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Maryland Licensed Psychologist #04315
Nationally Certified School Psychologist

PROFILE

- Licensed as a Psychologist in Maryland since 2007
- Qualified as an Expert Witness in Maryland in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties, as well as Baltimore City and in Pennsylvania in Adams County
- Cognitive-behavioral therapist, Child Custody Evaluations, Psychological Evaluations

EDUCATION

Ph.D. in School Psychology (NASP & APA Approved)
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida Specialization
in Pediatric Psychology

- GPA: 4.0

Graduated December 2002

Ed.S. in School Psychology
University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida

- GPA: 4.0

Graduated August 2002

M.A. in School Psychology (NASP Approved)
Towson University, Towson, Maryland

- GPA: 4.0

Graduated May 1999

B.A. in Psychology
Salisbury University, Salisbury, Maryland

- GPA: 3.9

Graduated May 1997

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND BOARD POSITIONS

American Psychological Association
Maryland Psychological Association
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Board Member, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Maryland Chapter
No More Stolen Childhoods, Member of Board of Directors (2017-2019), Member of
Program Committee (2018-2019)
Maryland Courts Custody Evaluator Standards and Training Work Group (appointed by
Judge D. Eyler, ret.)
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EXPERIENCE

Licensed Psychologist/Psychological Associate in Private Practice

(September 2004 – present)

Santoro Psychological Services, Ellicott City, MD, January 2008 – present

Millersville Psychological Services, Millersville, MD, September 2004 – June 2009

- Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy –therapy to children, adolescents, adults, and families; treat internalizing and externalizing disorders; provide behavioral modification training to parents
 - Court-appointed family therapist in 23 cases involving children with parents engaged in custody disputes
 - Court-appointed reunification therapist for 27 families involved in custody disputes
 - Court-appointed therapist in 3 cases involving adolescent minors involved with a criminal proceeding
- Assessment – court-ordered custody and psychological evaluations for families involved in custody disputes; psychological, personality, and educational assessments to children, adolescents, and adults
 - Completed 175 school-based psychological and educational assessments since 2004
 - Completed 251 Court-Ordered, Psychological Evaluations since 2007
 - Completed 39 Custody Evaluations since 2011
 - Completed 1 Contested Adoption Evaluation since 2018
- Expert Testimony
 - Qualified as an Expert Witness in Maryland in Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, and Montgomery Counties, as well as Baltimore City and in Pennsylvania in Adams County 117 times (114 Family Law Cases and 3 Criminal Law Cases) since 2007

- Coaching – divorce coach or child specialist for families involved in the collaborative divorce process
 - Completed 7 Collaborative Cases as Divorce Coach or Child Specialist since 2010
- Television – invited psychologist to provide commentary on psychological matters
 - “Killer Kids,” A&E Biography Network, 1 episode aired November 30, 2012
 - “Blood Relatives,” Investigation Discovery Network, 2 episodes aired July 29, 2015 and August 5, 2015
 - “Reasonable Doubt,” Investigation Discovery Network, 1 episode aired May 17, 2017
- Professional Presentations
 1. March 2010, “Brown Bag” presentation to Custody Evaluators and Judges in Anne Arundel County
 2. May 2012, presentation to Howard County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 3. February 2013, presentation to Howard County Collaborative Professionals
 4. April 2013, presentation to Anne Arundel County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 5. May 2013, presentation to Howard County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 6. February 2015, presentation to Family Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, presented jointly with Judith Wolfer, esq.
 7. June 2015, presentation to Howard County Bar Association, Family Law Section
 8. December 2015, presentation to Family Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association, presented jointly with the Honorable Judge Cynthia Callahan
 9. March 2016, panel member for the Maryland State Bar Association Mediation Seminar
 10. April 2016, panel member for Family Law Section of the Maryland Association for Justice Seminar
 11. March 2017, presentation to Family Law Section of the Maryland State Bar Association
 12. October 2017, presentation to Judicial College of Maryland
 13. January 2018, presentation to Family Law Section of the Frederick County Bar Association
 14. February 2018, presentation to the Baltimore County Bar Association
 15. March 2, 2018, presentation to the Montgomery County Bar Association
 16. April 5, 2018, presentation to the Baltimore County Bar Association
 17. April 2016 to current, Parent Coordination Training, provided jointly with Cecelia Paizs, Esq., and Magistrate Joan Marie Raymond

18. November 8, 2018, presentation to Judicial College of Maryland
19. February 7, 2019, presentation at Family Law University
20. May 3, 2019, presentation to Howard County Bar Association
21. July 10, 2020, presentation to National Business Institute
22. October 27, 2021, panel member for Legal Studies Institute
23. March 15, 2022, presentation at Maryland State Bar Association, Legal Excellence Week

School Psychologist

(August 2001 – March 2014)

- Chesapeake Science Point Public Charter School, Hanover, MD, September 2008-March 2014, part-time position
- Monarch Academy Charter School, Glen Burnie, MD, November 2009-June 2010, part-time position
- Howard County Public Schools, Ellicott City, MD, March 2004-June 2007, full-time position
- Pinellas County Public Schools, St. Petersburg, Florida, August 2001-March 2004, full-time position

