**Abbe' Finn, Ph.D., LPC, NCC**

**Associate Professor**

**Program Leader Counseling Programs**

**College of Education**

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

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**EDUCATION**

**Doctor of Philosophy; Counselor Education**

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana 1998

**Master of Science; Human Services Counseling**

Loyola University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana 1992

**Master of Education, Early Childhood Development**

Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana August 1974

**Bachelor of Arts; Audiology and Speech Pathology**

Newcomb College of Tulane University, New Orleans, Louisiana

**DISSERTATION**

Assessment by Mental Health Professionals of Client Risk for Harming Others

**FULL-TIME EMPLOYMENT**

**University Faculty**

**Program Leader: School and Mental Health Counseling Programs**

**Florida Gulf Coast University**

Duties include: Participation in the College of Education Leadership Team; Representative of the Counseling Program for the NCATE documentation, self-study, and site visit in spring 2012; Preparation for the self-study for the Florida DOE continued program approval for the School Counseling Programs; Preparation of the CACREP self-study; Cooperation with Department Chair for program schedules, hiring of adjuncts, and selection of textbooks; interview of applicants for admissions; Chair of search committee for faculty vacancy; Scheduling and leadership of faculty meetings; Student advising and recruiting; and many other administrative duties.

**Associate Dean**

Florida Gulf Coast University July 2008 to August 2011

Educating graduate and undergraduate students; Advising incoming and current graduate students; Review of Application; Faculty scheduling; Faculty evaluation; Student academic disciplinary actions; Providing leadership to the graduate faculty; Assisting the Dean of the College of Education; Writing and organization of reports; Maintenance of data; Managing tuition waivers;

Representing the Dean in her absence; Recruiting of new graduate students; Hiring and supervision of adjunct faculty.

**Associate Professor**

Florida Gulf Coast University August 2006 to Date

Educating undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education. Teaching Professional Studies; Working with Families with Exceptional Children; and Internship Four; Group Work; Internship; Practicum and Skills; Appraisal of the Individual, Organization and Administration of a Counseling Program, and Addictions Counseling. Faculty participation in service to the university by serving on the Student Judicial Committee, the Doctoral Feasibility Committee, and the Faculty Senate; Service to the Department through work on the writing of the self-study for CACREP and NCATE accreditation, and compiling, editing, and reorganizing the Graduate Internship Candidate and Site Supervisor’s Manual, and holding a seat on the University Senate. Secretary of the Faculty Senate 2006-2007. Community service: Volunteer for disaster response with the American Red Cross, FGCU Medical Reserve Corps Task Force, Lee County Medical Reserve Corps, Service to Lee Co. and Collier Co. DOH in the form of diffusing at Ruth Cooper, and training for DOH crisis responders for stress management.

**Assistant Professor** August 2003 to April 2006

Florida Gulf Coast University

Educating undergraduate and graduate students in the College of Education. Teaching Professional Studies; Working with Families with Exceptional Children; and Internship Four; Group Work; Internship; Practicum and Skills; Appraisal of the Individual, Organization and Administration of a Counseling Program, and Addictions Counseling. Faculty participation in service to the university by serving on the Student Judicial Committee, the Doctoral Feasibility Committee, and the Faculty Senate; Service to the Department through work on the writing of the self-study for CACREP and NCATE accreditation, and compiling, editing, and reorganizing the Graduate Internship Candidate and Site Supervisor’s Manual, and holding a seat on the University Senate. Community Service in the form of two week deployment with the American Red Cross (ARC) for hurricane shelter in response to Hurricane Katrina. Crisis responder with ARC (as needed), and Service through MRC responding to Hurricane Wilma at Lee County Special Needs Shelter.

