

David Evenson, Psy.D.

IMSA Counselor

Illinois Licensed Clinical Psychologist



I graduated from John Marshall High School in Milwaukee Wisconsin in 1972. I was pretty bored in high school and put in very little effort. English was my favorite class, mostly because I could write well and the teacher was very encouraging. She was the only one who pushed me to go to college. Unfortunately, I ended up graduating with a 1.75 GPA. I also had no money. In addition, the war in Vietnam was winding down. My Selective Service Classification was 1A and my draft lottery number was 1. I figured I would be drafted anyway, so why bother to think about college. Just before

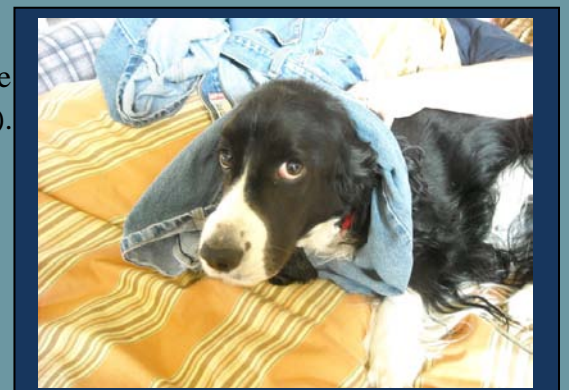
I turned 18, they eliminated the draft. I wound up working as a car washer for a Ford dealership. It was a fun job that would end up going nowhere. My second job out of high school was in the shipping and receiving department of an engineering company. They made large textile coating equipment and I soon learned how to draft technical drawings. The company said I showed potential, so I enrolled in the Milwaukee School of Engineering. I flunked out after the first semester. I did well with the technical drawing part, but I still could not handle the math. After a few life-changing experiences and a couple of more years in the work place, I enrolled at Trinity International University in Deerfield Illinois. It was there that I first “fell in love” with learning. I could not believe how much I did *not* know about the world and I wanted to know everything. For some reason my brain “exploded.” My study skills were not very good, but my motivation and desire outweighed any deficits I may have had (years later I was diagnosed with ADD, which I learned played a significant role during my high school years). I graduated college four years later Magna Cum Laude with a major in Psychology and a minor in English Literature and Biblical Studies. I was nominated to the National Honor Society in Psychology and was elected to Who’s Who in American Universities for the year 1980. My first job out of college was at Forest Psychiatric Hospital in DesPlaines Illinois where I worked as a Certified Drug and Alcohol counselor on an adult chemical dependency unit. One year later I enrolled in the doctoral program at the Illinois School of Professional Psychology in Chicago. This was one of the first programs in the country to offer an APA accredited Psy.D. Program in Clinical Psychology. My clinical training included psychological testing with sleep disordered children at Cook County Hospital, counseling in the community mental health setting in Park Ridge, and a year-long internship at a private psychiatric hospital doing therapy and testing with children, adults and adolescents. Since completing my doctorate and licensing examinations, I have worked in a variety of settings within the field of Clinical Psychology. (I have attached my vitae for your review). My direct experience includes providing psychological testing involving

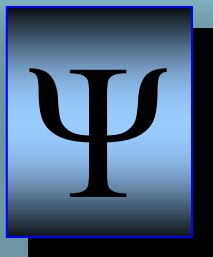
intellectual and personality assessment, individual and family therapy with children and adolescents, marital therapy, substance abuse treatment, psychiatric program development, and clinical psychology staff supervision and training. If you asked me what my favorite thing to do in the therapy setting was, I would have to say marital therapy. It is always fun to get two people in a room who see the same thing in a completely opposite way from each other. My other favorite thing is working with adolescents who experience emotional, academic, and family difficulties. I have done this in the public and private school setting for years. I find that most teenagers are just “regular kids” who get stuck. Obviously there are lots of variables, including level of intelligence, but most just struggle with normal adolescent issues that can be overwhelming and frustrating at times. It is fun to see them resolve their conflicts, clarify their feelings and grow into young adults. This is especially true in a residential school setting like IMSA. You get to see kids mature in many different areas of their lives. Then they graduate! After getting to know some of these kids for three years, it is hard to say goodbye and graduation is a sad day for me (seldom for them!). Thank God for Facebook.

I joined the IMSA counseling staff in the fall of 2000.

Other fun facts and stuff (Just in case you might be interested!).

