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## RICHARD WEISGAL

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### Education

Master of Arts	1977, University of Santa Clara, Psychology
Bachelor of Arts	1973, University of Michigan, Elementary Education and Psychology, High honors

### Professional Experience

**Child Welfare Content Specialist, Technical Assistance Partnership for Child and Family Mental Health, American Institutes for Research (2011 – Present)**

Provides technical assistance and training to system-of-care communities under an interagency agreement with the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) and the Administration for Children and Families (ACYF). Identifies and shares strategies and resources for effectively partnering with child welfare and for addressing the behavioral health needs of children, youth, and families currently involved in or at risk of entering the child welfare system. Works with communities to address issues of disproportionality and cultural competence in child welfare. Facilitates peer-to-peer networking and develops conference presentations and webinars.

**Mental Health Program Manager, Contra Costa County, Concord, California (1990 – 2011)**

Developed and implemented two system-of-care grants from SAMHSA and ACYF. Managed interagency collaborative programs involving multiple child-serving agencies, both public and private. Built cross-system partnerships among behavioral health, public health, child welfare, juvenile justice, developmental disabilities, and education. Led the Contra Costa wraparound initiative. Expanded the continuum of behavioral health services, including trauma-informed care, to address needs of children and youth in child welfare and juvenile justice systems. Established an internal family advocacy and support program staffed by parents and caregivers.

**Mental Health Therapist, San Mateo County, San Mateo, California (1987 – 1990)**

Provided home-based services and care management to high-risk families through a collaborative demonstration project with public health and child welfare. Conducted assessments and provided therapy to children and adolescents with mental health challenges and their families. Supervised and trained graduate level interns.

**Mental Health Practitioner, Marin County, San Rafael, California (1985 – 1987)**

Provided comprehensive treatment and case management services to children, adolescents, and young adults placed in day and residential treatment programs and acute and long-term psychiatric hospitals. Provided consultation to parents, school personnel, and other professionals and community agencies regarding the provision of mental health services to these clients. Provided consultation to child welfare regarding the mental health treatment needs of all court dependents.

**Youth and Family Therapist, San Rafael Youth Services Bureau, San Rafael, California (1983 – 1985)**

Directed the Diversion Program, a family counseling alternative for first-time juvenile law violators and their families. Provided ongoing family, individual, and group therapy to children and youth at risk. Provided individual and group therapy and gave classroom presentations at local schools. Provided consultation to school personnel, police, probation staff, and other professionals.

**Manager/Supervisor/Outreach Therapist, Bill Wilson Center, Santa Clara, California (1977 – 1983)**

Managed the daily operations of a non-profit agency specializing in outpatient family therapy and training. Planned, developed, implemented, and evaluated innovative family therapy and school outreach programs. Directed a graduate level intern training program involving direct observation and videotaping of therapy sessions. Participated in clinical-team approach to treatment of severely challenged children and adolescents and their families.

**Assistant Instructor, University of Santa Clara, Santa Clara, California (1977 – 1980)**

**Graduate Program in Counseling Psychology**

In collaboration with professors, prepared course outlines, gave lectures, led discussions, demonstrated therapeutic interventions and techniques, and evaluated student performance. Supervised practicum students.

**Professional Presentations**

Weisgal, R., Schnaitter, S., and Dickson, D. (May 2009). *Opening the Doors at Oak Grove: Reconnecting Youth with their Values, Families and Communities*. Presented at the California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth Conference, Pacific Grove, California.

Weisgal, R. (July 2008). *Financing Prevention and Early Intervention: Collaborative Programs for Preschoolers and their Families*. Presented at the Georgetown Training Institutes, Nashville, Tennessee.

Weisgal, R. (July 2006). *Medicaid and System of Care Financing*. Presented at the Georgetown Training Institutes, Orlando, Florida.

Weisgal, R. Aylesworth, M. (June 2006). *Building Resilience through Mentoring*. Presented at the California Wraparound Institute, Van Nuys, California.

Weisgal, R., Brooks, E., and Martinez, O. (June 2006). *The Contra Costa Wraparound Program: A County-Operated Model*. Presented at the California Wraparound Institute, Van Nuys, California.

Weisgal, R., Fabella, D., and Waters, S. (July 2004). *Child Welfare and Mental Health Collaboration*. Presented at the Georgetown Training Institutes, San Francisco, California.

Weisgal, R. and Fabella, D. (June 2004). *Child Welfare and Mental Health Collaboration in Contra Costa County, California*. Presented at the Administration for Children and Families Annual Conference, Washington, DC.

Weisgal, R., Fabella, D., and Waters, S. (May 2004). *Through Thick and Thin: Developing and Sustaining an Effective Mental Health/Child Welfare Partnership*. Presented at the California Mental Health Advocates for Children and Youth Conference, Pacific Grove, California.

Weisgal, R., Fabella, D., and Waters, S. (October 2002). *Community-Based Shelter Care*. Presented at the Rose Jenkins Annual Conference, Sacramento, California.