**Assistant Professor** August 2000 to July 2003

University of Mississippi

Educating masters and doctoral students in educational psychology and counseling. Courses of instruction include: Topics in Counseling: Addictions Counseling (COUN 593); Advanced Educational Psychology (COUN 603); Supervision of graduate students in Practicum (COUN 693); History and Introduction to the Counseling Profession (COUN 539); Life Span Development (601); and Crisis Intervention Counseling (*Special Problems* COUN 687). Counseling Theory (COUN 683); Counseling Skills (COUN 690); Addiction Counseling (COUN 593) and Assessment in Counseling (COUN 621). Member of the University Crisis Intervention Team, provider of staff development workshops for the University Counseling Center, and Family Law Clinic. Volunteer staff counselor with the University Counseling Center. Volunteer counselor with the National Youth Sports Program, Counselor Education representative on the NCATE committee.

**Visiting Assistant Professor Department of** August 1999 to July 2000

**Educational Psychology**

University of Mississippi

Educating masters and doctoral students in educational psychology and counseling. Courses of instruction include: Topics in Counseling: Addictions Counseling (COUN 593); Advanced Educational Psychology (COUN 603); Supervision of graduate students in Practicum (COUN 693); History and Introduction to the Counseling Profession (COUN 539); Life Span Development (601); and Crisis Intervention Counseling (*Special Problems* COUN 687). Member of the University Crisis Intervention Team, Staff Development Workshops for the University Counseling Center, Family Law Clinic, Staff Counselor University Counseling Center.

Counseling

**Crisis Management International** August 1999 to date

Provision of critical incident response to businesses and communities following catastrophic events on an as needed basis. Deployment to New York City for one week following the September 11th disaster.

**Regional Supervisor USPS Employee Assistance Program**

July 1997 to July 1999

Vasquez Management Consultants, 701 Loyola Avenue

Supervision of 15 counselors located in 5 states. This includes acting as a liaison between the United States Postal Service executives, managers, the United States Public Health Service Federal Occupational Health, and the Employee Assistance Counselors. Duties included interviewing prospective employees, training and supervision of the counselors. Team leader for the National Critical Incident Stress Intervention Team for the USPS. Team leader for mental health responder with USPS after Oklahoma Tornado May 3, 1999. Volunteer with New Orleans Fire Department CISD team.

**Employee Assistance Counselor** November 1996 to June 1997

Vasquez Management Consultants, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana 70113

I conducted assessments of individuals, families, children, and couples. In this work environment, I provided individual mental health counseling, career counseling, family and couple therapy, substance abuse assessment and follow up treatment. I managed cases which are assigned to affiliates, I also worked with couples, families, and individuals who had suffered loss of loved ones. I evaluated individuals and couples for domestic violence and devise safety plans for the abused party and refer the abuser to treatment. I conducted numerous employee, supervisory, and manager training sessions.

**Employee Assistance Counselor**  August 1993 to October 1996

Health Management systems of America, 701 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana

I conducted assessments, treatments, and referrals of postal employees and their families. In this work environments, I provided individual mental health, career counseling, family and couple therapy. I provided direct treatment and case management through affiliates. I recruited and trained a network of affiliates. I conducted numerous training sessions with new employees, experienced employees and supervisors in topics such as: stress reduction; anger management; how to work with difficult employees; managing employees suffering grief and loss issues; dangers of substance abuse in the workplace; managing employees who have been victims of assault; and recognizing and de-escalating violent situations. I developed the Violence ion the Workplace Awareness training for managers and employees in 1993, which was used in the New Orleans District until the United States Postal Service devised their own training on a national level two years later. I have managed numerous critical incidents and conducted many critical incident stress diffusing, and debriefing. I have lent emotional support to clients who were testifying in court following work related assaults and robberies. I worked with several families who were witnesses to assault and prepared them emotionally for testifying in court in the presence of their accused assailant. I was interviewed in the local news regarding the emotional trauma of witnessing the murder of a parent, which was broadcast nationally on CNN.

**Program Director of Therapeutic Foster Care** June 1992 to August 1993

Lutheran Social Services of the South, New Orleans, Louisiana

I provided case management of physically and emotionally handicapped children placed in therapeutic foster homes. I was responsible for recruiting and training the therapeutic foster parents. I also developed and implemented treatment plans, having to coordinate court orders with the state Office of Community Service worker. I conducted individual, group and family therapy. I advocated for the children in the courts and with the Louisiana Office of Community Service. I was the liaison for the children and their foster families with the Louisiana Juvenile Court System.

