

## **CURRICULUM VITAE**

### **AARON ROBB, PH.D.**

*National Certified Counselor*

*Licensed Professional Counselor - Supervisor*

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### ***EDUCATION***

Doctor of Philosophy in Social Work, University of Texas at Arlington, 2013

Masters of Education in Counseling, University of North Texas, 1997

Bachelors of Science in Psychology, Texas A&M University Main Campus, 1993

### ***PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS***

Certified by the National Board for Certified Counselors, 1998 to present.  
Certification number 49084

Licensed for independent practice by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, 2001 to present. License number 16773

Approved Licensed Professional Counselor Supervisor by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors, 2006 to present.

Collaborative Family Law Interdisciplinary Training, 2006

Advanced Family Mediation Training, Dispute Resolution Services, 2001

Former Approved Continuing Education Provider in Texas (programs no longer active) for:

- Licensed Professional Counselors, 2001 to 2019, provider number 441
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, 2003 to 2020, provider number 172
- Licensed Social Workers, 2001 to 2020, sponsor number 3319

Former Approved Supervised Visitation Network Trainer, 2007 to 2008  
(certification program no longer active)

## **PUBLICATIONS**

Robb, A. (In press). Parental alienation and its impacts on children. In J. Hartenstein (Ed.), *Marriage and Divorce in America: Issues, Trends, and Controversies*, ABC-CLIO, Santa Barbara, California.

Robb, A. (2020). Misdirection and double standards fail to clarify controversial issues in social science. *Family Court Review*, 58(2), 373-374.

Robb, A. (2020). Methodological challenges in social science: Making sense of polarized and competing research claims. *Family Court Review* 58(2), 308-321.

Robb, A. (2018, Summer). Ethics in action: Taking a systems approach to therapy with children. *NASW Specialty Practice Sections Social Work & The Courts Section Connection*, 7-8.

Robb, A. & Jacobson, S. (2017, Fall/Winter). Eliminating parenting time recommendations from therapy reports. *NASW Specialty Practice Sections Social Work & The Courts Section Connection*, 2-3.

Robb, A. (2016, Winter). Child custody evaluations and educators. [Adapted with permission from the work of Steven 'Jake' Jacobson]. *Texas Counseling Association Guidelines*.

Robb, A. (2016, Fall). Therapeutic vs. forensic roles: Avoiding nonsexual boundary violations with clients. *NASW Specialty Practice Sections Social Work & The Courts Section Connection*, 4-6.

Robb, A. (2015). Beginning with the end in mind: Increasing positive outcomes in therapy referrals. *American Journal of Family Law* 28(4), 184-194.

Robb, A. (2012). Supervised visitation (series). *Denton County Lawyer (multiple issues)*. [Winner of the 2013 Stars of Bars award from the Texas State Bar for Best Series of Articles – Substantive Law.]

Robb, A. (2012). Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children. *American Journal of Family Law* 26(1), 15-22.

Robb, A. (2007, October 31). Failing to plan is planning to fail. *Sitting In*, 10-13, 25.

Robb, A. (2006). Strategies to address clinical bias in the child custody evaluation process. *Journal of Child Custody* 3(2), 45-69.

Robb, A. (2006). Book review: *Creative Child Advocacy* edited by Ved Kumari and Susan L. Brooks. *International Journal of Social Work* 49(1), 142-144.

### ***TEACHING EXPERIENCE***

University of Texas at Arlington Professional Development Program

“The Perils of Family Court: Child Custody Dynamics and Parenting Issues in Divorce and Custody Modification Cases” Continuing Education Seminar, 2008 – 2011.

“Child Custody Evaluation Issues for the Lone Star State: Private Social Studies for Adoptions and Contested Cases” Continuing Education Seminar, 2011.

University of Texas at Arlington, Instructor of Record

Social Work 6323 “Perspectives in Mental Health” Fall 2009; Spring 2010.

Baylor University Law School

“Advanced/Family Mediation Training” course, Spring 2018 (in conjunction with McLennan County Dispute Resolution Center).

Private Seminars

“Parenting Coordination/Facilitation: Interventions for high conflict families” advanced practice seminar, co-sponsored with Bradley Craig, 2011 – present.

“Clients in Litigation: Ethical issues working with the Family Courts” advanced practice seminar, co-sponsored with Bradley Craig, 2003 – present.

