

Stephanie R. Smith, Ed.D., LPC-S, LSSP

Professional Experience

*PAST Counseling & Wellness, PLLC/Psychological Assessment Services of Texas,
Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, Proprietor*

July 2013-present

Provide counseling services for clients in Burnet, Lampasas and surrounding Hill Country and Central Texas areas of Texas. Specializing in the areas of anxiety-based disorders, depressive symptomology, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, trauma-based difficulties, behavior disorders, and academic difficulties. Also provide supervision to LPC-interns.

*Texas A&M University-Central Texas,
Adjunct Faculty*

Dec 2013 –present

Teach undergraduate online and blended courses in psychology, counseling, and education. Structured course lesson plans to assist students in expanding their knowledge in their particular areas of study.

*Director of Special Education,
Copperas Cove ISD*

June 2012-Dec 2013

Ensure district compliance and accountability in state and federal guidelines in the areas of special education and Section 504. Hire and manage special education district support staff including SLP, LSSPs, specialists, related service personnel and contracted employees. Balance department budget and represent community as district administrator.

*Special Education Coordinator,
Copperas Cove ISD*

July 2009-June 2012

Support campus administrative, assessment and teaching staff in providing instructional procedures and best practices in special education services to ensure compliance with federal and state compliance monitoring. Provide district training, guidance and consultative support in the implementation of the continuum of special education services. Supervise central office teachers that serve multiple campuses and homebound services. Collaborate with campus instructional leaders, special and general education inclusion teams and individual special education teachers in providing the most effective services for struggling students within the least restrictive environment.

*Licensed Specialist in School Psychology,
Copperas Cove ISD*

July 2003-June 2009

Provided school psychological services to the district, which included assessing emotional, behavioral, or developmental disorders; interpreting results to parents and instructional staff and attending ARDs in order to assist staff and parents in utilizing assessment information to effectively assist the child in making progress. Assisted in structuring district's Behavioral RtI process. Provided on-going guidance in best practices for teachers, campus counselors, and staff in need of interventions for students with problematic issues. Provided district training to district personnel in the understanding of compliance issues and best practice procedures surrounding the educational psychological process, Behavioral RtI, and developmental, emotional, and behavioral disorders.

*Tarleton State University,
Adjunct Professor*

August 2007 –May 2008

Taught undergraduate classes in Psychopharmacology and Abnormal Psychology. Structured course lesson plans to assist students in expanding their knowledge in the study of the neurological basis of the effects of drugs on behavior.

*Special Education Counselor,
Copperas Cove ISD*

August 2002-July 2006

Provided special education counseling to students both individually and within small group settings. Assisted and consulted with teachers in building rapport and using effective strategies in the classroom to work with emotionally, socially, and behaviorally challenged children and adolescents. Maintained necessary communication with parents and staff members regarding each child's progress within the educational setting. Assisted in district and regional crisis intervention response team to assist in providing crisis counseling for students involved in or affected by tragedy.

*Behavioral Redirector,
Copperas Cove ISD*

August 1999-May 2002

Taught social skills in a group and on an individual basis to those students in need of special assistance. Secured proper documentation of the services that were provided to the students on a regular basis. Maintained knowledge in the procedures of conducting, arranging, and preparing for ARD committee meetings. Maintained continuous communication with parents, teachers, and other organizations that may also be working with the students. Assisted students in building a campus garden, monthly newspaper, and yearly peer-created, campus advice booklet. Provided individual and group consultation and training for campus teachers that work with difficult behavioral issues in the classroom. Served as campus committee chair for enhancing technology in the classroom.

*Fourth Grade Teacher/Junior High Athletics Coach,
Grace Christian Academy*

August 1998-May 1999

Taught all subjects to the fourth grade class, including Math, Language Arts, United States and Texas History, Earth Science, Health, Spelling, Penmanship, and Spiritual Growth. In the athletic program, coached 5th-8th grade students in Central Texas Christian Athletes League coed volleyball, 5th-8th grade girls' basketball, and 8th grade long distance boys track.

*Language Arts Teacher,
Killeen ISD*

September 1997-May 1998

Taught sixth grade Language Arts. Structured classroom management plan and lesson plans to introduce students to effective ways of communication while writing, reading, and interacting with others.

*Case Worker,
Families in Crisis*

December 1995- August 1997

Admitted and oriented clients to facility procedures and routines, gathered intake information from clients, responded to crisis hotline phone calls, maintained facility's client care and intake needs, maintained event schedule, counseled and charted clients' progress, organized and provided group sessions for facility children, and participated in on-call rape response counseling program.

Professional Affiliations

- Texas Counseling Association
- Kappa Delta Pi Educational Honor Society
- Psi Chi National Honor Society for Psychologists
- Administrative stakeholder in SDI project of TEA and the Statewide Access to the General Curriculum Network
- Vice President of the Board of Directors, National Family Association for Deaf-Blind

Examples of Publications and Presentations

- Smith, S. R. (2007). Session from Exceptional Family Members Annual Conference 2007: *Environmental Influences on Brain Development*. Fort Hood, TX.
- Smith, S.R. (2008). Session from Community Conference for Educators 2008: *Purposeful Paperwork*. Killeen, TX.
- Smith, S.R. (2008). Session from Boomerang Tuesdays: Autism Regional Parent Collaborative. *Problems, Possibilities, and the Pearls of Positive Parenting: Building Influential Relationships with Children*. Waco, TX.
- Smith, S.R. (2009). Session from CCISD Counselor's PreService Session. Social Skills, *Schomocial Skills: Cramming Social Skills into an Already Busy Day*. Copperas Cove, TX.
- Darling, J. & Smith, S.R. (2012). *Teacher Guidelines for the Continuum of Academic Special Education Services in Copperas Cove Independent School District: A Manual for Best Practices and District Operations*. CCISD, Copperas Cove, TX.
- Smith, S.R. (2014). Keynote Session from Region 12 Transition Conference. *A Journey through Transition and Self-Determination*. Region 12 Educational Service Center, Waco, TX.

Education, Licenses, & Certifications

- Post Graduate Licensures: Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologist
- Licensed Specialist in School Psychology, 2003
- Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors
- Licensed Professional Counselor-Supervisor, 2009
- Certifications: Texas State Board of Education
- Principal, 2010
 - School Counselor, 2002
 - Special Education Teacher, 2000
 - Elementary Self-Contained PK-6, 1998
- Grad/Undergrad Degrees:
- Doctorate of Education, University of Mary-Hardin Baylor, May 2015, GPA 4.0
- Master of Science, Tarleton State University, May 2002; GPA 4.0
- Bachelor of Science, University of Central Texas, May 1996; GPA 3.98

References

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