

Ali Zandi, PsyD, M.A.
Clinical Psychologist | Marriage and Family Therapist

Professional Experience

Lecturer

Chapman University | 2024-Present

- Instructor for graduate-level course MFT533 Psychopharmacology in the Marriage and Family Therapy program.
- Developed and delivered a comprehensive curriculum integrating clinical applications and research.

Neuropsychologist / Marriage and Family Therapist

Seal Beach Counseling Inc. | 2021-Present

- Conduct neuropsychological and psychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults. Provide assessments for Learning Disorders, ADHD, Autism Spectrum Disorder, and psychological disorders.
- Provide evidence-based individual therapy, addressing a range of mental health needs.

Neuropsychologist / Marriage and Family Therapist | 2013-Present

Alternative Options Counseling Center | 2013-Present

- Conduct neuropsychological and psychological evaluations for children, adolescents, and adults. Provide assessments for Learning Disorders, ADHD, Autism Spectrum
- Provide individual counseling and support for diverse populations across the lifespan.

Director of Behavioral Health

The Children's Clinic (TCC Family Health) | 2018-2023

- Spearheaded the development and management of Integrated Behavioral Health programs across 15 locations, impacting underserved communities.
- Supervised clinical teams and ensured compliance with federal and state healthcare standards.
- Achieved quality improvement goals by leading data-driven initiatives to enhance service delivery.
- Recruited, mentored, and retained high-performing clinical and administrative staff.
- Engaged with stakeholders and led grant writing efforts, securing funding for key programs.
- Integrated behavioral health into medical care systems, collaborating with physicians, psychiatrists, and social workers to improve patient outcomes.

Clinical Director

Alternative Options Counseling Center | 2013-2018

- Oversaw operations for Intensive Outpatient Programs (IOP) and Partial Hospitalization Programs (PHP) specializing in mental health, substance use, and eating disorders.
- Supervised and trained a multidisciplinary team of therapists, ensuring delivery of evidence-based care.
- Led outreach and marketing initiatives to increase community engagement and program visibility.
- Monitored risk management processes and ensured adherence to clinical protocols.

Clinical Supervisor

Mariposa Women and Family Center | 2013-2014

- Provided clinical oversight and supervision to Associate Marriage and Family Therapists and Psychology Interns.
- Delivered guidance on treatment planning, ethical practices, and professional development.

Behavioral Health Specialist

Santa Ana Unified School District | 2013-2014

- Directed behavioral health interventions for students with severe emotional disturbances within the IEP framework.
- Collaborated with educators, administrators, and families to support student success.

Post-Doctoral Resident

California Polytechnic University, Pomona | 2012-2013

- Delivered individual, group, and couples therapy services.
- Conducted psychological assessments and educational workshops for university students.

Pre-Doctoral Intern

Santa Ana College Student Counseling Center | 2011-2012

- Provided therapy and psycho-educational testing for students.
- Facilitated workshops and contributed to mental health awareness campaigns.

Education

Psy.D. Clinical Psychology (APA Accredited)

Azusa Pacific University, Azusa, CA | 2008-2012

- Graduated with Distinction
- Clinical Competency Award Recipient

M.A. Clinical Psychology (Marriage and Family Therapy)

Chapman University, Orange, CA | 2004-2007

B.A. Psychology

Chapman University, Orange, CA | 2000-2004

Licensure and Certifications

- Licensed Clinical Psychologist, California (PSY26391), Active since 2014
- Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist, California (MFC49621), Active since 2011
- Authorized Clinical Supervisor for Associate MFTs, Social Workers, and Registered Psychological Associates
- Certified Autism Specialist

Skills

- **Leadership & Strategy:** Program Development, Staff Supervision, Quality Improvement, Risk Management, Grant Writing.
- **Clinical Expertise:** Neuropsychological Testing, DBT, CBT, ACT, Psychodynamic Therapy, EMDR, Autism Spectrum & Neurocognitive Disorders.
- **Operations:** Telemedicine Implementation, Insurance Billing, Compliance Management, Stakeholder Engagement.

Professional Memberships

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- International Neuropsychological Society (INS)
- California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)

References

Available upon request.

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