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Date of Birth: September 6, 1948
Place of Birth: Niagara Falls, New York
Marital Status: Married, Three Children

Education

- 12/94 – 11/98** **Pacific Western University**
Los Angeles, California
Completion of requirements for Ph.D., Clinical Psychology (Forensic Emphasis)
- 09/73 - 05/76** **SUNY at Binghamton; Binghamton, NY**
Ph. D. Candidate in Clinical Psychology
MA. Clinical Psychology; 81 Credit Hours Toward Ph.D.
- 01/71 - 06/73** **SUNY at Buffalo; Buffalo, NY**
B.A. (Cum Laude) Clinical/Community Psychology Emphasis
- 09/67 - 06/68** **University of Nebraska; Lincoln, NE**
Engineering Emphasis

Professional Licenses/Certifications

NYS Licensed Mental Health Counselor

License #003291

Clinically Certified Sex Offender Treatment Specialist

Cert. #16571, National Association of Forensic Counselors

Clinically Certified Criminal Justice Specialist

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Clinically Certified Forensic Counselor

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Clinically Certified Juvenile Sex Offender Treatment Specialist

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Cert. # 16571, National Association of Forensic Counselors

Certified Sexual Disorder Diagnostician

Cert. #16571, National Association of Forensic Counselors

Clinically Certified Sexual Addictions Specialist

Cert. #16571, National Association of Forensic Counselors

Clinical and Administrative Experience

5/06 – Present

Forensic Mental Health Counseling of WNY, PLLC

239 Bewley Building, Lockport, NY 14094

Title: Clinically Certified Forensic Counselor, Psychotherapist, and Owner

Specializing in Forensic Risk Assessment and Treatment including sexual offenders and substance abuse, Extended Sexual Abuse Assessments, other criminal behaviors (e.g. Shop lifting, domestic violence, DWI) Return to work determinations, disability determinations, workers' compensation and No Fault.

1991 - 2006

Niagara Frontier Psychiatric Associates, PLLC

230 Bewley Building, Lockport, NY 14094
(716) 433-3927

Title: Psychotherapist/Executive Director

Treatment of affective and anxiety disorders; impulse control disorders, substance abuse, child, adolescent and couples treatment; and evaluation and treatment of sexual offenders. Clinical expertise in forensic mental health, sex offender evaluation/treatment and cognitive behavior therapy and behavior therapy techniques.

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7/83 – 7/06

Western New York Children's Psychiatric Center

1010 East & West Road, West Seneca, NY 14224
(716) 674-9730

7/03 – 7/06 (Retired) - Title: Executive Director

Chief Executive Officer for a NYS operated, JCAHO accredited, 46 bed, children and youth psychiatric facility. Under the governance of the NYS Office of Mental Health, responsible for all aspects of facility operation of inpatient and outpatient programs.

5/97 – 7/03 - Title: Chief of Outpatient Services

Responsible for overall development and operation of facility outpatient services. Includes contract and service negotiations and program developments. Member of Executive Cabinet of WNYCPC

2/89–5/97-Title: Outpatient Program Coordinator/Psychologist II

Responsible for administration of outpatient programs including Clinic Treatment, Day Treatment, Home Support/Crisis Team and Mobile Mental Health Team. Services provided primarily to severely emotionally disturbed children and adolescents. Responsibilities are: overall program operation, including budget, staffing, development of program policy and procedure, compliance with all relevant regulations and certifying agencies. Report to Mr. Jed Cohen, Acting Executive Director, WNYCPC.

7/84 –2/89 - Title: Chief of Inpatient Services

Responsible for administrative direction of inpatient treatment services. Supervision of clinical disciplines and management of various facility operations. Assist Director of Facility Administrative Services in supervision of, Labor Management, Safety, Food Service and Housekeeping, Maintenance and Capital Construction projects. Report to Executive Director.

7/83 – 7/84 - Title: Treatment Team Leader/Psychologist II

Responsible for clinical direction of four inpatient treatment teams, providing services to children and adolescents. Develop and implement, treatment plans, quality assurance activities, staffing, plans and overtime management.

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1975 - 1983

Willard Psychiatric Center

Willard, New York

**8/79 - 7/83 - Title: Program Director - Seneca County
Community Services Center**

**1977 - 1979 - Title: Treatment Team Leader/Psychologist II -
Adult Services; Seneca and Wayne County Inpatient Treatment
Units**

**1975 - 1978 - Title: Psychologist II – Seneca and Wayne County
Inpatient Treatment Units**

1976 - 1980

Seneca County Mental Health Clinic

Waterloo, NY

Title: Psychologist, part-time

1973 - 1975

Binghamton Psychiatric Center

Binghamton, NY

Title: Psychologist Trainee

1972 - 1973

SUNY at Buffalo

Buffalo, NY

Title: Researcher, Co-Author for NIMH Funded Research

Teaching Experience

11/00-present

State University of New York at Buffalo

Department of Psychiatry, School of Medicine

Title: Clinical Instructor

1976 - 1982

Rochester Institute of Technology

Eisenhower Campus, Rochester, NY

Title: Visiting Professor

Instructor for Theories of Learning, Theories of Personality, and
Tests and Measurements.