Adjunct Faculty Member

(January 2003 – May 2009)

- Towson University, Towson, Maryland, August 2004-December 2004; January 2008-May 2009
 - Taught graduate courses entitled, Practicum in School Psychology and Preschool Assessment
- Capella University, Online University, April 2005-April 2006
 - Taught graduate courses entitled, Tests and Measurements and Research Methods
- University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, January 2003-March 2004
 - Taught graduate courses entitled, Psychological Consultation and The Assessment of Child and Adolescent Personality; supervised doctoral practicum students

Developmental Specialist

(January 2001 – March 2004)

- All Children's Hospital, St. Petersburg, Florida, August 2002-March 2004
- Tampa General Hospital, Tampa, Florida, January 2001-August 2002

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

- Forty Continuing Education Units (CEU) required for each 2-year licensure period

- Trainings completed in the following areas: Ethics, Domestic Violence, Child Development, Child Maltreatment, Child Psychopathology, Adult Psychopathology, Psychological Assessment, Attachment, Custody Evaluations, Creating Parenting Plans and Access Schedules, Cultural Competence, Forensic Mental Health Evaluation, Expert Testimony and Report Writing, Implementing Evidence-Based Interventions, Collaborative Law, Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Brain-Based Disabilities, Traumatic Brain Injuries, Grief, Cognitive-Behavioral Therapy, Child Custody Evaluations, Assessment of Intimate Partner Violence

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

1. Paper Presented at the Research and Training Center Conference, Perceptions of School Safety in Pinellas County, Florida, February 2001, Tampa, Florida.
2. Paper Presented at American Psychological Association, Status Update: Perceptions of School Safety in a Large Urban School District, August 2001, San Francisco, California
3. Paper Presented at Florida Association of School Psychologists, Educating Hearts: A Prosocial Approach to Skillstreaming Young Children, November 2001, Orlando, Florida.
4. Paper Presented at Florida Association of School Psychologists, Promoting Healthy Childhood Development: Collaboration Across Settings to Support Children With Pediatric Health Disorders, November 2001, Orlando, Florida.
5. Paper Presented at National Association of School Psychologists, Promoting Healthy Childhood Development: Collaboration Across Settings to Support Children With Pediatric Health Disorders, February 2002, Chicago, Illinois.
6. Paper Presented at National Association of School Psychologists, Preventing Violence in Schools: Model Evaluation Programs in a Large Urban School District, February 2002, Chicago, Illinois.
7. Paper Presented at the Research and Training Center Conference, Safety in Our Schools: Understanding the Experience and Perceptions of Violence, March 2002, Tampa, Florida.
8. Paper Presented at the Research and Training Center Conference, Staff-Level and School-Level Influences to School Safety: What Makes a School Safe?, March 2003, Tampa, Florida.
9. Paper Presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, “Can you hear me?” Using the Child’s Voice to Settle Custody Disputes, June 2019, Toronto, Canada.
10. Paper Presented at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, What Best Interest Attorneys Need for Representing Children Under Age 5, June 2019, Toronto, Canada.
11. Paper Presented at the Maryland State Bar Association Legal Summit, Getting the Best out of any Negotiation, April 2022, Ocean City, Maryland.

PUBLICATIONS

Massey, O., Armstrong, K., & Santoro, G. (2000). *The School Safety Survey*. Tampa, FL: University of South Florida, Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, Research and Training Center for Children's Mental Health.

Santoro, G. & Tucker, J. (2001). *Perceptions of school safety in Pinellas County, Florida*. Proceedings of the Research and Training Center, USA.

Santoro, G., Massey, O., & Armstrong, K. (2002). *An Evaluation of the Efficacy of a Prosocial Approach to Social Skills Instruction*. Tampa, FL: The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. FMHI Publication #207-3. Third in the Series "Evaluation of the Pinellas County Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative."

Santoro, G., Massey, O., & Armstrong, K. (2002). *Perceptions of School Safety: Year 2 of the School Safety Survey*. Tampa, FL: The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. FMHI Publication #207-7. Seventh in the Series "Evaluation of the Pinellas County Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative."

Tucker, J., Henson, K., Santoro, G., Massey, O., & Armstrong, K. (2002). *The Violence Prevention/Social Skills Needs Assessment Survey: Year 1 of the School Safety Survey*. Tampa, FL: The Louis de la Parte Florida Mental Health Institute, University of South Florida. FMHI Publication #207-1. First in the Series "Evaluation of the Pinellas County Safe Schools/Healthy Students Initiative."

Santoro, G., Armstrong, K.A., & Massey, O.T. (2002). *Safety in Schools: Staff Perceptions*. Proceedings of the Research and Training Center, USA.

Santoro, G. (2018). *Dr. Gina's Guide to a Kid-Friendly Divorce*. Timonium, Maryland: H & N Printing.