

## **DEBRA ANN GOVAN PhD**

Licensed and Published PhD, Psychotherapist

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Colorado LPC# 2523

**Mental Health Professional: Cognitive Behavioral Therapist, Private Practice  
District Court Appointments: Parental Responsibility Evaluator, Parenting Decision Maker,  
Parenting Coach, Arbitrator, Therapeutic Reunification Therapist  
Adoption Home Studies: SAFE Certified**

### **EDUCATION**

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PhD: **Community Counseling (Individual and Group) and Human Resource Studies,**  
Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO, May, 1999.  
M.S: **Mental Health Counseling,** Creighton University, Omaha, Nebraska, May, 1986  
B.S.B.A: **Business Administration,** University of Nebraska, Omaha, Nebraska, May, 1983.  
B.S: **Elementary Education,** Indiana University, Bloomington, Indiana, May, 1979.

### **SUMMARY OF PROFESSIONAL AND INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE**

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Spring 2015:

Child Custody Consultant All Judicial Districts in Colorado

Fall 1999 to present

Private practice: Individual and Group Psychotherapy, Therapeutic Reunification (Sandra Hewitt protocol, Ft Collins, CO

Fall 2000 to Fall 2015

Child and Family Investigator appointed by the Courts to make recommendations to the Magistrate in the form of a formal report, identifying recommendations specifically involving the allocation of parental responsibilities, primary residence and/or parenting time. Most all CO Judicial District Courts

Fall 2002 to present

Parental Responsibility Evaluator-to provide recommendations to the Magistrate toward resolving parenting conflicts that have not been resolved through Court mediation and/or Special Advocate interventions. These recommendations are based solely on the best interest of the children involved. Evaluation process involves private interviews, home visits and psychological testing. Custody Evaluations completed for Larimer, Weld, Jefferson, Boulder, Denver, Adams, Summit and Eagle County Courts.

Fall 2002 to present

Parenting Decision Maker, Arbitrator, Larimer and Weld County District Courts.

Fall 2001 to 2002

Fall 2004 to 2008

Assistant visiting Professor, Professional Psychology at the University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado. Classes taught/supervised: Masters and Doctoral Clinical experience;

- Masters and Doctoral level group
- Theory/Dynamics
- Doctoral level Clinical Supervision
- Masters level and Doctoral Career Theory

- Masters level group experience/Denver
- Masters tests and assessments
- Masters and Doctoral level practicum class
- Masters level tests and assessments

Fall 2001 to present

Training and development workshops "Respectful communication workshops, Larimer and Weld counties.

Fall 2000 to 2002

Instructor for Divorce Transitions, Fort Collins, Colorado (co-parenting classes)

Fall 2001; spring

Adjunct Professor, Colorado State University, counseling Fort Collins; School of Education: Group Counseling, Practicum

1997-1998

Internship: Colorado State University

Assistant instructor for ED700 (advanced research); Supervisor of supervision Practicum and Internship; Individual supervision experience under a licensed psychologist, 32 hours

Fall 1997

Guest lecturer for ED430 (diversity in communication); presented REBT and TA. Colorado State University

Summer 1997

Pilot study designed and administrated to evaluate Colorado State University undergraduate's perspective on multicultural issues infused into their curriculum. SPSS used for analysis.

1997 to 1998

Supervisor for Masters Practicum students (128 hours); group (34 hours); live supervision (16 hours); and 24/7 on call. Colorado State University

Spring 1997

Support group facilitator for six (6) Masters Students. A six (6) session group design. Colorado State University

Spring 1997

Volunteer for the Denver Career Fair (Career 2000), career assessments administrated.

Spring 1997

Volunteer for the Larimer County Employment Facilities (ETS), practice interviews and resume evaluations.

Spring 1996

Narrative research project.

1995 to 1997

Teaching Assistant for ED686 (mental health issues); Syllabus development, contact person for guest speakers, presenter, lecturer, grading, guest speaker (spring 1997) Anorexia Nervosa.

1995 to 1998

Research Assistant to Dr. Sharon Anderson on two studies; Multicultural Infusion into curricula; The Student's Perspective. 1997, 3<sup>rd</sup> author, publication pending.

Post therapy relationship with therapist and client (nonsexual, nonromantic) 2<sup>nd</sup> author.

1990-1995

Private Practice, Madison WI

1986 to 1990

Behavior Modification Counselor for Nutri-System; Madison Wisconsin group therapy and individual therapy 250 clients

1981 to 1986

Complex Coordinator/Counselor student services, Creighton University, Omaha Nebraska (4 residence halls-600 students)

1980 to 1981

Resident Advisor student services, Ball State University, Muncie Indiana (1 graduate residence hall-200 students)

1978 to 1979

Student teacher, elementary school, Bloomington Indiana (grades 1 & 3).

