



## **Tanya Richem, MSC/ACLC, LCPC**

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***“Improving Access and Reducing Barriers Across the Big Sky”***

### **EDUCATION**

***2016 – Prescott College, Prescott, AZ***

Master of Science in Clinical Mental Health Counseling  
Specialization in Addiction & Substance Use Disorders  
Certification in Expressive Arts Therapy

***1998 – University of Montana, Missoula, MT***

Bachelor of Arts in English Language  
Specialization in Educator Licensure  
Minor in Native American Studies

***1993 – Brooks College, Long Beach, CA***

Associate of Arts in Fashion Design

### **ACADEMIC HONORS**


NAADAC NMFP-AC 2015/2016 Fellowship Recipient  
Mortar Board National Senior Honor Society – Penetralia Chapter

### **CREDENTIALS**

Montana Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (BBH-LCPC-LIC-25320)  
Montana Licensed Addictions Counselor Candidate (BBH-ACLC-LIC-17395)  
Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers Clinical Member  
Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association Clinical Member Candidate  
Montana Teaching Certification, Class 2, English Language Arts (SEID 67362)

### **ASPIRATIONS & AREAS OF INTEREST**

Develop Rural Outreach Mechanisms for Underserved & Minority Populations  
Promote Strength-Based, Self-Directed, Holistic Recovery & Wellness  
Recognize, Nurture & Reinforce Family/Ally Wellbeing & Role in Recovery  
Cultivate Collaborative, Community-Based Recidivism & Relapse Prevention  
Implement Evidence-Based Assessment and Treatment for Co-Occurring Disorders





## **CLINICAL EXPERIENCE**

### ***Across the Big Sky Counseling PLLC, Choteau MT (09/2017 to Present)***

*Clinically supervised by Charmaine Nicholson, MA/LCPC, LMFT*

Provide specialized therapeutic services for youth and adults with intellectual, developmental, hearing and sight impairments and disabilities, sexual trauma, and highly sexualized behaviors. Primary duties include:

- Treatment planning focused on crisis intervention and community safety.
- Individual and family counseling with accommodation for identified and emergent neuropsychological and developmental delays with diverse etiologies including traumatic brain injury, sensory impairment, and in utero alcohol and drug exposure.
- Comprehensive diagnostic psychosexual, mental health and substance use evaluation.
- Expert court testimony in federal, state and tribal courts.
- Ongoing specialized training and mentorship to enhance clinical knowledge and skills, and to promote professional networking.
- Strict adherence to established ethics, standards and practices of the Montana Board of Behavioral Health, the Association of for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA), the Montana Sex Offender Treatment Association (MSOTA), the Association for Addiction Professionals (NAADAC), and other professional boards and organizations as applicable.

### ***Cascade County Juvenile Detention Center, Great Falls MT (1/2016 to 3/2018)***

*Administratively supervised by Shanna Bulik-Chism, Administrator*

Worked cooperatively with administration, education and detention staff to provide a safe, secure environment for criminally charged youth aged 10-18 years old from all Montana Judicial Districts, the Department of Corrections, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and the US Marshals Service. Worked cooperatively with juvenile probation officers, other mental health care professionals, group homes, shelter care and treatment facilities to identify individual youth needs and coordinate appropriate services for youth transitioning out of detention center care. Primary duties included:

- Identification of trauma, attachment patterns, abnormal development, sexualized behaviors, substance use, neuropsychological symptoms, mood, anxiety and behavioral dysfunction.
- Ongoing mental health monitoring and crisis intervention.
- Client interviews and professional outreach to facilitate appropriate service coordination.
- Comprehensive diagnostic co-occurring mental health and substance use evaluation using best practices and in compliance with guidelines set forth by the Montana Youth Court Act.
- Clinical referrals, application and admission assistance based on identified needs.
- Individual and group counseling.
- Expert court testimony in state and tribal courts.
- Ongoing specialized training and mentorship to enhance clinical knowledge and skills, and to promote professional networking.



## **CLINICAL SUPERVISION**

### ***CHARMAINE NICHOLSON, Great Falls MT (05/2017 to Present)***

Supervised by Charmaine Nicholson, MA/LCPC, LMFT (406) 788-1977

Specialized experience providing therapy and treatment services to adults and juveniles with intellectual, developmental, visual and hearing disabilities and impairments.

