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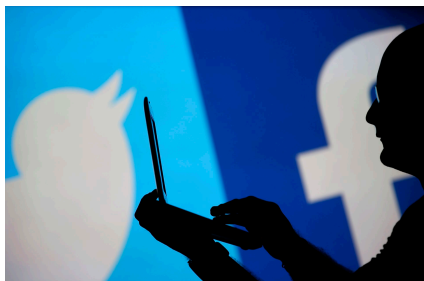
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What's New with NBFE?

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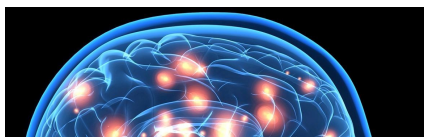
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NBFE Founder Published in *Counselor Magazine* for Developing Neuropsychological Test





Dr. **Norman Hoffman**, the President and Founder of NBFE, was published in *Counselor Magazine* last month. *Counselor: The Magazine for Addiction & Behavioral Health Professionals* is a national, peer-reviewed publication that blends the in-depth information often found in journals with the ease-of-read and style of a magazine.

The magazine has a circulation of 21,000+ addiction treatment professionals – including psychologists, psychiatrists, counselors, criminal justice personnel, nurses, clinical supervisors, social workers, and mental health counselors.

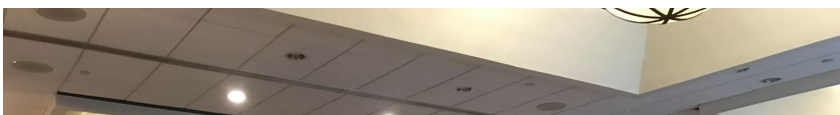
The article, entitled *A Test to Differentiate Organic Brain Disorder, Nonorganic Brain Disorder, and Schizophrenia* is being published in two parts, the first of which can be read by [clicking here](#). CFMHEs can obtain the Hoffman Organicity Test by [clicking here](#).

Become a Certified Child Custody Evaluator (CCCE)!



NBFE will be hosting a live 8-hour training on 1/26/18 that is part of the training requirements to become a Certified Child Custody Evaluator (CCCE). For more information, [click here](#).

CFMHEs and Partners Giving Back to the Professional Community





NBFE Executive Director **Aaron Norton** presented a lecture entitled *A Wolf in Sheep's Clothing: Differentiating Between Medicinal Use and Abuse of Opioids and Marijuana* at ServiceSource's annual conference in Palm Harbor, FL on 11/12/17.



Tim Cashman, LMHC, CFMHE, the Director of Mental Health for the Public Defender's Office of the 6th Judicial Circuit of Florida presents on forensic mental health evaluation to a group of counseling graduate students at the University of South Florida's College of Behavioral & Community Sciences on 11/27/17.





The [Suncoast Mental Health Counselors Association](#), the Tampa Bay area chapter of the [Florida Mental Health Counselors Association](#) (both of which are officially partnered with NBFEE), hosts a training on legal and ethical updates with renown forensic psychology expert **Dr. Randy Otto** at Troy University in Tampa, FL on 10/20/17.



Denise Carr-DeRamus, M.Ed, CAGS, LPC-S, LMHC, CFMHE presented for the Alabama Counseling Association on Intergenerational Transmission of PTSD on 11/16/17.

Do you know a CFMHE who is contributing to the professional community? Email the information to aaron@nbfe.net for publication in our next newsletter.

Tell Your Colleagues: NBFEE is Hosting a Certification Workshop in Orlando, FL



Attend in person or online on 2/1/17. [Click here](#) for details.

NBFEE Vacancies for Two Board Positions



NBFE is looking for a member interested in developing partnerships with other professional organizations by joining the Marketing Committee chaired by Kathy Friedman. We are also looking for a member who is interested in spearheading a fundraising campaign. These board positions can be a great CV/resume-enhancer. Members interested in applying can email aaron@nbfe.net.