## COUNSELING EXPERIENCES CLINICAL

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Fall 2000-2001

Fall 2004-2008

Professor and Supervisor Masters and Doctoral Clinical Laboratories University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, Colorado.

2001-2002

Adjunct Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.

1999 to present

Private practice, Psychotherapy, 383 E. Drake, Fort Collins, Colorado.

2002 to present

Parenting Decision Maker/Arbitrator

1986 to 1990

Counselor, Nutri-System Madison, Wisconsin. Lectures were 30 minutes in length and dealt specifically with behavior change with in depth look at self talk. Group sessions, 10 per group. Development of Nutritional lectures. Lectures were 30 minutes. Private counseling given to those clients from group who needed additional time. Care calls given to all clients who missed appointments.

## CLINICAL TRAINING

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1997 to 2008

- Practicum/Internship Supervisor: Colorado State University and University of Northern Colorado;
- Provide individual supervision to Masters Students in the Practicum experience in Counseling.
- Live supervision given to counseling practicum students during their counseling sessions.
- Group supervision given to practicum students as they process their client cases.
- Grades given to practicum students.
- On call emergency contact person (24 hours a day/7 days a week).
- Counseling theories and application reviewed and role-played.
- Supervision of my supervision provided by a license Psychologist on a weekly basis.
- Tests and Assessments: Level C qualification

**1995 to 1999 Research Assistant, Colorado State University.**

- Primary and Secondary literature review.
- Assisted in the proposal of Human Subjects;
- Development of newspaper ads for participants in study.
- Administered questionnaires to undergraduates for infusion project.
- Coding; Manual and HyperResearch.
- Assisted in the preparation of the above two research projects; Multicultural Infusion into curricula and Post Therapy Relationships, for an APA National Convention in Chicago, IL August 1997.

**1981 to 1986**

- Complex Coordinator, Student Services, Creighton University.
- Provided individual counseling to residence in the halls.
- Organized workshops for Resident Advisors.
- Organized workshops for all students, graduate and undergraduate. (Educational as well as self-help)
- Developed programs for wellness education, career and recreation.
- General disciplinarian for rule violations with Residence Halls.
- Hired and released staff.
- In-service trainer for weekly staff meeting with Resident Advisors.
- Accountant for 95 Residence Hall floor accounts.
- Committee involvement with Residence Hall life lecture series.

**1985 to 1986**

- Counselor Internship, Creighton University Student Counseling/Career Center.
- Individual on site counseling with university students.
- Group counseling with university students.
- Workshop organizer and facilitator for educational/career workshops.
- Created and organized an all campus career fair.
- Test administration for career seeking questions.

**1986**

- Counselor Practicum, Creighton University Student Career Center.
- Individual and group counseling of traditional and nontraditional students. Areas of student concerns were:
  - Stress Management
  - Depression
  - Separation Anxiety
  - Career concerns
  - Substance abuse
  - Anorexia & Bulimia

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**PUBLICATIONS/PRESENTATIONS/AWARDS**

- 2008 Published; Chapter, Custody Evaluations, Encyclopedia of Counseling
- 2008 Workshop presenter, BBB Fort Collins, Windsor, CO

- 2007 Workshop presenter, BBB Fort Collins, Fort Collins, CO
- 2005 Guest Speaker Kiwanis, Fort Collins, Colorado.
- 2005 Workshop presenter, Larimer County Mental Health Seminar.
- 2004 Workshop presenter, BBB Fort Collins, Respectful Communications
- 2003 Published; Help Send Cheeseburgers (children's book for processing divorce).
- 2002 Grant written and received, UNC, FMS, (False Memory Syndrome)
- 2002 Publication: Multicultural Infusion into Curricula: The Student's perspective (journal article)
- 2002 Publication; Post Therapy Relationship with Therapists; Nonsexual and Nonromantic. (Journal article)
- 2001 Published; Baby Hunger (Infertility self-help book).
- 2000 Published; Paws to Remember Maggie Sue (grief and loss booklet for pets).
- 2000 LPC in Colorado
- 1999 PHD from Colorado State University Dissertation: Multicultural Infusion into Higher Curricula: The Student's perspective
- 1997 APA National Convention acceptance of two research articles for presentation. Multicultural Infusion into Curricula: The Students Perspective, and Post Therapy Relationship with Therapist; Nonsexual Nonromantic.
- 1986 Most Outstanding Graduate Woman Award; Maureen Hamilton Award, Creighton University, Masters in Counseling.
- 1985 Student Case Study Competition; Winner for NASPA (National Association of Student Personnel Administration; Region West IV.

## LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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- 2018 SAFE Certification
- 2016 Conflict Coach Certification
- 2015-present Member of Boulder DIC
- 2000-present Licensed PhD Psychotherapist LPC #2523
- 1995-present Member of the American Counseling Association
- 1999-present Member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- 2009 Member of the National Association of Professional Women
- 2000 to 2008 Visiting Professor, University of Northern Colorado, Professional Psychology.
- 2002 to present Parenting Decision Maker.
- 2002-present Arbitrator
- 2002 to present Parental Responsibility Evaluator, County Courts.
- 2000 to present Child and Family Investigator, County Courts.
- 2001 to 2002 Adjunct Professor, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado.
- 1999 to present Private Practitioner, Psychotherapist.
- 1997 to 1998 Supervisor for Masters in Counseling, Practicum Students, Colorado State University.
- 1995 to 1996 Assistant Instructor for Mental Health Issues Course, Masters, Colorado State University.
- 1986 to 1990 Behavior Modification Counselor, Nutri-System, Madison Wisconsin.
- 1986 Coordinator, Facilitator of Career Fair, Creighton University.
- 1986 Pan-Hellenic Advisor, Creighton University Sororities.
- 1986 Coordinator for Career Workshops.
- 1985 Chair for lecture series, Creighton University.
- 1984 Chair for Research and Development of a new student center, Creighton University.

1982 Chair to research the costs analysis of a married residence hall on campus, Creighton University.

1981 to 1986 Student Life and Policy Committee member. Creighton University

1981 to 1986 Student Handbook Committee member. Creighton University

1981 to 1986 Complex Coordinator, Creighton University

1980 to 1981 Residence Hall Advisor, Ball State University.

### **Business Home Visit travels for Court Appointed Parental Responsibility Evaluator and Child and Family Investigator**

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Alabama	Birmingham
Arkansas	Fayetteville
Arizona	Phoenix
California	Fresno, San Diego, San Francisco, Carlsbad, Huntington Beach
Colorado:	Arvada, Ault, Aurora, Berthoud, Boulder, Breckenridge, Brighton, Broomfield, Brush, Canyon City, Centennial, Cherry Creek, Colorado Springs, Commerce City, Dacono, Denver, Englewood, Eagle, Eaton, Erie, Estes Park, Fort Collins, Firestone, Fraser, Glenwood Springs, Golden, Grand Junction, Greeley, Haxtun, Idaho Springs, Jamestown, Johnstown, Kersey, Lakewood, LaPorte, Littleton, Lochbuie, Longmont, Louisville, Loveland, Manitou Springs, Mead, Milliken, Monument, Morrison, New Raymor, Niwot, Orchard, Platteville, Red Feather, Rifle, Steamboat Springs, Severance, Sterling, Thornton, Tinmath, Vail, Yuma, Walden, Wellington, Westminster, Wiggins, Windsor
Florida	Fort Myers, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Tampa
Germany	Wiesbaden
Hawaii	Maui
Illinois	Chicago
Iowa	Iowa City, Primghar, Council Bluffs
Kansas	Kansas City, Manhattan
Minnesota	Minneapolis
Montana	Bozeman, Great Falls
Nebraska	Omaha, Grant, Potter
New Mexico	Albuquerque, Alamogordo,
New York	Buffalo
North Dakota	Emerado, Minot
Ohio	Nashport
Oklahoma	Eugene
Oregon	Medford, Portland
South Carolina	Camden
Texas	Austin, Rock Top, Houston
Tennessee	Oliver Springs, Knoxville
Utah	Salt Lake City
Vermont	Enosberg Falls
Washington State	Anacortes
Wisconsin	Greenbay

