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**EDUCATION**

M.A. Clinical Psychology with Emphasis on Marriage, Family & Child Counseling,  
Pepperdine University, 1992

B.A. Clinical Psychology, California State University Dominguez Hills, 1984

**LICENSE HELD**

Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist, State of California, 1997, License #LMFT 34315

**ASSOCIATION  
MEMBERSHIPS**

California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists 1998-Present

American Association of Marriage & Family Therapists 2009-Present

Long Beach-South Bay California Association of Marriage & Family Therapists 2000-Present

Delta Society Animal Assisted Therapy 1997-1999

Member, Prader-Willi California Foundation 1999-Present

- Founder and facilitator, Los Angeles County PWS Support Group 2001-Present
- Facilitator, statewide online PWS Support Groups 2020-Present

Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA 1999-Present

- Board of Directors 2002-2006
- Co-Chair, Leadership Development Committee 2006-Present
- Moderator, eSupport Groups 2000-2015

Advisory Board, Prader-Willi Homes of California, 2011-Present

**EXPERIENCE**

2002 - Present

Private Practice, Office of Lisa Graziano, M.A., LMFT, Redondo Beach, CA

2003 - Present

Independent Contractor, Marriage & Family Therapist, Detection & Treatment Resources, Inc.,  
Mental Health Department, Long Beach, CA. Provide mental health services to individuals on  
Federal Probation or Pre-Trial Services

2021 - Present

Independent Contractor, Education & Training Consultant, Prader-Willi California Foundation

2021 – Present

Support Group Facilitator Trainer, We Are Brave Together

2002 - 2017

Executive Director, Prader-Willi California Foundation

1997 - 2002

Group Practice, L.A. Counseling Services

1995 - 1997

Private Practice Internship, L.A. Counseling Services

1992 - 1995

Executive Director, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District Branch of the  
American Psychiatric Association (APA)

1986 - 1995

Ethics Committee Coordinator, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District  
Branch of the American Psychiatric Association

1986 - 1992

Executive Assistant, Southern California Psychiatric Society, A District Branch the APA

## SELECTED SPECIALIZED TRAINING & EXPERIENCE

I specialize in working with patients who present with anxiety, have been exposed to trauma, or experience chronic grief. I provide mental health services via California's Victim Compensation Program. Because I have a background in treating symptoms of anxiety, trauma, and grief I founded a support group in 2001 for families of children with a rare life-threatening genetic disorder, Prader-Willi syndrome. The focus of this and other support groups I facilitate is to decrease participants' feelings of denial, shock, fear, guilt, anxiety, anger, depression, and hopelessness, while working to help them feel more connected, empowered, hopeful, and at greater peace.

Since 2003, through DTR, Inc., I have provided psychotherapy services to individuals on Federal Probation or awaiting Federal trial or sentencing. Services include substance abuse counseling, sobriety maintenance skills, anger management, parenting skills training, interpersonal communication skills training, and couples therapy, with special emphasis on treating anxiety, trauma, grief and loss, and stress-related disorders including PTSD.

I use Emotionally Focused Therapy strategies and find this treatment approach particularly effective with patients, especially couples and families.

## SELECTED ARTICLES & PUBLICATIONS

Prader-Willi Syndrome: Creating a Strong, Supportive, Healthy Family  
A Synopsis of Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Core Therapeutic Interventions for the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Speech & Language Therapy for the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Food Security at School for the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome  
Laying Good Foundations in Early Childhood Behavior  
Never Spank the Child with Prader-Willi Syndrome  
For the Student with Prader-Willi Syndrome Food is Never OK in the Classroom  
Increase Success in the Workplace for the Employee with PWS  
Prader-Willi Syndrome Residential Staff Training DVD script  
Overview of Food & Behavior Management for the Individual with PWS  
Gastroparesis: The Newest Threat  
Behavior Management Strategies that Work DVD  
Lying, Stealing and Confabulation  
Co-author, PWS and Theft  
Co-author, [Latino Families with a Child with PWS: Identifying Needs for Support](#),  
*Journal of Social Work in Disability & Rehabilitation*, May 8, 2014,  
DOI: 10.1080/1536710X.2014.912184  
Co-editor, [Management of Prader-Willi Syndrome, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition](#), co-author Chapter 12,  
"Tools for Psychological and Behavioral Management" 2022  
Co-editor, [Management of Prader-Willi Syndrome, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition](#), co-author Chapter 18,  
"Social Work Interventions: Advocacy and Support for Families with Prader-Willi Syndrome"  
2022

