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Education and Training

Undergraduate: B.A., May 1977 with dual majors in Elementary and Special Education. Peabody College for Teachers (Vanderbilt University), Nashville, Tennessee

Graduate: M.Ed. in Counseling, May 1983

Post Graduate Training: Integrative Group Psychotherapy, Practitioner Level II (1990-1991). New Symphony Center, Atlanta, Georgia

Continuing education training in the areas of loss and trauma resolution, family counseling, childhood adjustment disorders, attachment disorders, clinical depression, anxiety disorders, codependency, eating disorders, post-traumatic stress disorder, compulsive behavioral problems and equine assisted psychotherapy.

License

Licensed in Tennessee as Professional Counselor (L.P.C) with mental health provider status (M.H.P.S.)

Professional Experience (Post Graduate)

2006 – Present: Consultant for Equine Therapy Programs at Onsite Workshops in Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee. Plan and facilitate intensive equine program and provide therapeutic equine experiences for participants in Onsite's Living Centered Program and for individuals/couples/families participating in Onsite Intensives.

1998 – 2015: Coordinator and therapist for equine-assisted psychotherapy (EAP) program at The Ranch Extended Care Treatment Facility in Nunnely, Tennessee. Developed format and trained other staff to provide EAP service to residents.

2013 – Present: Weekend workshops for Experiential Healing Center in Memphis, TN

2011- 2014: Equine Therapist for Youth Villages foster care and adoption services.

2001-2005: Consultant (program developer and primary therapist) for Cumberland Heights Alcohol and Drug Treatment Center's Equine Assisted Psychotherapy (EAP) program.

1987 – Present: Private Counseling Practice.

1987-1991: Therapeutic Consultant to Bedford Combs & Associates Intensive Retreat Programs. (Now called Heartstream)

1985-1987: Cumberland Heights Alcohol and Drug Treatment Program. Counselor for family program. Founder and Director of the Children's Program.

1984-1985: Luton Mental Health Center. Counselor in family program (primary abuse and neglect, including physical, emotional and sexual abuse.)

Equine Professional Training and Experience

Certified riding instructor with Council for Horsemanship and Safety since 1992.

Member of Path International since 2004.

Certified Equine Interaction Professional through Certification Board for Equine Interaction Professionals.

Media

Counselor Magazine, February 2014, "The Healing Touch of Animals," Leah Honarbakhsh. Article includes interview with Dede Beasley and description of her work with equine-assisted psychotherapy.

Validity Magazine, April 2013, "Healing Through Horses," Rebecca Bauer. Article about Dede Beasley's equine therapy work at The Ranch.

BBC Documentary re: treatment of sexual addiction, 2007, Jeremy Higham, Producer. Documentary includes Dede Beasley working with a participant in equine-assisted psychotherapy.

Publications

Contributing author to *The Healing Touch of Horses*, A. Bronwyn Llewellyn, Editor, Adams Media, 2007. Anthology that includes an essay by Dede Beasley, "The Promise."