### ***CASCADE COUSELING SERVICES, Great Falls MT (10/2014 to 09/2017)***

Supervised by Shawn Abbott, MSW/LCSW

Specialized experience providing court-ordered outpatient sexual offender treatment, evaluation, and expert testimony for adults and juveniles on state and federal probation and parole.

### ***COUNSELING SERVICES, Great Falls MT (08/2015 to Present)***

Supervised by Karen Baumann, MSC/LAC, LCPC

Specialized experience providing court-ordered outpatient sexual offender treatment, and evaluation, and treatment of co-occurring disorders for adults on federal probation and parole.

### ***CASCADE COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION, Great Falls MT (01/2016 to 07/2016)***

Supervised by Pamella Bogunovich, MSC/LAC, LCPC

Specialized experience providing crisis management and placement services to detained youth with co-occurring disorders.

### ***FULL CIRCLE COUNSELING, LLC, Great Falls MT (04/2015 to 6/2015)***

Supervised by Barbara Nelson, MSC/LCPC

Specialized experience providing therapeutic services to children and adolescents with severe mental illness.

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE & PROJECT DEVELOPMENT**

Toward Eden™ – Behavioral Health Delivery Mechanism Think-Tank (2014 to present)

ConArtistClub™ – Art-Based Peer Support Group (2014-2016)

Bagels for Babies – Local Childcare Assistance Fundraiser (2002-2004)

Imagine Chicago/ Hopa Mountain – Civic Leadership Training (2006-2007)

Spirit of the Front – Rocky Mountain Front Indigenous Cultural Awareness (2006-2007)



## **PREVIOUS NON-CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

***United States Postal Service, Choteau MT (3/2010 to 7/2014)***  
Rural Carrier Substitute supervised by Doug Anderson, Postmaster

***Best Law Offices, PC, Great Falls MT (9/2008 to 6/2009)***  
Legal Assistant to Elizabeth Best, Esq.

***New Rockport Colony School, Choteau MT (8/2004 to 3/2006)***  
Supervising Teacher supervised by John Maloney, Teton County Superintendent

***Burk & Lee Law Office, PC, Choteau MT (8/2003 to 8/2004)***  
Legal Assistant to Justin B. Lee, Esq.

## **PROFICIENCIES**

Telemental Health Platforms and Portals: DoxyMe, CMRS, TheraNest  
Standard Computer Software: Microsoft Office Suite; Corel WordPerfect Office Suite; Apache OpenOffice Suite.  
Specialized Computer Software: Acrobat, Phantom FoxIt, TimeMap, CaseMap, PCLaw.

## **REFERENCES**

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## **ACADEMIC PAPERS – Graduate, Unpublished**

### **2015**

NeuroKnowledge: Substance Use Prevention in Middle School  
Toward Accommodating Criminal Culture  
Culture and Diversity in *The Help*

### **2014**

Art in Treatment for Addiction and Substance Use Disorders  
Art in Treatment for Addiction and Substance Use Disorders: Group Work  
Teton County, Montana: An Entry Point into the Criminal Justice Community  
Biopsychosocial Assessment with Comprehensive Drug History for MW  
Observing the Connection Between Addiction and Sex Offenses  
Therapy Group Observation Summary  
Therapy Group Design Proposal  
Helper Niche: Vocational Autobiography  
Bringing Order to Chaos: An Analysis of John Doe's Adaptability to Change & Chance  
A Career Future for Chris: A Theoretical Career Case Study

### **2013**

Addiction Perspectives: Theories of Addiction  
Relationships in the Context of Addiction  
Recovery Group Visitation  
Couple & Family Theory of Change  
Healthy Family Interview & Reaction  
Mimetic Collaboration and Rural Social-Ecology  
Service Learning: Breast Cancer Awareness  
Studio Crayon

### **2012**

History of Mental Health and Wellness  
Professional Identity Revisited  
Outsider Art: A Maiden Exploration  
Exploring Clay as Therapy  
Case Study and Multi-Axial Assessment of Cameron  
Psychometric Analysis of the Community Supervision Tool

### **2011**

Five Stages of Microskills: Client Interview  
What I Bring to Counseling: A Self-Analysis  
The Case of Bob: An Ethical Analysis  
Recidivism in Montana: A Research Proposal for the 9<sup>th</sup> Judicial District  
Ferris Bueller: A Developmental Analysis

### **2010**

Interview with a Rehabilitation Counselor  
Journal Review of the Association for Creativity in Counseling  
My Professional Plan  
Personal Theory of Counseling