## ***DIRECT PRACTICE EXPERIENCE***

*Private practice and consulting work, 2001 to present*

Forensic evaluation and court ordered examination

- Forensic evaluations incorporate behavioral and social science in an objective investigative and fact checking exploration of personal dynamics to aid courts in decision-making.
- Child custody evaluations (also known as social study evaluations) are conducted in compliance with the Texas Family Code and associated administrative, professional, and ethical guidelines, and are frequently used to assist courts in determination of children's best interests in suits affecting the parent-child relationship.
- Attorney consultation and Daubert-qualified expert witness testimony regarding behavioral health, parent-child relationships, and child welfare issues.

Therapeutic and educational activities (past and present)

- Home-based therapy with children in State licensed foster care including clinical updates and consultation to Child Protective Services workers.
- Individual adult psychotherapy and family therapy.
- Behavioral health pre-admission screening and referral interviewing for freestanding psychiatric facilities and multiple hospital systems' emergency departments.
- Continuing education seminars for counselors, social workers, psychologists, and attorneys.

*Behavioral Health Access Clinician – Baylor All Saints Medical Center, 2005 to 2007*

- Clinical triage and psychosocial assessments for psychiatric and chemical dependency in-patient program admission.
- Screening for referral to partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient programs.
- Initial call triage for community members seeking assistance with behavioral health and chemical dependency issues.
- Verification of managed care benefit coverage and pre-certification of inpatient admissions.
- Maintain call database, service effectiveness monitors and other administrative tasks related to continuous quality improvement.

*Executive Director - Hannah's House Supervised Visitation and Exchange Center, 2003 to 2004*

- Conducted program development and maintenance, including ongoing contacts with district courts for needs assessment, grant and donor funding development, and program/policy creation and evaluation.
- Personally wrote grant applications and obtained more than \$20,000 in grant funding.
- Supervised staff and volunteers, including recruitment, job development and provision of services to clients by staff members.
- Provided staff and volunteer training regarding domestic violence, sexual abuse, custody litigation, and other forensic issues.
- Participated in community education programs to publicize agency services and help minimize the impact of divorce, family dissolution, and litigation on children.

*Family Court Counselor – Dallas County Family Court Services, 2001 to 2003*

- Prepared court ordered social study evaluations in compliance with Texas Family Code requirements and local court rules for both contested custody and adoption cases.
- Provided mediation services to parties in the Dallas Family Courts.
- Maintained a high volume, rapid turnaround in submission of reports to the court following extensive interviews.
- Conducted emergency courthouse interviews of children and families for critical cases regarding short-term issues.

*Caseworker - Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 1997 to 2001*

- Conducted on-going evaluations of family functioning to assess need for therapeutic services.
- Developed treatment plans for both in-home clients and children in state foster care.
- Provided direct therapeutic intervention in structured group and in-home therapy sessions.
- Authored social studies and other reports to district courts and testified in numerous hearings on child welfare issues.
- Secured relative, kinship, foster home, and residential treatment placements for children unable to remain with families.
- Coordinated multidisciplinary treatment teams for children in foster care.

*Counselor - Denton County Children's Advocacy Center, 1998 to 1999*

- Provided direct counseling services to sexually abused children, their parents, and family members including leading groups for mothers of incest survivors, and individual play and talk therapy sessions.
- Generated treatment plans, DSM diagnosis of conditions to address therapeutic issues, and maintained charting of client progress in compliance with VOCA grants.
- Clinical oversight for Child Protective Services interviews of children.
- Administered various diagnostic testing instruments, wrote applications to the Texas Crime Victim's Compensation Fund, and expanded intern training.

***PROFESSIONAL AND ACADEMIC HONORS***

Named "Social Work Superhero" by NASW/North Central Texas-Dallas, 2016

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2012

University Scholar, University of Texas at Arlington, 2008

Phi Kappa Phi Honors Society, inducted 2007

Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges, 2007

NASW Texas, Dallas Branch Social Work Student of the Year, 2006

***PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND SERVICE***

American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, Member 1999-present

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Member 2001-present

President/President-Elect, Texas State Chapter, 2006-2007

Secretary, Texas State Chapter, 2004-2005

Board of Directors, Texas State Chapter, 2003

Texas State Conference Committee, 2001-2010

Member, Task Force on Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation, 2019-present

Editorial Board member, *Journal of Family Trauma, Child Custody, and Child Development* (formerly *Journal of Child Custody*), Taylor & Francis Group, 2011-present