## **Court Appearances/Depositions: Expert Testimony**

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1. Larimer County District Court Trial 9/02
2. In the Circuit Court of the State of Oregon Lane County Testimony via phone 1/03
3. Larimer County District Court Trial- 4/03
4. Larimer County District Court Trial Spring 2005
5. Larimer County District Court Trial 5/03
6. Larimer County District Court Trial 7/03
7. Larimer County District Court Trial Fall 2003
8. Larimer County District Court Trial 11/03
9. Larimer County District Court Trial 8/04
10. Larimer County District Court Trial 8/04
11. Larimer County District Court Trial Fall '04
12. Larimer County District Court Trial Fall 2004
13. Larimer County District Court Trial 9/2004
14. Larimer County District Court Trial 10/04
15. Larimer County District Court Trial 11/04
16. Larimer County District Court Trial 12/04
17. Larimer County District Court Trial 6/05
18. Larimer County District Court Trial 7/05
19. Larimer County District Court Trial 8/05
20. Yuma County District Court Trial 9/05
21. Larimer County District Court Trial 9/05
22. Larimer County District Court 10/24/05
23. Weld County District Court Trial: 2/06
24. Larimer County District Court Trial 2/06
25. Larimer County District Court Trial 5/06
26. Larimer County District Court Trial: 5/06
27. Larimer County District Court Trial 5/06
28. Larimer County District Court Trial 9/06
29. District Court Larimer County Trial: 5/07
30. Larimer County, District Court Trial 7/07
31. Larimer County District Court Trial 7/07
32. Larimer County District Court Trial 8/07
33. Larimer County, District Court Trial: 8/07
34. Larimer County, District Court 10/12/07
35. Weld County District Court 3/25/08
36. Larimer County District Court Trial 5/9/2008
37. Larimer County District Court Trial 5/12/08
38. Larimer County District Court Trial 7/25/08
39. Dependency and Neglect cases- Weld county- Trial 4/07
40. Weld county Trial 3/08,
41. Weld county Trial 5/08
42. Deposition, Larimer County 3/2005
43. Deposition 11//2008
44. Deposition 12/16/08
45. Emergency Ex parte Hearing 2/24/09

46. Trial Larimer County District Court 3/5/09
47. Trial Larimer County District Court 3/12/09
48. Trial Larimer County District Court 3/31/09
49. Trial Larimer County District Court 5/29/09
50. Trial Larimer County District Court 9/29/09
51. Trial Larimer County District court 7/15/09
52. Trial Larimer County District court 12/8/09
53. Trial Larimer County District Court 1/13/10
54. Trial Larimer County District court 4/23/10
55. Trial Larimer County District court 6/16/10
56. Trial Larimer County District court 6/16/10
57. Trial Larimer County District court 8/25/10
58. Trial Weld County District court 11/9/10 09
59. Trial Larimer County District court 1/10/11
60. Trial Yuma County District court 3/15/12
61. DNN Pre-Trial Larimer County Ct 3/20/12
62. Pre Trial Larimer County District court 3/22/12
63. Pre Trial Lane County District Ct 4/30/12
64. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/16/12
65. Trial Larimer County District Ct 6/28/12
66. Trial Larimer County District Ct 7/20/12
67. Trial Larimer County District Ct 11/20/12
68. Trail Larimer County District Ct 4/11/13
69. Trial Larimer County District Ct 4/17/13
70. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/2/13
71. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/14/13
72. Trial Larimer County District Ct 8/23/13
73. Trial Weld County District CT 9/23/13
74. Trial In the Circuit Court of Jackson County/Oregon Testimony phone Testimony 10/4/13
75. Trial Larimer County District Court, 10/29/13
76. Trial Jackson County, Medford OR 1/24/14
77. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/13/14
78. Trial Morgan County District Ct 5/19/14
79. Trial Larimer County District Ct 6/10/14
80. Trial Larimer County District Ct 8/22/14
81. Trial Larimer County District Ct 10/21/14
82. Trial Larimer County District Ct 11/8/2014
83. Trial Larimer County District Ct 3/4/2015 1
84. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/18/15
85. Trial Larimer County District Ct 5/20/15
86. Trial Weld County District Ct 5/22/15
87. Trial Weld County District Ct 7/21/15
88. Emergency Hearing Weld County District Court Case 7/30/15
89. Emergency Hearing Larimer County District Court 9/13/16
90. Trial Larimer County District Ct 1/12/17
91. Trial Larimer County District Ct 3/8/17
92. Trial Larimer County District Ct 06/13/17



- 93. Trial Larimer County District Ct 11/14/17
- 94. Trial Larimer County District Ct 11/14/17
- 95. Trial Larimer County District Ct 2/28/18
- 96. Larimer County District Court 3/15/18

Private Practice: \$185/hr

Travel Costs for driving to and from parties residences outside of Larimer County \$185/hr

PRE hourly rate \$185.00 hour

Travel of out of state: \$1500.00 out of office per day plus airline, car and hotel

PRE Retainer \$5900

PRE Timeline 90 to 120 days out from signed court order

Court Testimony retainer \$2500.00