

Michael Conner

Psychologist

CLINICAL, MEDICAL & FAMILY PSYCHOLOGY



Family

- Marital conflict
- Divorce adjustment
- Parenting difficult children

Adults & Children

- Bipolar & bipolar spectrum
- Suicide & violence risk
- Trauma
- Depression & anxiety
- Obsessive-compulsive
- Borderline personality disorders
- Self-mutilating behavior

Testing & Evaluation

- Neuropsychological
- Psychological & Behavioral
- Attention & Memory Deficits
- Educational & Learning

Experience

Kaiser Permanente

- Primary medical care
- Bess Kaiser & Sunnyside hospitals
- Emergency psychiatric services
- Outpatient mental health
- Health education

Private Group Practice

- Outpatient mental health
- Consulting for 911 and law enforcement

Professional Activities

- American Psychological Association
- Oregon Psychological Association
- Central Oregon Association of Psychologists
- Clinical Section Editor for American Psychological Association Division 43 Family Psychologist
- Central Oregon Youth Suicide Prevention Coalition

Author



Background

Dr. Conner completed his bachelor of science in Forestry and Engineering at Oregon State in 1980. After working in the Pacific Northwest for the U.S Forest Service he returned to Oregon State completing a master of science in counseling and guidance in 1985. Continuing his education, Dr. Conner completed a doctor of psychology program at Pacific University in 1989. From 1989 to 1997, Dr. Conner worked at Kaiser Permanente as a psychologist in primary medical care, regional hospitals and emergency departments, health education, and three mental health clinics. Dr. Conner completed his residency and a post-doctoral Fellowship in clinical psychology in Kaiser's graduate medical education program in 1995. He also obtained his license in 1995 to practice psychology in Oregon. Dr. Conner then joined Mentor Professional Corporation in 1996 - a private group mental health practice in Portland, Oregon.

An active outdoorsman, Dr. Conner moved to Bend Oregon in 1999 becoming the clinical director for Sagewalk, an intervention program for youth. Opening a private practice in 2002, Dr. Conner now provides clinical counseling, therapy and diagnostic services to individual adults, couples, parents and adolescents. Developing a national reputation, his diagnostic and youth intervention practice draws parents of youth at-risk from throughout the United States.

In 2003, Dr. Conner began research nationally on youth at risk; creating new online behavioral screening and information gathering technologies. Since 1995 Dr. Conner has trained over 2000 mental health professionals on topics ranging from professional ethics to crisis intervention. In 2006, he published the first and only comprehensive crisis intervention reference for parents who have youth at-risk.

In 2006, Dr. Conner was invited to the Republic of China to provide training to Asian mental health professionals and counselors. He was subsequently selected in 2007 to co-design *Healing Journey* – a residential intervention program for youth in China. This program will be based on best practices in the United States.

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