

## **Rick L. Gunsallus, PhD, LMHC, NCC**

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Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Florida  
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor  
Approved Clinical Supervisor  
National Certified Counselor  
National Board Certified Teacher – School Counseling  
FL DoE Certification - School Counselor

Infant Mental Health Specialist  
Qualified Supervisor MHC, Florida  
Licensed Professional Counselor, Pennsylvania  
Licensed Professional Counselor, Virginia  
Board Certified Sex Therapist  
FL DoE Certification - Psychology 6-12

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### **EDUCATION:**

**PhD, Clinical Sexology:** American Academy of Clinical Sexologists, Orlando, Florida: January 2014

**EdS, Counselor Education:** Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida: August 2005

**MS, Clinical Psychology:** Millersville University: Millersville, Pennsylvania: July 1999

**BA, Psychology:** Lock Haven University: Lock Haven, Pennsylvania: May 1996

**AA, Interior Design:** Art Institute of Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh: Pennsylvania: March 1990

### **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:**

**Exceptional Student Learning Supports**, School Board of Broward County: Ft. Lauderdale, FL  
**ESLS Counselor**

September 2001 to Present

- Provide individual, group and family counseling using research supported interventions to Exceptional Education Students in Kindergarten through 12<sup>th</sup> grade per Individual Educational Plan
- Provide consultation to teachers, administrators and school based counseling staff on strategies to support student academic and social success
- Design and implement parenting programs to parents
- Design and implement staff development programs to administrators & teachers
- Participate in IEP meetings utilizing data driven information on student performance
- Support school-based RtI teams
- Provide crisis intervention as needed
- Maintain Medicaid billing and documentation for school reimbursement of mental health services

**ESLS Counselor Team Leader – additional responsibilities**

August 2008 to Present

- Provide team leadership and clinical support to team of 14 ESLS Counselors
- Design, implement and deliver staff development inservice and CEU programs to 44 District ESLS Counselors
- Produce curriculum & evidence-based training materials
- Monitor learning outcomes
- Conduct yearly needs assessment to identify staff training needs
- Coach and collaborate with ESLS Counselors serving 53 Elementary, 15 Middle, 10 High, 10 Off Campus Learning Centers & 3 Technical schools
- Collaborate with Behavioral Health Partnership, Office of General Counsel, Student Services Department, Office of Talent Development & non district trainers for the purpose of program development and procedure development
- Revise developed procedures based on Federal IDEA mandates, FL DOE Technical Assistance Paper, Department of Health requirements, and SBBC policies with stakeholder collaboration

**Licensed Mental Health Counselor**, Private Practice: Wilton Manors, FL  
September 2001 to 2016

- Provide individual, group and family therapy to children, adolescents and adults

**Disability Counselor**, Office of Disability Services, Barry University: Miami Shores, FL  
August 1999 to September 2001

- Counseled students on personal growth and disability issues in individual and group settings
- Developed, monitored, adjusted, and evaluated individual accommodation plans for 200 students with disabilities at the undergraduate and graduate level
- Reviewed and interpreted psycho-educational evaluations to determine eligibility for services and prescribe appropriate academic accommodations under mandates of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the American with Disabilities Act and Barry University policies
- Offered information to administration, faculty, and staff regarding disability laws and regulations for colleges and universities to provide necessary accommodations for students and employees
- Coordinated the administration of academic examinations to students with exam accommodations
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings with clinical other staff
- Faculty advisor to Students for Equal Access to Barry University

#### **RELATED EXPERIENCE:**

**Conference Session Proposal Reviewer, Association for Play Therapy**

December 2015 – March 2017

- Review and rate proposals based on Association's established Annual Conference rubric and criteria

**Professional Development Trainer**

October 2015 – March 2016

- Developmental Perspective of Children's Sexual Behaviors, Children Services Council, Broward County – 3 CEU's (October 2015, April 2016 & August 2016)
- Discovering Play Therapy Activities on Social Media, Children Services Council, Broward County – 3 CEU's (January 2016)
- Discovering Play Therapy Activities on Social Media, School Board of Broward County – 3 CEU's (March 2016)

**VISTAS Review Board**, American Counseling Association

March 2015 – March 2017

- Peer reviewer panel member for American Counseling Association's VISTAS Online publication

**Adjunct Professor**, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

May 2014 – Present

- PYCL 582 Human Sexuality
- PYCL 680 Practicum
- PYCL 681 Internship I
- PYCL 682 Internship II

**Assessment Redevelopment Item Writer National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS)**, Pearson

March 2014 – April 2014

- Selected Response Item writer for ECYA School Counseling NBPTS test development

**American Counseling Association Representative to the Safe & Supportive Schools Project,**

American Psychological Association

February 2014 – August 2014

- Reviewed evidence supported resources and provide implementation guidance

June 2015

- Pilot online version of Respect Workshop: Preventing Health Risks and Promoting Healthy Outcome among LGBTQ Students.

**Mining Report Contributor,** Association for Play Therapy

January 2014 – January 2017

- Review mental health publications for intelligence of value to play therapists and transmit citations for such to the editor

**Peer Reviewer for Florida's 21st Century Community Learning Centers,** Florida Department of Education, Children's Forum, Inc.

August 2013

- Reviewed 2013-14 RFPs for competitive grant based on rubric and program criteria

**Advisory Board of Educators,** Free Spirit Publishing

May 2012 – Present

- Provide feedback on content, text, and art on manuscripts and products for young peoples social and emotional health
- Identify emerging needs for what educators need to support the kids in educational settings

**Volunteer Clinical Supervisor,** SunServe Social Services Inc., Wilton Manors, FL

March 2012 – January 2013

- Provide structured specific supervision, training and feedback to Registered MHC Interns

**Conference Session Proposal Reviewer, American Counseling Association**

2010-2016

- Review and rate proposals based on ACA established Annual Conference rubric and criteria

**Adjunct Instructor,** School of Adult and Continuing Education, Barry University: Miami Shores, FL

Summer 2000

- Psychology of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Psy 301)

**CONFERENCE ATTENDANCE:**

**American Counseling Association**

- April 2018, March 2015, March 2009, April 2005

**Association for Play Therapy**

- Oct. 2016, Oct. 2015, Oct. 2010, Oct. 2009

**Florida Association for Play Therapy**

- April 2017

**German Society for Social Scientific Sexuality Research**

- May 2012