

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Details

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Formal Education:

- PhD, School of Psychology, University of Queensland.
Thesis title: “**Motivational Interviewing and Family Mediation: Outcomes for Separated Families**”, (2016)
 - Post Graduate Diploma Psychology, Monash University Victoria, (2005)
 - Bachelor Applied Science Psychology, University Southern Queensland, (2000)
 - Accredited Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner, (2006)
 - Assoc. Diploma Community Recreation, Brisbane College Advanced Ed.(1983)
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Work History:

2010 - Current

Psychologist / Family Consultant

Megan Morris Psychology

General clinical consultant

Provision of assessment, counselling, and treatment plans for Individual and family- based psychological issues

Completion of treatment and referral pathways using evidenced –based practice

Reporting to GP’s and referring specialists

Consultant in separated family issues;

Family Dispute Resolution Provider

Family report provider

Family and social assessment consultant and provider

Provider of Child Consultancy for Family Mediation

Contract Family Consultancy work provided to:

- Federal Circuit Court
- Relationships Australia Queensland
- Family Relationship Centres
- National Telephone Dispute Resolution Centre
- Interrelate New South Wales
- Brisbane Mediations
- Legal Aid Queensland.

2016 - Current

Psychologist

Cause and Effect Psychology (1-2 days per week)

General clinical consulting

Completion of treatment and referral pathways

Reporting to GP's and referring specialists

Provision of assessment, counselling, and treatment plans for Individual and family psychological issues

2017 - Current

Clinical Teacher,

The University of Queensland, School of Psychology

Relationship Counselling Course,

Post Graduate, Masters of Counselling/Psychology Programme

2000 - 2016

Research Manager

“Enhancing Outcomes for Separated Families” Project

University of Queensland, School of Psychology.

Funding for this project was provided by the Australian Research Council.

Linkage grant LP120200140 Enhancing outcomes for separated families by improving family mediation awarded to W. Kim Halford, as chief investigator. Funding was also provided by Relationships Australia-Queensland.

This project was a nation-wide research project involving the collection and analysis of data from over 800 Australian separated families.

The project consisted of the completion of two randomized controlled trials. Both trials tested family mediation with and without interventions designed to enhance outcomes for separated families. Results of the first trial “Enhancing Family Mediation with Motivational Interviewing” are available via publication.

Results of the second trial, “Enhancing Family Mediation using a Communicating Parenting Programme” are currently in preparation. Please see the publications section for further information.

2006 - 2009

Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner

(Family Mediator and Consultant)

Family Relationship Centre, Upper Mt Gravatt, Brisbane

Provider of family mediation

Provider of family advice, training and facilitation of parenting workshops

Writer and facilitator of “Communicating with your ex” workshop for separated parents

2008-2006

Psychologist and Workplace Mediator

Langmont Advantage, Employee Assistance Provider

General psychological consulting

Completion of treatment and referral pathways
Reporting to GP's and referring specialists
Family and workplace mediation

2006-2000

Counsellor and Psychological support provider

Contract Work in Vanuatu:

Provision of psychological support and counselling to staff and clients for individual and cultural issues.

- US Peace Corps
- Australian High Commission
- New Zealand High Commission.

1991 - 1996

Teacher, Communication and Life Skills

Brisbane North and Mossman TAFE, Queensland

1986 - 1991

Front Office Manager

Sheraton Mirage Resort, Port Douglas, Queensland

1983 – 1985

Director, Activities and On Island Recreation

Hamilton Island, Queensland

Professional Memberships:

- Psychologists Board of Queensland (registration 1061913)
- Full Member Australia Psychology Society (APS, MAPS)
- Family Law Association QLD
- Child Protection Practitioners Association Queensland
- Panel member of Brisbane Mediations
- Australian Psychological Association, Child, Adolescent and Family Psychology interest group

- Australian Psychological Society, Family Law and Psychology interest group
 - Australian Psychological Society, Dispute Resolution and Psychology interest group
 - Australian Chapter; Family and Conciliatory Courts
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Publications:

Morris, M. & Halford, W. (2015). Family Mediation: A Guide for Family Therapists. *Australian and New Zealand Journal of Family Therapy*, 35 4: 479-492.

doi:10.1002/anzf.1078

Morris, M., Halford, W., Petch, J. (2016). Predicting Engagement in Family Mediation and Outcomes for Families who Fail to Engage. *Family Process*,

doi:10.1111/famp.12270

Morris, M., Halford, W. & Petch, J. (2017). A Randomised Controlled Trial of Family Mediation with Motivational Interviewing. *The Journal of Family Psychology*. (2017, American Psychological Association. This paper is not the copy of record and may not exactly replicate the final, authoritative version of the article. The final article will be available, upon publication, via its DOI: 10.1037/fam0000367)

Halford, K., Rhoades, G., & Morris, M. (2017). Effects of the Parents' Relationship on Children. (Unpublished manuscript).

Halford, k., Morris, M. & Petch, J. (2018). A Randomised Controlled Trial of a Communicating Parenting Program. (Manuscript in Preparation).

Morris, M. & Halford, K. (2017). Improving Outcomes for Separated Families; A Stepped Approach. (Manuscript in Preparation).

Conference Presentations:

The International Congress of Psychology, 2012 (South Africa)

International Conference for Motivational Interviewing, 2012 (New Zealand)

Australian National Mediation Conference, 2012 (Sydney)

Australian Association for Cognitive and Behavioural Therapies, 2012 (Gold Coast)

The International Relationship Research Association, 2014 (Melbourne)

University of Queensland Higher Research Degrees presentation, 2015 (Brisbane)

The National Mediation Conference, Australia, 2016 (Gold Coast)

The International Conference for Motivational Interviewing, 2017 (Philadelphia)

The Child Inclusive Practice Forum, 2017 (Adelaide)

The Queensland BAR Association, ADR branch, 2017 (Gold Coast)

Volunteer Roles:

2000 - 2005

Director of the Port Vila International School, Vanuatu

(Voluntary role)

Member of the International Women's Group

(Providing physical and emotional assistance for Ni-Vanuatu women and children).

Founder and Coordinator of the "Vanuatu Kids" Triathlon.

2000 - 1996

Bangkok, Thailand, Volunteer work

- Director United Nations International School Board
 - Chairperson United Nations International School Board fundraising committee
 - United Nations International School president of parent teacher association.
 - Australian and New Zealand Woman's Association (supporting Thai women and children).
 - Founder and Co-ordinator of Bangkok Children's Basketball League.
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Relevant Informal Education:

- Motivational Interviewing skills; (introductory, intermediate workshops)
 - Motivational Interviewing; competency coding using the MITI
 - Child Consultancy for separated families (Family Transitions, introductory and intermediate workshops)
 - Children Beyond Dispute, beginner and intermediate training
 - Acceptance and Commitment Therapy (introductory workshop)
 - Leadership and supervisory skills (Cornell University)
 - Schema based Cognitive Behavioural Therapy
 - Train the Trainer
 - Instructional Skills Certification
 - Mediation training
 - -models for mediation
 - -facilitative mediation
 - -family law
 - -domestic violence
 - -child development
 - -separation/divorce
 - Report writing for Court
 - CBT for chronic disease
 - Core Depression/Anxiety program
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Referees

Kim Halford

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