

Kyra Mendoza-James, Psy.D.
PSY 24649

Education

Psy.D., Clinical Psychology, Phillips Graduate Institute, Encino, CA, 2009
M.A., Clinical Psychology, Phillips Graduate Institute, Encino, CA, 2006
M.A., Counseling Psychology, National University, San Diego, CA, 2004
B.S., Business Management, University of Phoenix, Phoenix, AZ, 2001

Licensure

California Board of Psychology, Clinical Psychologist, PSY 24649, 2011

Chronology of Professional Experience

Astrya Global 01/2026 - Present

Contract Psychologist

Contract psychologist working in California Department of Correctional and Rehabilitation (Kern Valley State Prison) carries out difficult assignments in clinical psychology which involve the assessment and treatment of adults, program development and evaluation, clinical research, professional training, and consultation; maintains order and supervises the conduct of incarcerated patients; protects and maintains the safety of persons and property; and does other related work.

Mindful Soul LLC 05/2020 – Present

Owner/Clinical Psychologist

Independent private practice serving the community of Los Angeles, CA. Providing individual, couples, and family therapy. Specializing in treatment of trauma, grief, depression, anxiety, racial trauma, and relationship issues. Provide consultation services to peer network.

Stars Behavioral Health Group – Star View Community Services 09/2018-05/2020

Director of Evidence Based Practices

Management and oversight of multiple mental health teams consisting of LCSWs, LMFTs, ASWs, and AMFTs to ensure high quality care for patients and supervision of mental health staff. Oversight of EBTs including: Parent Child Inter-relational Therapy (PCIT), Family Functioning Therapy (FFT), Managing and Adaptive Practice (MAP), Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy TF-CBT, Alternative For Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT), and Incredible Years (IY). Provided direct supervision for supervisors of PCIT, FFT, and Early Intervention and Diversion Programs (EIDP). Agency liaison between SBHG and community partners including but not limited to Department of Mental Health (DMH) and Los Angeles County Probation Office. Management and

oversight of agency training of staff in respective EBP's. Provide clinical and administrative supervision to licensed and unlicensed staff.

Staff Psychologist 10/2015 – 09/2018

CDCR – California Institution for Women

Provide mental health services to women incarcerated by the State of California. Provide intake assessment, therapy, crisis counseling, and group facilitation. Collaborate with multi-disciplinary team to facilitate treatment of clients. Provide professional consultation and program leadership. Teach and participate in professional training. Recognize situations requiring the creative application of technical skills. Develop and evaluate creative approaches to the assessment, treatment, and rehabilitation of mental disorders, to the conduct of research, and the development and direction of a psychological program. Plan, organize, and conduct research, data analysis, and program evaluation. Provide clinical supervision to psychology interns.

Stars Behavioral Health Group – Starview Community Services 3/2012 – 10/2015

Group Services Supervisor

Direct supervisor for group services program including (10) Mental Health Specialist (I, II, III), (4) Support Counselor Staff, (2) Coordinators. Oversee the assignment and program management of five EBP's: Incredible Years, Aggression Replacement Treatment, Cognitive Behavioral Intervention in Schools, Alternative for Families Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT), Breakthrough Parenting. Manage program census approximately 80-95 clients, referrals, transfers, and dis-enrollments. Provide individual and group supervision to clinical and non-clinical staff providing mental health services including therapy, assessment, case management, and rehabilitation services. Review and approval of all programing documentation including annual assessments, semi-annuals, progress notes, OMA's and EBP measures. Management of program reports and documentation. Collaboration with Green Dot Schools for implementation of ART in schools, IY Learning Network, and ART Learning Network. Provide various trainings.

FSP Child Supervisor, Full Service Partnership

Supervise Mental Health Specialist providing mental health services (including assessment and evaluation) and other services to clients referred to the Community Services Program. LPS designated by the Department of Mental Health to write

5150/5585 holds for FSP clients. Oversee FSP census of 50 clients assigned to the mental health staff on the FSP team. Provide individual and group supervision to supervisees. Liaison for external agencies and other Community Services teams and with clinical and support staff.

Primary Therapist, Dual Diagnosis Program, 02/2010 – 09/2011

The Center for Discovery & Adolescent Change, Whittier, CA

Post-doc residency working with dual diagnosed adolescents requiring residential level of care, due to the adolescent struggle with addiction, behavioral, and emotional problems.

Clinical Psychology Intern, 08/2008 – 10/2009

Southern Youth Correctional Reception Center & Clinic, Norwalk, CA

APPIC internship with the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, Division of Juvenile Justice providing psychological services to incarcerated adolescent males.

Teaching Assistant, 08/2007 – 05/2008

Phillips Graduate Institute, Encino, CA.

Provided 2-hour weekly instruction to assessment students in the Psychodiagnostic Assessment Lab. Performed individual and group instruction for a variety testing measures, reviewed and corrected scoring errors on all testing protocols. Ensured proper dissemination and usage of assessment materials and resources.

Clerkship Extern, 08/2006 – 05/2007

Augustus F. Hawkins Family Mental Health Center, Los Angeles, CA.

Psychological services provided in a community mental health clinic servicing a culturally diverse population with wide range of acute, chronic, and co-morbid mental health disorders.

Practicum Trainee, 08/2005 – 08/2006

Los Angeles Gay & Lesbian Center, Los Angeles, CA.

Traineeship providing psychological services in a community mental health agency servicing individuals and couples from diverse ethnic, social economic, and sexual orientations; presenting with a full range of DSM-IV disorders

Behavior Intervention Development, (BID) 2005 – 2006

Interventionist Implementation, (BII)

Floor-time Therapist, (FT)

Intercare Therapy, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

Provided evidenced-based services to children with autism and other related disorders. Supervised behavioral therapist in the development and implementation of behavioral treatment plans. Participated in IEP meetings and consults with parents, teachers, and school administration regarding client's progress.

Director of Clinical Services/Residential Director, 2003 - 2005

Jenesse Center, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

During tenure at Jenesse Center, Inc., I promoted from intern to case manager to director of clinical services; fully responsible for direct supervision of residential housing and treatment staff providing emergency transitional housing, mental health, and vocational services to women and children of domestic violence.

Professional Presentations/Poster Acceptance

safeTalk, Suicide Awareness for Everyone (2014). A Livingworks Training

Mendoza-James, K.M., Kamikiraha, J., (2015). Engaging parents from a Trauma-Informed Perspective. Star View Community Services, Compton, CA

Mendoza-James, K.M., Robertson, P., (2013). LPS: A how-to-process. Star View Community Services, Compton, CA

Mendoza-James, K.M., (2010) I'm Not Who You See: Increasing Clinician's Awareness about the Impact of Negative Media Images on African Americans. CDCR – DJJ SYRCC, Norwalk, CA.

Morris, K. M., (2008). Negative Media Images of African Americans: Correcting Distorted Self-Images. Poster Acceptance to the American Psychological Association (APA) Convention, Study of Ethnic Minority Issues (Division 45), Boston, MA.

Morris, K. M., (2004). Peer Counseling Techniques. 40-hr Domestic Violence Training, Jenesse Center, Inc., Los Angeles, CA.

Professional References Available Upon Request