- 📅 I have been married for 27 years (at this writing) and have four children (three boys and a girl) and thirteen grand children (ten girls and three boys).
- 📅 I have a dog named Sadie. She’s adorable, but has way too much energy and likes to throw up on the carpet (English Springer Spaniel: [see below]. So cute!).
- 📅 My office at IMSA is “unusually” decorated (mostly with things my wife won’t let me have at home; like stuffed Jackalopes).
- 📅 I like woodworking, carving and home remodeling.
- 📅 I have driven Hondas since 1980 (I used to be a Ford man when I was a teenager).
- 📅 I’ve been to Florida, Wisconsin and Tennessee (I’m obviously a world traveler).
- 📅 I like to fly (just not in thunder storms).
- 📅 I learned karate at IMSA and have a blue belt (I can take out just about any kindergartener on the planet).
- 📅 I love yard work.
- 📅 Fall and winter are my favorite seasons.
- 📅 I love reading books about intelligent design theory.
- 📅 I love astronomy (I dropped my “inexpensive” telescope years ago, but hope to get an “expensive” one someday).
- 📅 My wife and I want to live in Door County Wisconsin (cause it’s pretty!)





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Professional Vitae

Education

Doctorate in Clinical Psychology (Psy.D.)

Illinois School of Professional Psychology

Illinois Licensed Clinical Psychologist: 071-005987

Certified Addictions Counselor (CADC)

Illinois Alcoholism and Other Addictions Counselor Certification Board

(IACCB) 1984-1993

Bachelor of Arts: Psychology

Trinity College / Trinity International University: Deerfield, Illinois

Clinical Experience

August 2000 to
Present

Illinois Mathematics and Science Academy

Aurora, Illinois

Supervisor: Robert Hernandez, Ed.D.

Provide counseling and evaluation services to high school students talented in math and science within a boarding school setting; supervision and consultation with residential staff; construction and implementation of groups and programs.

September 1998 to
August 2000

Sunrise Assisted Living

Bloomington, Illinois

Supervisor: Cindy Misukantow, Executive Vice President

Position of Executive Director for senior assisted living services in a residential setting. Responsible for all aspects of business management, staff development, psychosocial services.

January 1992 to
August 2000

Independent Consultation and Private Practice

Wheaton, Illinois

Independent practitioner providing consultation and therapy services: partial program for geriatric clients at Linden Oaks Hospital in Naperville; staff therapist for behaviorally disordered and emotionally disordered adolescents at Lovellton Academy in Elgin; DUI counseling services for Pat Ely & Associates in Oak Brook; private practice in Wheaton focusing on individual therapy for adults and adolescents, marital therapy, and chemical dependency evaluation, treatment and referral. EAP referral and treatment services with Central DuPage Hospital.

March 1994 to **The Learning House**
April 1996 Wheeling, Illinois
Supervisor: Paul Curtis, MSW. LCSW.

Staff therapist responsible for full range of therapy services for emotionally disturbed/learning disabled adolescents. Initiate chemical dependency evaluation, treatment, and referral.

1991 to **Cassens & Associates, P.C.**
July 1994 Wheaton, Illinois
Supervisor: James Cassens, Ph.D.

Provide individual, marital and family therapy within a private practice setting to adults, adolescents and children. Also provided psychological testing and adult and adolescent chemical dependency evaluation.

May 1988 to **Partners in Psychiatry**
September 1990 DesPlaines, Illinois
Supervisor: Glenn Gelman, Psy.D. Bill Schafer, Ph.D.

Consultation and program development for outpatient chemical dependency day treatment program; included monitoring and implementation of services according to DASA standards.

August 1985 to **Loretto Hospital**
May 1988 Chicago, IL
Supervisor: Anthony DeJoseph, Psy.D.

Clinical Coordinator of all inpatient chemical dependency services for adults. Included staff supervision, treatment planning and outpatient counseling.

July 1980 to **Forest Hospital**
August 1985 DesPlaines, Illinois
Supervisor: Ralph Menezes, MD, Chris Stout, Psy.D.

Certified Addictions Counselor (CAC) providing group, family and individual treatment to adults and adolescents with drug/alcohol problems.

Additional Clinical Training and Experience

1990-2004 Private Practice: Wheaton, IL. Provide individual, marital, and family therapy to adults and adolescents.
1990-1991 Forest Hospital: Pre-Doctoral internship in Clinical Psychology: emphasis on Adult/Child Psychiatry and eating disorders.
1989-1990 Far Northwest Counseling Center: 500 hour therapy practicum in community mental health setting.
1988-1989 Cook County Hospital: 500 hour testing practicum. Diagnostic evaluation of children from ethnically diverse population experiencing sleep disorders.

Professional Affiliations

American Psychological Association #81900493
Illinois Alcoholism Counselor Certification: #1698:1984-93
PSI CHI National Honor Society in Psychology, 1979
Who's Who in American Universities and Colleges: 1979-80