**PART-TIME EMPLOYMENT**

**Adjunct Faculty Counselor Education** June 1998 to August 1999

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

Adjunct faculty teaching graduate students in crisis intervention

**Faculty**  September 1996 to August 1999

University of Phoenix, Louisiana Campus, Kenner, Louisiana

Chairperson for the Department of Social Sciences for the Louisiana Campus. I have taught Communications, Assessment of Prior Learning, and Motivational Psychology. I am scheduled to teach Introduction to Psychology, Substance Abuse in the Workplace, Adult Development, and Psychology of personality.

**Teaching Assistant**  June 1994 to December 1994

University of New Orleans, New Orleans, Louisiana

I taught graduate students in the classroom, supervised therapeutic techniques, and skill development. I also provided evaluations of progress focusing on their strengths while making recommendations for improvement.

**Student Intern**  August 1991 to May 1992

Bethlehem children's Treatment Center of Lutheran Social Services, New Orleans, Louisiana

I created treatment plans for group and individual therapy for children in residential treatment. these children ranged in age from seven to sixteen years old. I provided case management for residents, researched and wrote intake reports, and completed intake assessments. I also provided outpatient therapy for clients of Lutheran Social Services.

**School Experience**

**Volunteer with National Youth Sports Program** June 2001

Oxford, Mississippi

**In-service Training**  January 1999

*Recognizing the Signs of Abuse: A Program for Classroom Teachers*

Advantage Schools,

Phoenix, Arizona

**Supervisor and Trainer of Volunteers.**  August 1991 to August 1993

Jewish family Services of New Orleans, St. Charles Avenue, New Orleans, Louisiana.

I trained volunteers to facilitate and lecture high school students in the program, "Teen Life Counts". This a four hour program which teaches about the ways to recognize and intervene to prevent teen suicide. I made numerous presentations to students, faculty and parent organizations. I helped revise the program to better meet the needs of the students.

**Classroom Speaker and Facilitator**  January 1991 to June 1994

Teen Life Counts, Jewish Family Service

I trained students and faculties in New Orleans Public, religious, and private high schools to recognize signs of suicidal risk. The focus was on decision making skills to obtain appropriate intervention. I facilitated role plays among the students to practice problem solving.

**Chairperson of the PREP Committee**  August 1983 to July 1990

Preventing Rape Through Educational Programs

I wrote the text for the presenter of the date rape prevention program. I also trained the community volunteers, scheduled the sessions, trained the school personnel, and organized presentations to every ninth grade student in five high schools.

**Committee Member of CAP with the YWCA** January 1983 to May 1990

Child Assault Preventing Program

Facilitated class room presentations to grade school students teaching them safe behaviors with strangers as well as people who are known to them. Interfaced with law enforcement, child protection, school counselors, as well as school administrators.

**Preschool Teacher**  1976-1981

Happy Start

Teacher of four year olds in a traditional nursery school.

**Preschool Teacher**  1972

Newcomb Nursery School

Lead teacher for the laboratory school teaching three and four year olds.

Crisis Response Work

Earthquake in Haiti Jan-Feb 2010

Two week Deployment with The American Red Cross

Psychological First Aid (PFA) with survivors in the hospital, homes, and shelters; PFA with people who lost family members as a result of the earthquake.

Hurricane Wilma October 2008

PFA with the Medical reserve Corp with people with special needs living at a special needs shelter.

**Hurricane Katrina** September 2004

Two Week Deployment

PFA with Hurricane Katrina survivors living in a shelter.

World Trade Center Disaster September 2001

One week deployment with Crisis Management International

Work with surviving family members of the World Trade Center Disaster.

Oklahoma Tornado Outbreak May 1999

Crisis Response coordinator for the EAP Counselors working with tornado survivors.

Oklahoma City Bombing Memorial April 1996-1999

Counselor with Postal Employees and their families.

USPS Shooting Milwaukee WS December 1997

Supervisor of EAP counselor providing counseling to USPS employees after a workplace shooting in the Milwaukee Post Office.