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Memberships and Affiliations and Awards

National Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

New York State Chapter of The Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (NYSATSA)

National Association of Forensic Counselors

New York Mental Health Counselors Association

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (APSAC)

Board Member – NYS American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children (NYAPSAC)

Awarded the “2013 Shepard Goldberg Champion of Children Award” by Child and Adolescent Treatment Services, Buffalo, NY

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Specialized Training and Expertise

**Child Forensic Interview Clinic, American Professional Society
on the Abuse of Children (March 15-19, 2013)**

40 hour training on conducting empirically-based child Forensic Interviews.

Former - Special Investigator, NYS Office of Mental Health

Conduct special investigations regarding allegations of abuse and neglect within NYS Office of Mental Health and facilities.

Publications and Highlighted Conference Presentations

Taheri, M.S., Heffler, D.G., "Making Your Client a More Effective Witness." The Federal Public Defender Report, October 1995

Heffler, D.G., Lisman, S.A., "Attribution and Insomnia: a Replication Failure," The Psychological Record, 1978, 28, 123-128.

Lick, J.R., Heffler, D.G., "Relaxation Training and Attention Placebo in the Treatment of Severe Insomnia," Journal of Counseling and Clinical Psychology, 1977, Vol. 45, Number 2, 153-161.

Heffler, D.G., Connor, W.H., "Assertion Training with Psychiatric Patients." Presented at the 1978 Conference of Psychologists in New York State Service.

Heffler, D. G., "Identification and Assessments of Adolescent Sexual Abusers," Grand Rounds Presentation Catholic Health System of Buffalo, 11/30/99.

Heffler, D.G., "Identification of Healthy and Unhealthy Sexual Behavior in Children and Adolescence." Presentation to Erie County Probation Department, 10/03.

Heffler, D.G., "Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sexual Offenders. Presentation to the Erie County Probation Department, 5/03

Heffler, D.G., "Sex Offender Treatment", NYS Child Advocacy Resource and Consultation Center, 9/07

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Heffler, D.G., “Sex Offender Assessment and Treatment (Adults and Adolescents), Presentation for
Niagara County Child Advocacy Center, 5/08

Heffler, D.G., “Adult and Adolescent Sexual Abuser Assessment & Treatment,
Conference Presentation for Bivona Summit on Child Abuse, 4/09

Heffler, D.G., “Apology, Reconciliation and Reunification: Should Sex Offenders
Reunite with their Families?”

“Adolescent Sexual Abusers: Distinctions Among Abusers:
Are They Tomorrow’s Adult Offenders?”

Conference Presentation: Bivona Summit on Child Abuse, 4/10

Heffler, D.G., “Apology, Reconciliation and Reunification: Should Sex Offenders
Reunite with their Families?”

“Adolescent sexual abusers: Distinctions among abusers. Are they
tomorrow’s adult offenders?”

Conference Presentation for Niagara County Child Advocacy Center, 4/10

Heffler, D.G., “Characteristics and Typology of Child Sexual Behavior Problems – Including
Distinction between Normative and Problematic Sexual Behaviors.”

“Key Considerations for Reconciliation of Adult Sexual Offenders and Their
Families.”

Conference Presentation: Bivona Summit on Child Abuse, 4/11

Heffler, D.G., “Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sexual Offenders”

Presentation: Town Justices of Niagara County, 5/12

Heffler, D.G., “Assessment and Treatment of Adolescent Sexual Abusers”

Presentation: Niagara County Department of Social Services, 6/12

Heffler, D.G., “Hey Doc, is this normal? Characteristics and Typology of Juvenile
Sexual Behavior problems”

“Ready or not, here I come! When the sexual perpetrator returns home.”

Conference Presentation: Niagara County Child Advocacy Center, 10/12

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Heffler, D.G., “Assessment and Treatment of Adult Sexual Offenders”,
Presentation: Defense Bar, 10/12

Heffler, D.G., “Conducting Extended Sexual Abuse Assessments”
Presentation: Erie County, Assigned Counsel, 9/13

Heffler, D.G., “Assessment and Treatment of Sexual Offenders: Suspension of Conscience
Presentations: Erie County, Judges, Amherst New York, 1/14

Heffler, D.G., “Character Psychopathology and The Sexual Offender”; “The Science of Evil –
Empathy Deficits and Criminogenic Behavior”
Conference Presentations: Niagara County Safe at Home Conference, 10/14

Heffler, D.G., “Dynamics of Domestic Violence and The Science of Evil”
Presentation: Niagara County Department of Social Services, 9/15

Heffler, D.G., “Do People Change? Character Psychopathology and the Sexual Offender and The
Science of Evil – Empathy Deficits and Criminogenic Behavior”
Presentation: New York State Probation Officers Association, 7/16

Heffler, D.G. “Current Trends in Sexual Offender Treatment”
Presentation: Erie County Committee on Alternative to Incarceration, 12/16

Heffler, D.G. “Extended Child Sexual Abuse Assessments and Typology and Assessment of Child
Pornography”
*Presentation: Legal Aid Bureau of Buffalo, Inc. – Mental Health Issues and The
Law, 2/2017*

Heffler, D.G. “Responding to Child Sexual Behaviors and Management of Child Victims of Sexual
Abuse”
Presentation: Niagara County Department of Social Services, 5/2017