

Laurie Nickel Supkoff, LCSW
Private Child Custody Recommending Counseling
Confidential Mediation & Cal. Sec. 3111 Child Custody Evaluation

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Human Development University of California, Davis	1992-2002
Master of Social Welfare University of California, Berkeley	1989-1991
Master of Science, Child Development University of California, Davis	1986-1989
Bachelor of Science, Human Development University of California, Davis	1981-1986

Professional and Certification Training

AFCC-CA Webinar: Recent CA cases, Law & Current Social Science on DV and Effective Practices ... (4 hours)	May 2022
AFCC-CA Virtual Conference (7.5 hours)	March 2022
AFCC Fundamentals of Parent Coordination Training (16 hours)	December 2020
AFCC 14 th Symposium on Child Custody The Future of Child Custody: Stacking the Deck in Favor of Children (22.5 hours)	November 2020
Private Child Custody Recommending Counseling Training (40 hours)	Oct./Nov. 2019
Child Custody Evaluation Training (40 hours)	May 2019
Professional Confidential Mediation Training (40 hours)	October 2018

Continuing Education

Domestic Violence Update Training (4 hours)	January 2022
Transgender & Gender Non-Binary Clients: Clinical Issues & Treatment Strategies	June 2021
Child Custody Update Training (8 hours)	October 2021
Advanced Issues for Family Law and Dispute Resolution Professionals (8 hours)	December 2020

Detection of Deception (8 hours)	November 2020
Trauma Informed Child Custody Practice (8 hours)	September 2019
Intimate Partner Violence, Parenting, and Family Functioning (4 hours)	April 2019
Assessing and Treating Battered Women, Batterers, and Their Children (4 hours)	January 2019
Current Theory, Applications and Research (8 hours)	December 2018
Abuse, Custody & Visitation (4 hours)	December 2018
Parenting Plan and Child Custody Evaluations – a Systemic Decision Tree Approach (8 hours)	November 2018
Fatherhood & Parenting (8 hours)	September 2018
High Conflict Families: Early Identification and Intervention Options (8 hours)	September 2018
Special Circumstances (8 hours)	June 2018
Interviewing, Assessment and Testimony (8 hours)	April 2018

Clinical Experience

Licensed Psychotherapist: **1998 to Present**

I provide Private Child Custody Recommending Counseling (PCCRC), Calif. Sec. 3111 Child Custody Evaluations, co-parent counseling, and parent coaching for court-involved families. I also offer mediation services for parents seeking to negotiate their parenting plans confidentially.

Frequently Encountered Clinical Issues:

- Transitions related to loss, death, divorce, adoption, and normative development
- Parenting (especially in the contexts of divorce, blended families, and neuro-atypical children)
- Personal boundary development and adjustment
- Separation, individuation, and identity development
- Assertiveness skills building
- Interpersonal communication

Special Areas of Interest and Expertise:

- Life span social, emotional, relational, and cognitive development
- Adolescent development, particularly in the contexts of family and peer relationships
- Parenting under challenging circumstances

Areas of Insufficient Expertise at this time:

3118 Evaluations

Qualified Private Child Custody Recommending Counselor: 2020

Qualified Child Custody Evaluator: 2020

Subject Fluency:

Life Span Social, Emotional, Relational and
Cognitive Development

Child, Adolescent, and Adult Psychotherapy
Parenting Challenges

Adolescent Development
Parent/Child Contact Problems
Divorce Contemplation and Recovery
Blended Family Adjustment
Adoption
Child Abuse (physical, emotional & sexual)
Interpersonal Violence
Addiction
Couples Therapy
Family Therapy
Private Child Custody Recommending
Counseling (PCCRC)

Grief and Loss
Psychological Trauma
Assertiveness Skills Building
Boundary Development
Interpersonal Communication
Personal Growth and Awareness
Co-Parent Counseling
Parent Coaching
Reconnection (Conjoint) Counseling
Confidential Mediation
Calif. Sec. 3111 Child Custody Evaluations

Mentoring/Teaching:

University of California, Davis

Peer Mentor, academic years; 1993-96. I provided social and emotional support, general orientation, and guidance for undergraduate and first-year doctoral students.

Foster Care Education Program, Woodland Community College

Foster Parent Continuing Education workshops: 1999-2000. I covered the contextual, developmental, and clinical issues in the treatment of infants, children, and adolescents.

Yolo County Superintendent of Schools, Woodland, CA

Special Education In-service Training workshop presentation: 1998. I covered attachment theory across the lifespan and how special education teachers may use it.

City of Davis

Tots to Teens Annual Childhood Mini-Conference workshop presentation 1998. I covered identity development in adolescence.

Yolo Connections, Sister-Friend Project, Woodland, CA

Staff development in-service training. I presented an overview of adolescent development focusing on the issues of identity development and individuation.

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis

Guest Lectures: 1996-1998. Delivered lectures on lifespan social and emotional development, adolescent development, and clinical assessment and treatment of adolescents.

Department of Psychology, California State University, Sacramento

Guest Lecture: 1997. Covered clinical, educational, and cross-cultural issues in working with adolescents.

Department of Human and Community Development. University of California, Davis

Teaching Assistant: 1986-1989; 1992-1994

Research Experience:

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis
Principal Investigator for dissertation research project 01/97-2002. Faculty Advisor and Dissertation Chair: Marc Braverman, Ph.D.

Department of Human and Community Development, Laterality Laboratory
University of California, Davis
Research Assistant 1993-1997. Managed data sets, correspondence, and the production of articles and grant proposals in this lab. Laboratory Director and Faculty Supervisor: Rosemarie Kraft, Ph.D.

University of California, Davis, Medical Center
Child Protection Center, Sacramento, CA
Research Assistant, 1991. Interviewed children who were referred to the Child Protection Center for medical examinations due to suspicion of sexual abuse. Principal Investigator and Faculty Supervisor: Margaret Steward, Ph.D.

University of California, Davis, Medical Center
Department of Psychiatry, Sacramento, CA
Research Assistant: 1998-1999. Refined and implemented a system for coding videotaped child interviews and medical procedure data for research involving 3 to 6-year-olds' memories of painful touch. Principal Investigator and Faculty Supervisor: Margaret Steward, Ph.D.

Department of Human and Community Development, University of California, Davis
Research Assistant: 1986-1987. Master's thesis research project. Principal Investigator: Keith Barton, Ph.D.; Study Supervisor: Sally Wood, Ph.D.

Publications:

R. H. Kraft, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Sex-related differences in cognition: development during early childhood. Learning and Individual Differences, 7(3), 249-271.

R. H. Kraft, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Women in higher education: nontraditional students. Proceedings from the 8th Annual International Conference on Women in Higher Education, 240-248.

R. H. Kraft, L. V. Harper, & L. D. Nickel (1995). Stability and ear advantage for dichotically presented environmental sound stimuli: Development during early childhood. Perceptual and Motor Skills, 80, 611-624.

Memberships:

National Association of Social Workers
The American Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts