

Curriculum Vitae

Sharon Strand Ellison

Education:

B.A., Sociology, Willamette University, Salem, OR (June, 1965)

Junior Year Abroad Program, University of Stockholm, Stockholm, Sweden (1963-1964)

M.S., Interdisciplinary Studies in Juvenile Corrections, University of Oregon, Eugene, OR (1973)

My graduate program included independent study with Dr. Martin Acker, Clinical Psychologist, covering Freud, Jung, and others who made major contributions to the field of psychology.

Publications:

Book: *Taking the War Out of Our Words*

Audio Book: *Taking Power Struggle Out of Parenting*

Article: *Is Your Protective Instinct Backfiring* – for divorcing parents, co-written with Ami Atkinson Combs for the Collaborative Marin Blog, Nov. 2014

Current Positions:

Author, Consultant, Workshop Facilitator, and Speaker (1975-present)

Executive Director, The Institute for Powerful Non-Defensive Communication (2005-present)

Past Positions:

Counselor in private practice and consultant to social work agencies, providing training for social workers and psychologists, Eugene, OR (1975-1996)

Scholar-In-Residence, St. John's University, Collegeville, MN (1986-1987)

Co-Director, Title I Social Skill Building Program, Play Therapy, Fern Ridge School District, Veneta, OR (1974-1975)

Title I, Parent Training Instructor and Title VI, Play Therapist, Fern Ridge School District, Veneta, OR (1973-1974)

Intake Counselor, Lane County Juvenile Court, Eugene, OR (1969-1970)

Field Counselor, Marion County Juvenile Court, Salem, OR (1966-1969)

Group Worker, Marion County Juvenile Court, Salem, OR (1965-1966)

Client Organizations in the Field of Therapy:

I have been a conference speaker and workshop facilitator for MFTs, LSWs and Psychologists. I have also facilitated trainings for therapists participating in practice groups for family law professionals.

In addition, I have provided training for organizations such as:

Sonoma County Mental Health Services, Psychiatric Emergency Services, Santa Rosa, CA

Children's Protective Services, Eugene, OR

Juvenile Services Commission, Coos Bay, OR

Center for the Vulnerable Child, Oakland, CA

Family Centered Services of Alaska, Fairbanks, AK

The Child Center, Eugene, OR

—Play therapy training and consultations for psychologists and social workers

Rape Crisis Centers and Safe Houses for abused women, OR, MN

Vistacon Valley Youth Center, CA

Carondelet Behavior Health Center, Richmond, WA

—(1) Psychiatric Care Center, and (2) Drug and Alcohol Program

Mental Health Resource and Education Network, Ashland, OR

San Francisco Medical School, Langlely Porter Psychiatric Institute.

Continuing Education Credit for Marriage and Family Therapists and/or Psychologists:

The list indicates the states where licensing boards have authorized credit, for MFTs, and/or psychologists, such as California, Louisiana, Maryland, Minnesota, Illinois, Oregon, Pennsylvania, and Texas.

The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, 2005 Statewide Conference, Sonoma, CA

Center for Families, Children and the Courts, 2005 Family Dispute Resolution Statewide Educational Institute: The Changing Concept of Family, San Jose, CA

Mental Health Resources and Education Network, Medford, OR

Therapists in Educational Settings, Statewide Conference, Eugene, OR

Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Central Valley Regional Training

Center for Families, Children & the Courts, Santa Barbara Regional Training

Benton County Children's Protective Services Division, Corvallis, OR
—Play Therapy Training, and workshops on intervention with abusers and other severely resistant adult clients