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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Bilingual (English/Spanish) and multi-state licensed psychotherapist with over 27 years of experience providing trauma-informed care and culturally competent immigration mental health evaluations. Expertise in conducting comprehensive assessments for asylum, VAWA, U Visa, T Visa, and Hardship Waiver cases. Proven ability to deliver high-quality, detailed reports to support legal proceedings, leveraging extensive clinical skills in individual, family, and group therapy.

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES

- **Florida Licensed Clinical Social Worker** – License # SW19619
- **Georgia Clinical Social Worker** – License # CSW008026
- **South Carolina Licensed Independent Social Worker CP** – License # 14608
- **Pennsylvania Clinical Social Worker** – License # CW022983
- **New York State Licensed Clinical Social Worker** – License # R071579-1
- **Massachusetts Independent Clinical Social Worker** – License # LICSW112057
- **New Jersey Licensed Clinical Social Worker** – License # 44SC06225900

LANGUAGES

- Spanish: Native/Fluent Proficiency

IMMIGRATION MENTAL HEALTH EVALUATION EXPERTISE

Specialized Training:

- Completed certified training from the Immigration Evaluation Institute

Clinical Focus:

- Trauma-Informed Care, Strengths-Based Perspective, and Cultural Competency.

Case Types:

- Asylum, Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), U Visa (Victims of Crime), T Visa (Victims of Trafficking), and Extreme Hardship Waivers.

PROFESSIONAL CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Immigration Mental Health Evaluator

|Owner/Psychotherapist |Vicalex Behavioral Health & Immigration Services PA| Multiple States (via telehealth | October 2021 - Present

- Conduct **150+** comprehensive, trauma-informed mental health evaluations for immigration cases, including Asylum, VAWA, U Visa, T Visa, and Hardship Waiver.
- Author detailed, evidence-based psychological reports for submission to USCIS and immigration courts, collaborating closely with attorneys to meet case requirements.
- Utilize culturally sensitive assessment tools and therapeutic approaches to support clients from diverse backgrounds.

Contracted Psychotherapist

| Dr. Claudia Osorio
Psychological Services LLC | October 2024 - May 2025

- Contracted to conduct detailed mental health evaluations for immigration cases, providing expert clinical assessments to support legal counsel.

Owner/Psychotherapist | Vicalex Behavioral Health LCSW Services, P.C. | New York, NY | June 2000-**June 2024**

- **Successfully founded, operated, and grew a private practice for 24 years before strategically evolving the business into a multi-state telehealth model.**
- Provided individual, family, and couples therapy to a diverse client population, managing a consistent

caseload of [e.g., 25-30] clients per week.

- Specialized in treating anxiety, depression, trauma, and adjustment disorders.

Divorce Mediation Intern | Steve Abel, Esq. | New City, NY | Summer 2009

- Assisted in mediating divorce cases, applying conflict resolution skills in a legal setting to support families in transition.

Sexual Trauma Psychotherapist | Rockland Family Shelter, Outpatient Sexual Trauma Unit | New City, NY | October 2001 - December 2014

- Delivered therapeutic interventions for survivors of sexual trauma, managing cases involving complex trauma, and ensuring client-centered, compassionate care.

FOUNDATIONAL PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bilingual Sexual Trauma Counselor | Rockland Family Shelter, Outpatient Sexual Trauma Unit | New City, NY | April 1997 - October 2001

Early Intervention Home-Based Psychotherapist | Los Niños Services, Inc. | Westchester County, NY | January 2000 - March 2002

Per Diem Psychotherapist | The Westchester Medical Group (formerly known as Kaiser Permanente) | White Plains, NY | May 1999 - June 1999

Social Work Intern | Kaiser Permanente, Outpatient Mental Health Clinic | White Plains, NY | September 1998 - May 1999

Social Work Intern | Rockland Children's Psychiatric Center, Inpatient Adolescent Girls Unit | Rockland County, NY | September 1997 - May 1998

Bilingual Psychotherapist | Fordham-Tremont Community Mental Health Clinic | Adult Latino Treatment Team, Acute Unit | Bronx, NY | September 1994 - June 1996

Bilingual HIV Counselor/Health Educator | Montefiore Medical Center, Care for the Homeless Program | Bronx, NY | November 1992 - September 1994

Bilingual Medical Social Worker | Montefiore Medical Center, Inpatient Aids Treatment Center | Bronx, NY | December 1989 - October 1992

Bilingual Family Counselor | Citizens Advice Bureau, Homeless Families Project | Bronx, NY | January 1989 - December 1989

Rape Advocate/Counselor for Rape Survivors | Mount Sinai Medical Center, Rape Crisis Intervention Program | Manhattan, NY | September 1987 - January 1990

PRESENTATIONS & GROUP FACILITATION

- Olave-Guillermo, C. (March 19, 2024). Evaluaciones Psicológicas de Inmigración. Tele-presentation delivered in Spanish for Catholic Charities New York, focusing on mental health evaluations for immigration relief cases.
- Olave-Guillermo, C. (August 6, 2000). Culturally Competent Practice with Latino Families in Home-Based Early Intervention. In "Home-Based Early Intervention: New Opportunities in Early Childhood Psychology," a symposium presented at the 108th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Olave-Guillermo, C. (August 6, 2000). Domestic Violence and the Psychological Impact on Children. Presentation delivered as part of a focal group at the 108th Annual Convention of the American Psychological Association, Washington, D.C.
- Olave-Guillermo, C. (May 22, 2000). Understanding Sexual Trauma and Harassment in the Teenage Population. Community workshop sponsored by Rockland Family Shelter and Haverstraw Methodist Church, Haverstraw, NY.
- Olave-Guillermo, C. (Feb. 19 – Apr. 30, 2001). Trauma Recovery Group for Women. Weekly psychoeducational group facilitated at Nyack College, Nyack, NY. Co-led with Drusila Nieves.

RELATED TRAINING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Mastering Asylum, VAWA, U Visa, T Visa, Hardship Waiver, and Cancellation of Removal – Immigration Evaluation Institute
- 42-Hour Basic Training in Divorce Mediation
- Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing (EMDR) Level I – EMDR Institute

- HIV Counseling – New York State Department of Health, AIDS Institute
- Crisis Intervention – Mount Sinai Hospital Crisis Intervention Training Program

PROFESSIONAL AND OTHER AFFILIATIONS

1998 **National Association of Social Workers**

2021 **Immigration Evaluation Institute**

EDUCATION

1999 **Master of Science Social Work (MSSW)**
 Concentration: Advanced Clinical Social Work Practice in Family, Youth, and Children Services, Columbia University School of Social Work

New York, New York

1994 **Master of Arts**
 Concentration: Psychology; Thesis: Aids and Bereavement, City University of New York

New York, New York

1990 **Bachelor of Arts**
 Concentration: Psychology City University of New York

 New York, New York