## SELECTED CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

*Laughter Through Tears: Creating a Strong, Supportive, Healthy Family*,  
Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conferences, New York 2006,  
Texas 2007

*Prader-Willi Syndrome: Considerations for Marriage and Family Therapy*,  
Valley Child Guidance Clinic, 2009

*Prader-Willi Syndrome Residential Staff Training*, provided to residential facilities  
throughout California from 2009-Present

*The Impact of Prader-Willi Syndrome on Child Custody Evaluations and Conservatorship*, California Association of Superior Court Investigators State Conference, 2010

*Marriage and Family and PWS: Creating the Foundation for a Good Life*, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Convention, 2011

**SELECTED  
CONFERENCE  
PRESENTATIONS  
& TRAININGS  
CONTINUED**

*The ABCs of Managing PWS Behavior*, Prader-Willi California Foundation Annual Conference, 2011

*Prader-Willi Syndrome: Considerations for Marriage and Family Therapy*, St. Francis Medical Center, 2011

*How to Put the "FUN" in the PWS FUNctional Family*, Children's Hospital Orange County, 2011

*The Principles of Food Security*, Children's Hospital Orange County, 2012

*Behavior Management Training*, PWSA | Georgia, 2014

*PWS Family Perspective*, Indiana Network of Genetics Counselors, 2014

*Self Care for the Care Provider*, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Convention, 2015

*Behavior Management Strategies for the Young Child*, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA National Conference, 2015

*PWS Behavior Management Strategies and Marital and Family Dynamics*, PWSA | Utah, 2016

*PWS, IEPs and Behavior Management Strategies*, CSU Dominguez Hills, 2016

*Behavior Management Strategies for the Young Child* Webinar and DVD recorded for PWSA | USA, 2016

*Prader-Willi Behavior Management Strategies That Work* DVD produced for Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2016

*PWS Behavior Management Strategies: Beyond the Basics* Video produced for Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2017

*HCBS New Rules Impact Your Future: New Tools to Keep Your Loved One Safe*, Prader-Willi California Foundation Annual State Conference, 2018

PWS residential staff trainings, Day Program and vocational staff trainings, School personnel trainings, Regional Center staff training provided throughout California for the Prader-Willi California Foundation, 2009-Present

*Pomona Unified School District Nurses Inservice Training*, Prader-Willi Syndrome, 2019

*New Federal Rules Impact Your Future: New HCBS Tools to Keep Your Loved One Safe*, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA Convention, 2019

*Behavior Management Strategies for the Professional Provider, Keynote Presentation*, Prader-Willi Syndrome Association | USA Convention, 2021

**SELECTED  
AWARDS**

*Outstanding Volunteer Award*, PWSA | USA, 2020

*President's Award*, PWCF, 2018

*City of Redondo Beach Commendation*, 2017

*President's Award*, PWCF, 2017

*Civic Award*, Arc of San Diego, 2004

*President's Certificate of Appreciation*, Southern CA Psychiatric Society, 1995

*President's Award*, Southern CA Psychiatric Society, 1993

## REFERENCES

Luis Prado, Administrative Director, PWCF	619.889.6582
Diane Kavrell, Former Executive Director, PWCF	916.996.0369
Janalee Heinemann, MSW, former Executive Director; PWSA   USA	941.685.6044
Suzanne Cassidy, M.D., Past President, Int'l PWS Organisation	559.227.4472
Mindi Thelen, Executive Director, Southern CA Psychiatric Society	310.815.3650