**PUBLICATIONS**

**Book**

Finn, A. ,Henry, S., & Keller, P. (1992). Safe Kids in Control. Teacher’s Manual and Activity Book Accompanying Video. Syndistar Video Company: New Orleans, LA.

**Text Book Chapters**

Finn, A. (2012). Drug abuse prevention programs for children adolescents, and college students. In D. Capuzzi & M. Stauffer (Eds.). *Foundations of Addiction Counseling*. Allyn & Bacon: Boston, MA.

Finn, A. (2011). Jungian Psychotherapy. In D Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.) *Counseling and Psychotherapy: Theories and Interventions, (5th Ed*.). American Counseling Association: Alexandria Virginia

Finn, A, (2010). Group work: Addictions and substance use disorders. In D. Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.) *Introduction to Group Counseling* (5th Ed.) (475-504). Love Publishing: Boston, MA.

Finn, A. (2008). Death in the classroom. In D. Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.), *Youth at Risk* (5th Edition). Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.

Finn, A. (2007). Drug abuse prevention programs for children and adolescents. In D. Capuzzi & M. Stauffer (Eds.). *Foundations of Addiction Counseling*. Allyn & Bacon: Boston, MA.

Finn, A. (2006). Group counseling for people with addictions. In D. Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.) *Introduction to Group Counseling* (4rd Ed.) (453-481) Love Publishing: Boston, MA.

Finn, A. (2004). Death in the Classroom: Violence in Schools. In: D. Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.). *Youth at risk (* Fourth Ed.) (353-373). Alexandria, VA: American Counseling Association.

Hermann, M., & Finn, A. (2002). Legal and Ethical Dimensions of Meeting the Challenge of School Violence. In: T. P. Remley, Jr., M. Hermann, & W. C. Huey (Eds.) *Ethical and Legal Issues in School Counseling* (Second Edition) (130-151). American School Counseling Association Publications: Herndon, VA.

Finn, A. & Remley, T.P. (2002). Prevention of school violence. In: D. Rea (Ed). *Proceedings of the Twelfth Annual Youth at Risk Conference.* (19-26) McGraw-Hill.

Finn, A. (2001). Group counseling for people with addictions. In D. Capuzzi & D. Gross (Eds.) *Introduction to Group Counseling* (3nd Ed.). (351-376). Love Publishing: Boston, MA.

**Juried Journals**

Finn, A. & T.P. Remley (in Revision). Assessment by Mental Health Professional of Clients’ Risk for Harming Others. *Journal of the International Counseling Association*.

Hermann, M., & Finn, A. (2002). School Violence Prevention: Legal and Ethical Issues and Crisis Response. *Professional School Counselor, 6*(1), 46-54.

Finn, A. (1993). Adolescent Suicide Prevention. *Journal of the Louisiana Medical Society*, *148* (8), 341-342.

**Requested by Editor**

Finn, A. (2003). Life after cancer. *Surviving*. Stanford University Medical Center

Finn, A. (2002). A Mother’s Story. *Surviving*. Stanford University Medical Center.6-7, 14.

**PRESENTATIONS.**

### Juried International Conferences

***Paper Presentation: Counselor Assessment of Client’s at Risk for Harming Others***

Abbe’ Finn and Theodore P. Remley

International Association of Counseling

Ocho Rios, Jamaica May, 2004

***Violence Prevention in the Schools***

Abbe Finn & Theodore P. Remley

International Youth at Risk Conference

Savannah, GA March, 2001

**Juried National Conferences**

***PFA*** Februray 2007

***Abbe finn, Ph.D. Pat Santucci, M.D.***

***Emergency Preparedness Conference***

***Providence, RI***

***Counseling Response to Violence in the Workplace*** February 2005

Abbe’ Finn

2nd Annual Winter Counseling Symposium

# Argosy University and the American Counseling Association

Sarasota, Florida

***A Model for Suicide Prevention in a University Setting***

Abbe′ Finn, Heather Helm, Mike Pisarcik, & Jena Spahr

American Counseling Association Meeting

New Orleans, Louisiana March 2002

***Systematic Counselor Supervision***

Abbe’ Finn & Sonja Burnham

American Counseling Association Meeting

San Antonio, TX March 2001

***Recognizing Potentially Violent Clients***

Abbe Finn & Theodore P. Remley

American Counseling Association Annual Meeting

San Antonio, TX. March 2001

***Identifying Students Who May Be At Risk for Harming Others***

Abbe’ Finn & Theodore P. Remley

Indiana Peace Education Conference

Bloomington, Indiana August 1999

***Group Therapy Program for Sexually Abused Adolescents: A Developmental Approach***

Abbe′ Finn

National Conference of the Specialists in Group Work American Counseling Association