NBFE Welcomes Our New Administrative Assistant, Valentino Travieso



Many of you have already received phone calls or emails from Mr. Travieso, our new administrative assistant, who is tasked with providing vital support and administrative assistance for the Executive Director and Board of NBFE. If you need anything from NBFE, please do not hesitate to email him at valentino@nbfe.net.

NBFE Welcomes 10 New CFMHEs in the Past Month!



Denise Car-DeRamus, #000084

I am a Bostonian transplant to Prattville, Alabama. I live with my two dogs. Dixie is a Beagle mix and Spud is a Carolina, both of who I rescued ten years ago. I am currently enrolled in an on-line PsyD program at California Southern University. I have 7 other degrees ranging from accounting, sociology, African-American and cultural studies, counseling, psychology, and criminal justice. Professionally, I worked for the State of Alabama for 19 years, 13 of those were with the Alabama Department of Corrections. I also worked for Massachusetts Department of Mental Health for 10 years. Populations that I have worked with are male offenders, severely mentally ill, people with co-occurring disorders, and sex offenders. I am a Licensed Professional Counselor and a National Certified Counselor and have additional certifications in mental health, Addictions, trauma, forensics, sex offender counseling, and grief. I am also a member of Society of Military Widows and Gold Star Wives. My hobbies are reading, learning, going to movies, plays, and

occasionally concerts, cooking, and traveling. My favorite music is Blues and Rock and Roll. My goals are to utilize my CFMHE to begin a new phase of my career and to work with people and animals. I am interested in dog cognition and I am taking some courses in working with animals in disaster and abuse situations so I am exploring that part of my interest also as part of a different career focus.



Jeff Blair, #000085

Jeff Blair is a certified Child Mental Health Specialist who is also trained in Marriage and Family therapy and in multiple research based methods including trauma focused cognitive behavioral therapy. He specializes in forensic evaluations for immigration and family law.



Jessica Williams, #000086

My name is Jessica Williams. I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor and a Certified School Counselor in Pasco County. I have experience with juvenile justice working with at-risk students for over 14 years. I received my Bachelors from Saint Leo University with a major in Psychology and a minor in Criminology. I received my Masters from University of South Florida in Counselor Education with a certificate for Play Therapy. I have wanted a career within Forensics since I was a child. The mind within the forensic world highly interests me and I look forward to using my certification to begin working more in-depth in this field with juveniles. In my spare time, I enjoy hanging out with friends and family, reading, and watching TV/movies.



John Rogers, #000087

Mr. Rogers has 29 years of professional counseling experience and owns a counseling practice in Minneola, FL.





Ana Aluisy, #000088

Ana was born and raised in Ecuador and moved to Tampa, FL when she was 17 years old. After completing High School, she joined the military and served for four years in the Marine Corps while attending school and completing her Bachelor's degree in Psychology. She went on to complete her graduate studies at the University of South Florida obtaining a Master's Degree in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling. She also married into a different culture than her own, and is trying to raise two sons within these two different cultures. Her personal experience of moving from a country with a different culture and language, entering the military, as well as marriage and raising two sons with two different cultures have taught her how difficult life transitions can be in our mental and physical health, and how our environment can add stressors that can make transitions more challenging for us. She also learned how each of us is capable of learning new skills and tools that can help us grow, adapt and consequently reach peace and happiness.

Ana specializes in working with multicultural couples, whether they're from different countries, religions, or race. She helps individuals from different cultures create healthy relationships filled with trust and understanding. Ana is the past president of the [Suncoast Mental Health Counselors Association](#) and has been featured on radio, TV, newspapers, magazines, and blogs. She has been providing counseling and therapy to couples, families, individuals, children and adolescents from multi-cultural backgrounds for 10 years. Ana has training and experience in working with anxiety, depression, addictions, adjustment problems, relational problems, parenting, and impulsive behaviors. Ana also teaches at the University of South Florida. She uses a cognitive-behavioral approach to treatment in addition to mind-body holistic therapeutic interventions, which have been found empirically effective to treat a variety of mental health diagnosis, behavior problems and adjustment difficulties.