Editorial Board member, *Family Court Review*, Wiley Blackwell, 2019-present

National Association of Social Workers, Member 2004-present

Social Work and the Courts Specialty Practice Section Committee

Member, 2014-2018

NASW Policy on Parental Kidnapping Policy Review Panelist, 2017-2018

National Organization of Forensic Social Work, Member 2004-present

North Texas Families in Transition Professional Workgroup Member 2010-present

Texas Association for the Protection of Children (TexProtects)/Prevent Child Abuse Texas Advocacy Branch, Member 2004-present

Texas Counseling Association, Member 1996-present

Texas Family Law Foundation, Member 2008-present (lifetime member)

Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA) Volunteer: Collin County, 2003-2010; Denton County, 2014-2020

Tarrant County Family Law Bar, Associate Member, 2004-2017

Reviewer, *Journal of Forensic Social Work*, Taylor & Francis Group (formerly managed by Haworth Press), 2007-2016 (ceased publication)

Supervised Visitation Network, Agency Member, 2006-2013

Inter-University Consortium for Political and Social Research User Advisory Group Member, 2004-2005

Advanced Certified Child Protective Services Specialist, Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services, 1999-2002

Graduate Student Representative, University of North Texas College of Education Dean Search Committee, 1995-1997

***PRESENTATIONS GIVEN***

“The blind men and the elephant: What we ‘see’ in professional literature” presented for the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Special Webinar Series on Parent-Child Contact Problems, June 2020.

“Advanced Child Custody Evaluation Training” panelist and conference organizer with Tammi Axelson, Milfred "Bud" Dale, Sol Rappaport, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, Edward Silverman, and Adrienne Tinder, February 2020.

“Rules and records: Foundations of professional practice” presented for the Counseling Center of Denton Family Tree Program, May 2019.

“What’s (not) in your client’s file?” presented at the North Texas Families in Transition conference Legal and Licensing Issues: What every therapist should know, February 2019

“Board rules and board problems: The new, the old, and the common” co-presented with Michael Flynn, Gina Calloway, and Jane Phillips at the North Texas Families in Transition conference Legal and Licensing Issues: What every therapist should know, February 2019

“AFCC Model Standards of Practice for Child Custody Evaluation” invited panelist with the Honorable Serpil Ergun, Fran Fontana, S. Margaret Lee, David A. Martindale, and moderator Jeffrey P. Wittmann, at the 13th Symposium on Child Custody, November 2018.

“Changes in the Family Code for Custody Evaluations” co-presented with Monika Logan at the Collin County Bench Bar, May 2018.

“Challenging clients & challenging topics: Advanced issues with clients in family litigation” international seminar co-course director with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, North Texas Families in Transition Professional Workgroup, October 2017.

“Child custody evaluation: From nuts & bolts to advanced issues” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt at the Collin County courthouse, July 2017.

“What’s it matter anyway? Differential diagnosis for CPS clients” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt for the Collin County Judiciary training series for CPS attorneys, June 2017.

“Minimizing time in care: The impact of adverse events in the foster care system” presented at the Texas A&M University School of Law ‘Looking ahead – Changes needed and best practices in CPS cases’ seminar, April 2017.



“Reunification therapy & court orders: Best practices to get on the same page” co-presented with the Honorable Emily Miskel, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, and Susan Fletcher at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 12<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, November 2016.

“The perils of family court: Child custody dynamics and parenting issues in divorce and custody modification cases” pre-conference learning symposium presented at the Texas Counseling Association annual conference, November 2016.

“Family court hazards: what social workers need to know, and supervisors need to teach” presented at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter conference, October 2016.

Mock trial co-presented with the Honorable Chris Oldner, the Honorable John Roach, Jr., Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, and Jenny Gomez for the Frisco Bar Association, September 2016.

“Families in transition, counselors on trial: Helping high risk clients in litigation, while protecting your reputation and license” presented at the joint Texas Mental Health Counselors Association/Texas Association of Marriage and Family Counselors conference, August 2016.

“One child, multiple homes: Special issues working with divorced, separated, and never-married parents and their children” webinar presented for the National Association of Social Workers, April 2016.

“Child Custody Evaluations: Opportunities and Challenges for Legal and Mental Health Professionals” presenter and co-course director with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt at the SMU School of Law, February 2016.

“Testimony and examination issues with mental health professionals” encore presentation, North Texas Families in Transition Professional Workgroup, February 2016.

