



PSYCHOLOGICAL CENTER  
for Expert Evaluations, Inc.

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## Kristin Tolbert, Psy.D.

Licensed Psychologist #PY8460  
Practice Limited to Clinical & Forensic Psychology

### Licensure

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2011                      **Florida Licensed Psychologist**  
License #: PY8460, Expires May 31, 2016

### Education

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2010                      **Doctor of Psychology (Psy.D.)**  
**Clinical Psychology, Forensic Concentration**  
Carlos Albizu University, Miami  
(Formerly Miami Institute of Psychology)  
APA Approved Doctoral Program

2005                      **Master's of Science (M.S.)**  
**Clinical Psychology, Forensic Concentration**  
Carlos Albizu University, Miami, FL  
(Formerly Miami Institute of Psychology)

2003                      **Bachelor's of Arts (B.A.), Psychology**  
University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL

### State Expert Qualifications

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2010-Present              Florida: Qualified Expert Witness (Daubert)

2014-Present              Maryland: Qualified Expert Witness (Frye-Reed)

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## **Professional Employment**

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2012-Present

**Psychological Center for Expert Evaluations, Inc.**

**Forensic Psychology Practice, Palm Beach Gardens, FL**

Owner/President: Specialization in family law matters, providing:

Child Custody and Parenting Evaluations (Social Investigations)

- Focus on Balanced, Unbiased Procedures
- Research Informed Recommendations
- Guided by APA and AFCC Standards

Child Custody Litigation Consultation

- Behind-The-Scenes Mental Health Consulting
- Disclosed Expert for Court Testimony
- Work Product Reviews/Rebuttal Witness Testimony
- Mental Health Cross Examination Question Development

Psychological Evaluations

- Ordered by Family Court or Dependency Court
- Adult/Child Psychological Evaluations

Counseling & Therapeutic Services

- Individual Therapy
- Reunification Therapy
- Therapeutic Supervised Visitation
- Court Involved/Court ordered cases

## **Current Professional Contracts & Affiliations**

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2012-Present

**15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Palm Beach County, FL**

Contracted Court Appointed Expert Witness

Included in the following Registries: Social/Home Investigations, Psychological Evaluations, Probate/Guardianship Examining Committee, Adult and Juvenile Competency Evaluations, Determination of Mental Retardation, and Developmental Disabilities Examining Committee

2012-Present

**ChildNet**

Credentialed Provider

Approved for psychological evaluations, supervised visitation, therapeutic

supervised visitation, and therapeutic services for children and adults in-

volved with the Department of Children and Families/Child Protective Services

2012-Present

**Justice Administrative Commission (JAC)**

Contracted Due Process Vendor

Psychological Evaluations and Expert Witness Testimony

2012-Present

**Florida Department of Education/Vocational Rehabilitation**

Approved provider of psychological evaluations and therapeutic services

**Previous Professional Experience**

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2010-2011

**C.O.R.T.E. Program, Delray Beach, FL**

Post-Doctoral Resident, Clinical/Forensic Specialist

Provided psychological evaluations for physically, mentally, and sexually abused children involved in dependency cases, parental fitness evaluations, custody evaluations, expert witness testimony, individual therapy, and group therapy for a forensic population

2009

**Highridge Family Center, West Palm Beach, FL**

Pre-Doctoral Internship, Second Rotation

Provided individual, family and group therapy in a residential facility for children and adolescents involved with, and at risk for, entering into the Florida Department of Juvenile Justice

2008-2009

**Youth Service Bureau, West Palm Beach, FL**

Pre-Doctoral Internship, First Rotation

Provided court ordered psychological assessments, parent education groups and brief family therapy for individuals in a community based, outpatient setting

2006-2008

**The Chrysalis Center, Delray Beach, FL**

Primary Therapist and Psychological Examiner for physically, sexually, and mentally abused children involved in child protective services.

Integrated psychological assessments were also provided to the perpetrators of abuse.

2006

**The Watershed Addiction Treatment Program, Delray Beach, FL**

Primary Therapist

Provided individual, family and group therapy to adults in a residential,

dual diagnosis facility

- 2005-2006            **Sandy Pines Hospital, Tequesta, FL**  
 Primary Therapist  
 Provided individual, family and group therapy to children and adolescents in a residential psychiatric hospital. Children were treated for psychological disorders, often associated with exposure to sexual abuse, physical abuse, mental abuse, and traumas of attachment.
- 2005-2008            **Palm Beach County Detention Center, West Palm Beach, FL**  
 Practicum Student  
 Provided individual and group therapy, psychological assessments, crisis intervention and suicide risk assessments to inmates housed in the general population and psychiatric units
- 2004-2005            **Goodman Psychological Center, Miami, FL**  
 Practicum Student  
 Provided individual therapy, family therapy, and psychological assessments to children, adolescents and adults in an outpatient setting