Her training in counseling and specialization in marriage and family therapy allows her to assess the complexity of problems and help find solutions from different perspectives.



Brenda Erdelyi, #000089

Brenda Erdelyi lives and resides in beautiful Missoula, Montana. She is a graduate from University of Montana's Masters of Social Work program (2005). She has worked in the field of adult corrections since graduating with her Masters. For the last nine years, she has worked namely with those who demonstrate sexually problematic behaviors or who are convicted of sexual

demonstrate sexually problematic behaviors or who are convicted of sexual crimes. She has an out-patient treatment practice in Missoula as well as conducts sex offender evaluations for the courts and contracts with the State's Department of Corrections to provide in-patient treatment services. Brenda is also the President of the Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association (MSOTA), sits on the leadership committee of Missoula's Partners for Reintegration (a re-entry coalition for returning citizens), and heads Missoula's Circles of Support and Accountability Steering Committee.



Kathleen Bell, #000090

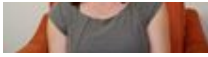
Kathleen is a graduate of The University of North Florida in 1996 with a master's in counselor education. She has held a mental health counselor license in Florida since 1999 and has been a National Certified Counselor since 2002. Her experience began in substance abuse where she became very interested in the massive trauma component underlying many that used substances as coping skills. Kathleen is experienced in case management, inpatient and outpatient settings and counseling of groups and individuals. Kathleen considers herself fluent in military and law enforcement culture from both professional and personal experience. Her interest in resolving trauma in all types of clients has led her to become trained in Eye Movement Desensitization Reprocessing (EMDR) and Rapid Trauma Resolution (RTR) modalities. Kathleen currently works with Value Options Federal Services on the Tricare South Behavioral Health contract until December 2017.



Olga Duchrow, #000091

Olga M. Duchrow serves as Counselor and Owner of Vida Vocational Counseling, Corp. in Wellington, Florida. She is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor with the state of Florida and has the distinction of a Florida Qualified Supervisor in Mental Health Counseling. Additionally, she is a Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, Certified Forensic Mental Health Evaluator, and Vocational Expert for the Social Security Administration. She provides services to the Florida Division of Workers' Compensation and Florida Department of Education. Additionally, she is pursuing her doctorate at Florida Atlantic University where she will focus her studies in the field of rehabilitation.





Olga Kogut, #000092

Olga Kogut is a Licensed Mental Health Counselor who specializes in grief, loss and complicated bereavement. Her other specialties includes family and marriage counseling, couple conflicts and substance abuse. She also treats individuals with a wide variety of mental health issues including depression, anxiety disorders, anger management, co-dependency and trauma related disorders.

Olga has extensive experience working with a diverse population with state and federal agencies. She worked in a private outpatient clinical setting providing grief therapy, marriage and family therapy, and substance abuse treatment.

Olga graduated from Troy State University with Masters of Science and she holds a National Certification in Grief Therapy.



Christa Maxant, #000093

I am a Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC). Before opening a private practice, I worked in outpatient mental health, offering home visits, school-based therapy and office visits. In this capacity I was a 2010 and 2011 Award of Distinction Nominee at South Bay Mental Health Center in Lowell, MA.

Before I became a therapist, I worked in biotechnology and focused on the safety of medical devices. Although interesting, it lacked the human element that I was looking for in a career. Taking the advice of friends and family, I pursued a graduate degree in mental health counseling and found a career I am passionate about. My knowledge of medicine and science allows me to work with clients to achieve health of the mind and of the body.

I opened my private practice 2013. After graduating from high school, I went to Barnard College, Columbia University in NYC and lived in the city for 8 years. I found myself drawn back to country life and moved to the area in 2002. In 2005, I attended UMass Boston and completed a Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling. I also have a graduate certification in Forensic Criminology from UMass Lowell.

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