St. Petersburg, Florida January 1994

**Juried State Conferences**

***Psychological First Aid for Children in Crisis Pre- Conference Workshop***

Abbe Finn

Florida School Counseling Association October 2010

Ft. Lauderdale, FL

***Crisis Response in Schools***

Abbe Finn

Florida School Counseling Association

Orlando, Florida October, 2008

***Counseling Children Following Disasters and Personal Loss***

# Abbe′ Finn

# Florida Counseling Association Annual Conference

St. Petersburg, Florida November, 2004

***Counseling Children Following Terrorism, Personal Loss, and Bereavement.***

Abbe′Finn

Mississippi Counseling Association

Biloxi, Mississippi November, 2002

***Steps to Take When Assessing Clients for Risk for Harming Others.***

Abbe Finn

Annual Meeting of Mississippi Counseling Association.

Biloxi, Mississippi November 2001

**Crisis Response Teams for Schools**

Abbe Finn

Annual Meeting of Mississippi Counseling Association.

Biloxi, Mississippi November 2001

***School and Community Response to School Crisis***

Abbe’ Finn

Mississippi Social Work Annual Conference

Jackson, MS September 2001

***Developing a School-Wide Suicide Intervention Program***

Mississippi Counseling Association 49th Fall Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi November 1999

***Identifying Students Who May Be At Risk for Violence***

Mississippi Counseling Association 49th Fall Conference

Biloxi, Mississippi November 1999

***Assessment of Dangerousness: Working with Potentially Violent Clients***

Louisiana Counseling Association State Convention

New Orleans, Louisiana November 1995

***Prevention of Violence in the Workplace***

Presented to the Employee Assistance Professional Association State Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana September 1995

**National Invitational Presentations**

***Medical Reserve Corps National Leadership and Training Conference*** April 2008

Teaching the Core Skills of Psychological First Aid (Poster Session)

Portland, Oregon

*Pat Santucci, MD*

*Abbe Finn, PhD*

***Medical Reserve Corps National Leadership and Training Conference*** April 2007

Teaching the Core Skills of Psychological First Aid (Poster Session)

Providence, Rhode Island

*Pat Santucci, MD*

*Abbe Finn, PhD*

*John Hickey, DWS, LCSW*

***Medical Reserve Corps National Leadership and Training Conference*** April 2007

Tips and Techniques for Introducing Psychological First Aid: Keeping Your Participants Involved

*Pat Santucci, MD*

*Abbe Finn, PhD*

*John Hickey, DWS, LCSW*

***The Threat of School Violence: Minimizing and Managing the Realities***

Abbe’ Finn

The School Counselor Legal and Ethical Summit

Massachusetts School Counselor Association

Boston, Massachusetts March, 2002

***The Threat of School Violence: Minimizing and Managing the Realities***

Abbe’ Finn

The School Counselor Legal and Ethical Summit

Florida School Counselor Association

Orlando, Florida April, 2002

***The Threat of School Violence: Minimizing and Managing the Realities***

Abbe’ Finn

The School Counselor Legal and Ethical Summit

Georgia School Counselor Association

Atlanta, Georgia April, 2002

***Assessment and Risk Management of Potentially Violent Clients and Employees***

Abbe’ Finn & Theodore P. Remley, Jr.