“Examining the Custody Evaluator: Good, Bad, and Ugly” presentation with Chris Farish, David Hoffmann, and Derek Bragg at the Dallas County Family Saw Section Bench-Bar Conference, February 2016.

“HB 1449: Child custody evaluations and you” encore presentations with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt for the Denton County Family Law Section, September 2015; for the Dallas County Family Courts, October 2015; for the Travis County Bar Association, February 2016; and for the Angelina County area family law community, April 2016.

“I object! Avoiding and surviving the witness stand” seminar with Bradley Craig, Cliff Duke, Jenny Gomez, and Steven ‘Jake’ Jacobson at the Momentous Institute, September 2015.

“HB 1449: Child custody evaluations and you” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt at the Frisco Bar Association, August 2015.

“Mental health service basics for mediators” presented at the Texas A&M College of Law, June 2015.

“Mock Trial: Testimony and examination issues with mental health professionals” pre-conference institute at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Conference, May 2015.

“Preparing for court testimony” presented at the University of Texas at Arlington School of Social Work Ethics Forum, April 2015.

“Standardizing access for infants and toddlers – Opinion, research, and legislation” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt at the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts State Conference, January 2015.

“Examining the unintended consequences of child custody evaluation” opening plenary panelist with the Honorable Dianna J. Gould-Saltman, Jeffrey P. Wittmann, Leslie Ellen Shear, and moderator Arnold T. Shienvold, at the 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, November 2014.

“Effective report writing” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt and Blake Mitchell at the 11<sup>th</sup> Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, November 2014.

“Testimony and examination issues with mental health professionals” presenter and course director, North Texas Families in Transition Professional Workgroup, October 2014.

“Working with mental health professionals” presented at the Denton County Bench-Bar conference, April 2014.

“Care and feeding of your child custody evaluator: Communications and records issues every attorney should consider” co-presented with Christy Bradshaw Schmidt and Steven “Jake” Jacobson, at the Frisco Bar Association, January 2014.

“Ethics in parenting coordination and parenting facilitation” co-presented with Bradley Craig, at the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts State Conference, September 2013.

“Child custody evaluation: Ethical practice and boundary issues for social workers” presented at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas Chapter State Conference, September 2013.

“Preparing your client for a contested child custody evaluation” presented at the Dallas Area Paralegals Association meeting, June 2013.

“Judicial officers institute: Taking the testimony of children” pre-conference institute co-presented with Lyn Greenberg, the Honorable Emile Kruzick, and the Honorable Maureen Hallahan, at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Conference, May 2013.

“Ten critical differences: Therapeutic vs. forensic roles” presented at the North Texas Families in Transition Professional Workgroup Spring conference, February 2013.

“Family law workshop” co-presented with Kelly Erickson Robb, for the Texas Women’s University Department of Family Sciences, November 2012.

“The role of mental health professionals working with high conflict families” presented at the Betty Ford Center Professional Training Series, September 2012.

“Family dynamics and stages of childhood development for mediators” presented at the Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now the Texas A&M School of Law), May 2012.

“Court-involved therapists – Professional guidelines and best practices” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts/Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices joint conference October 2011.

“Parenting coordination, parenting facilitation, and other innovative interventions for high conflict families in divorce and child custody litigation” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2011.

“DSM-5 and you: upcoming changes and ongoing controversies” presented at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2011.

“Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children” encore teleseminar co-presented with Richard Gould-Saltman for the American Bar Association, July 2011.

“When therapy is part of the problem: Recognizing and intervening with problem therapy” co-presented with Lyn Greenberg and the Honorable Hugh Starnes at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference, June 2011.

“Parenting plans” presented at the Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Services Advanced Family Mediation Training seminar, March 2011.

“Families in transition: Abuse and neglect in the divorce and child custody context” co-presented with Bradley Craig, Kim England and Mindy Harrison at the Prevent Child Abuse Texas annual conference, February 2011.

“Family dynamics and stages of childhood development for mediators” presented at Texas Women’s University, November 2010.

“Zero to three: Parenting issues and parenting plans for young children” co-presented with Richard Gould-Saltman at the American Bar Association Section of Family Law Fall Meeting, October 2010.

“Child development issues in family law mediation” presented at the Texas Wesleyan School of Law (now the Texas A&M School of Law), June 2010.

“Interdisciplinary social study training” presenter and co-course director with Kelly Erickson, for the Denton County Bar Association, June 2010.

“An overview of domestic violence and its impact on the family” presented at the Denton County Alternative Dispute Resolution Program Advanced Family Law Mediation Training, April 2010.

