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan in Lansing
- 06/22/11 – Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 06/22/12 - Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 07/25/12 - Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 12/11/12 - Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 06/09/15 – Character & Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 12/03/15 – Follow-Up Hearing for Character & Fitness before the State Bar of Michigan
- 02/23/16 – Follow-Up Hearing for Character & Fitness before the State Bar of Michigan
- 05/23/18 – Character and Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 02/20/19 – Character and Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 04/10/19 – Character and Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan
- 08/06/19 – Character and Fitness Hearing before the State Bar of Michigan

**Professional Affiliations and Awards:**

National Association of Social Workers, since 1997

Certification by the State of Michigan, since 2002

Academy of Certified Social Workers, since 2003

Business Network International, 2006-2018

The Family Center – Association of Professionals, since 2014 &  
Board Member since 2016