Crisis Center of Birmingham

Birmingham, AL October, 2001

***The Importance of Reporting Program Impact***

United States Postal Survive Employee Assistance Counselors' Conference

Saint Louis, Missouri July 1999

***Program Facilitator for, "Reducing the Risk through Clinical Assessment***"

United States Postal Survive Employee Assistance Counselors' Conference

Saint Louis, Missouri July 1999

***Recognizing Signs of Potentially Violent Employees***

Presented to the United States Postal Service Career Awareness Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana October 1995

***Group Therapy program for Sexually Abused Adolescents: A Developmental Approach***

Presented to Annual Meeting of the Louisiana Counseling Association

Monroe, Louisiana October 1994

**Other Presentations**

***Southwest Florida Airport Crisis Response Team***

Medical Reserve Corps

Psychological First Aid September 2011

***Lee County School Counseling Association Professional Development Day***

Psychological First Aid

Abbe Finn April, 2010

***Southwest Regional Airport Disaster Preparedness***

Psychological First Aid

Abbe’ Fin, Ph.D. and Pat Santucci, M.D. July, 2009

***Lee County School Counselors, Nurses, and Social Workers*** April 2007

Psychological First Aid, One day Workshop

Abbe Finn, Ph.D. and Pat Santucci, MD

***Health Park* *and Lee County Medical Reserve Corps*** March 2007

Two Day Workshop

Psychological First Aid

Fort Myers, Florida

***Lafayette County Rape Crisis Center***

# Crisis Response Following Sexual Trauma

# Oxford, MS June, 2003

***Children and Crisis***

Abbé Finn

American Red Cross

Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Training

Oxford, Mississippi February, 2003

***Addictions Counseling***

University of Mississippi Continuing Education

Tunica, Mississippi February, 2001

***Addictions Counseling***

University of Mississippi Continuing Education

Jackson, Mississippi March 2000

***The Value of an Employee Assistance Program for Industry***

National Association of Security Personnel

New Orleans, Louisiana July 1999

***Legal Responsibilities for Maintaining a Safe Workplace***

Louisiana Chapter of Employee Assistance Professional Association

New Orleans, Louisiana June 1999

***Conflict Resolution in the Workplace***

Presented to the Louisiana Chapter of Employee Assistance Professional Association

New Orleans, Louisiana September 1996

***Stress Management: One Life to Live***

Presented at the United States Postal Service Career Awareness Conference

New Orleans, Louisiana August 1996

**ORGANIZATION LEADERSHIP & AWARDS**

**Faculty Senate Secretary, Florida Gulf Coast University** ~ 2006-2007; 2007-2008

**Faculty Senate, Florida Gulf Coast University** ~ 2004-2005; 2005-2006; 2006-2007; 2007-2008

**President ~** Mississippi Association for Counselor Education and Supervision 2002-2003

**Member of American Red Cross Rapid Response Team ~** North Central Chapter of the American Red Cross 2003

**Co-Chair ~ United Way** University of Mississippi 2002

**President-Elect~** Mississippi Association for Counselor Education and Supervision 2001-2002

**Research Scholar of the Year in the Department of Leadership & Counselor Education 2001**

**Vice President** ~ of Louisiana Chapter of the Employee Assistance Professional Organization 1996-1998

**Award for Multicultural Counseling Paper ~** Louisiana Counseling Association 1995 Annual Meeting

**Vice president** ~1995-1996 ~ Counseling Organization of Graduate Students

**President ~**1995-1996 ~ Counseling Organization of Graduate Students

**Representative for Chi Sigma Iota** ~ To the American Counseling Association National Meeting, 1995.

**Vice President** ~ Alpha Sigma NU, Honor Society, 1992

**LICENSES, CERTIFICATIONS and TRAINING**

**Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Mississippi # 769 & Louisiana # 1797**

**National Certified Counselor (NCC) # 28622**

**Certified to Administer and Interpret the SASSI**

**American Red Cross National Crisis Response**

**Certified and trained by Jeffery Mitchell to perform Advanced Critical Incident Stress Management**

**Workplace Violence Prevention ~** By invitation of the US Postal Inspection Service to participate in the five day national conference on workplace violence prevention.

**Introductory Family Mediation ~** Loyola Law School

**Advanced Family Mediation ~** Loyola Law School

**The Grantsmanship Center ~** One Week Grant Writing Training.

**Pet Partners : Use of Pets in Therapeutic Settings ~** Eight hour training