“Ethical approaches to assessing domestic violence: New typology and interventions” presented at the National Association of Social Workers North Central Texas Branch conference, March 2010.

“Parenting coordination, parenting facilitation, and H.B. 1012” presented at the Collin County Family Law Section meeting, January 2010.

“Domestic violence in a collaborative law context: Tools for practitioners” presented at the Denton County Collaborative Professionals meeting, September 2009.

“Parenting plans” presented at the Tarrant County Dispute Resolution Services Advanced Family Mediation Training seminar, August 2009.

“Child interviewing: Research and practical skills” presented at the Travis County Domestic Relations Office, August 2009.

“Controversial issues in family court: Opinion, theory, and research” presented at the Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference, October 2008.

“Parenting coordination-spectrum services for domestic violence cases: Not just a rose by any other name...” presented at the Texas Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts State Conference, October 2008.

“House Bill 772 – Professional requirements for social studies at last?” encore presentation at the Denton County Family Law Section, April 2008.

“Families in conflict, therapists in the middle: Therapeutic jurisprudence, the interface of family law and social services in Texas” presented at the Dallas Association of Marriage and Family Therapists annual training, February 2008.

“House Bill 772 – Professional requirements for social studies at last?” presented at the Collin County Family Law Section, January 2008.

“Parenting Coordinators and Parenting Plans – New Amendments from the Legislature” co-presented with the Honorable Jeff Coen at the Southern Methodist Law School Forensic Forum, September 2007.

“Shared parenting concepts” presented at the Dallas County Family Law Courts *amicus* and *attorney ad litem* training, September 2007.

“Parenting coordinators: Beyond the statute” co-presented with the Honorable Jeff Coen at the Dallas County Family Law Section meeting, June 2007.

“Families in transition: Helping parents cope with the interrelated legal and emotional issues of divorce and child custody disputes” co-presented with Brad Craig and Carol Mapp at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2006.

“Defending against Daubert, effective courtroom testimony and standards for preparation of a social study” co-presented with Hector Mendez and Trevor Townes at the Texas Association of Domestic Relations Offices 22<sup>nd</sup> Annual Training Conference, October 2006.

“Substance abuse issues” presented at the Katrina Case Management Academy, Texas Scottish Rite Hospital, April 2006.

“Issues in training for social workers conducting child custody evaluations in divorce and custody modification cases” presented at the Council on Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, February 2006.

“Collaborative family law: Divorce with dignity” co-presented with Diane Wanger at the University of North Texas 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2006.

“New Texas legislation: Divorce, high conflict families, and parent coordination” co-presented with Michael Booth at the University of North Texas 14<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2006.

“Parenting coordination training” co-presented with Bradley Craig at Dispute Resolution Services of North Texas, January 2006.

“Basics of supervised visitation services” presented at the Galaxy Counseling Center staff training seminar, November 2004.

Featured guest, KDTX-TV 58 (Dallas) Joy in Our Town series, October 2004. Topic: Domestic Violence.

Featured guest panelist, KERA 90.1 (Dallas) The Glen Mitchell Show, September 2004. Topic: Child Abuse Prevention Advocacy.

Guest speaker, Irving Human Services Council, August 2004. Topic: Supervised visitation services.

Invited testimony (with TexProtects), Texas House of Representatives Select Interim Committee on Child Welfare and Foster Care, August 2004.

Featured panelist, CBS 11 (Dallas) Ask the Experts Series, May 2004. Topic: Divorce in Texas.

“Assessing and addressing bias in the custody evaluation process” presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Conference, May 2004.

“Co-parenting education: Supporting divorcing parents and teaching new strategies for families in transition” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the University of North Texas 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference on Parent Education, February 2004.

“Forensic counseling & the family court system: Working with clients in legal conflicts” presented at the Texas Counseling Association Professional Growth Conference, November 2003.

“Effective involvement with the family courts: What every social worker should know” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the National Association of Social Workers/Texas State Conference, October 2003.

“Family violence and child custody” co-presented with Bradley Craig at the Galaxy Counseling Center's Fourth Annual Odyssey of Family Violence Conference, June 2003.

Guest speaker, Denton County Family Law Section, January 2003. Topic: The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts.

Dallas County Family Court Services’ ongoing Adoption Workshop series, 2003.

Featured speaker, Children in the Middle Television Series, January 2002. Topic: Dallas County Family Court Services.