### **Specialized Training**

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- 2014                    **Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Custody Litigation: Memory and Behavior**  
 Kathryn Kuehnle and Pamela Ludolph  
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014                    **Case Review and Analysis: A Cost Effective Means of Custody Dispute Resolution**  
 Pamela S. Ludolph and William G. Austin  
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014                    **When Child Welfare Comes Knocking**  
 Judith A. Algeo and John Shanken-Kaye  
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014                    **Parenting Plans for Infants and Young Children: A Case Study Approach**  
 Marsha Lline Pruett, Arnold T. Shienvold and B.F. "Biff" Pennypacker, III  
 Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014                    **The Activities and Roles of Consultants: How Many is too Many?**

David A. Martindale, Milfred “Bud” Dale, Robert A. Simon, S. Margaret Lee and Robin M. Deutsch  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas

- 2014                    **The Relocation Case in Court Legal and Psychological Issues**  
Phillip M. Stahl, Michael Kretzmer and Hon. Mark Juhas  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, San Antonio, Texas
- 2014                    **Examining Unintended Consequences**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- 2013                    **Supervised Visitation: Child Sexual Abuse Training**  
Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation at Florida State University
- 2013                    **Intersection of Mental Illness and Substance Abuse**  
Clearinghouse on Supervised Visitation at Florida State University
- 2013                    ***Daubert* and the Mosaic of Child Custody Assessment**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Jonathan W. Gould, PhD, ABPP; Gary L. Nickelson, Esq.  
and Moderator Gaetano “guy” Ferro, Esq.
- 2013                    **Deconstructing the Custody Evaluator’s Report**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Pamela Sloan, Esq. and Philip M. Stall, PhD, ABPP
- 2013                    **Parenting Plan Evaluations and Intimate Partner Violence**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Nancy Ver Steegh, JD, MSW and Leslie M. Drozd, PhD.
- 2013                    **Challenging Psychological Testing in Custody Litigation**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Timothy M. Tippins, Esq.



- 2013                    **Transparency and the Rights of Clients**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Harold A. Mayerson, Esq.; Larry Fong, PhD; Hone. Dianna Gould-Saltman; Andrew Shepard, JD and Moderator Arnold T. Shienvold, PhD.
- 2013                    **Developing Parenting Plans that Benefit Children: Current Research and Practice Implications**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Joan B. Kelly, PhD.
- 2013                    **Cross Examining the Expert in Custody Litigation**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Timothy M. Tippins, Esq.
- 2013                    **Advanced Issues in Child Custody: Evaluation, Litigation and settlement**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- 2013                    **Ethics & Beyond: Sensitivity in the Performance of Evaluations in Family Law Actions**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by David A. Martindale, Ph.D
- 2013                    **Visitation: Why It's Worth All the Effort**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by The Honorable Lynn Tepper & Mimi A. Graham, Ed.D.
- 2013                    **Assessing & Differentiating Parental Gatekeeping & Alienation in Parenting Time Recommendations**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by William G. Austin, Ph.D
- 2013                    **Who Represents the Child?**  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts  
Presented by Angela Vigil, Esq.
- 2013                    **Initial Examining Committee Member Training**

Florida State Guardianship Association, Inc.  
Heart of Florida Chapter - FSGA

- 2010                    **Florida Forensic Examiner’s Training**  
University of South Florida, Louis de la Parte, Florida Mental Health Institute Department of Mental Health and Law & Policy  
Presented by Randy K Otto, Ph.D., ABPP & Chris Slobogin, J.D., LL.M
- 2009                    **New Florida Standards for the Diagnosis & Treatment of Learning Disabled Student: Response to Intervention**  
Florida Psychological Association
- 2008                    **Family Violence Interventions**  
Palm Beach County Youth Affairs Division
- 2008                    **Parenting Education/S.T.E.P: Trainer’s Workshop**  
Palm Beach County Youth Affairs Division
- 2006                    **Young Offenders, Mental Disorders and Immaturity: Challenges for Lawyers and Mental Health Professionals**  
Presented by Dr. Thomas Grisso & Law Professor Michael Dale

### **Presentations Given**

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- 2011                    **Disorders of Attachment and Bonding**  
Foster Children’s Project, Legal Aid Society of Palm Beach County

### **Dissertation**

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- 2010                    Tolbert, K.M., Attachment focused care: A pre-service training program for adoptive parents and foster caregivers. 2010  
Doctoral Dissertation

### **Volunteer/Pro Bono Activities**

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- 2013-Present                    **Palm Beach County Medical Society, Project Access**  
Pro Bono Psychological Services, Department of Health

## **Professional Associations**

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2014-Present	<b>Mental Health Association of Palm Beach Gardens</b> Board Member
2014-Present	<b>Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers</b> Member Status
2014- Present	<b>Florida Bar: Family Law Section</b> Affiliate Member Status
2013-Present	<b>Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC)</b> Member Status
2013-Present	<b>Supervised Visitation Network (SVN)</b> Member Status
2013-Present	<b>Society for Child and Family Policy &amp; Practice, Division of APA</b> Member Status
2013-Present	<b>Adult Development and Aging, Division of APA</b> Member Status
2012-Present	<b>American Psychology-Law Association, Division of APA</b> Member Status
2012-Present	<b>American Psychological Association (APA)</b> Member Status