

# Leigh Baker, Psy.D.

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## Education

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**Psy.D. Clinical Psychology** 1987. University of Denver School of Professional Psychology (Denver, CO)

- Specialty focus: Child and Adolescent Treatment
- Doctoral Research: *The Impact of Home Hospice Care on Children*

**M.A. Special Education** 1976. University of Northern Colorado (Greely, CO)

- Emotionally and Social Disturbed Children/Learning Disabilities

**B.A. English Education** 1972. Trenton State College (Trenton, NJ)

## Accomplishments

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- Author of [When Your Child's Been Abused](#), published by St. Martin's Press.
- Featured articles in *Time*, *Parents Magazine*, *Ladies Home Journal*, and *Chicago Tribune*.
- Guest appearances on national television including: CNN, Leeza Gibbons, Montel Williams, and John Walsh.

## Clinical Experience

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**Director** **Trauma Treatment Center of Colorado** (Denver, CO) 1995-Present

Provide direct services to traumatized children, adolescents, and their families. Supervise doctor students and trauma treatment team. Conduct forensic evaluations and interviews for children who have made allegations of abuse. Endorsed as an expert witness in Arapahoe, Denver, and Jefferson Counties, and in states through the country in childhood sexual abuse, trauma and depression. Provided diagnostic evaluations for adults and children for Aurora Police Department and social service agencies. Consultations, workshop development, and presentation for the diagnosis and treatment of traumatized children and adolescents who have alleged sexual abuse. Instructor for the Family Therapy Institute of Denver, providing classes in trauma treatment. Developed special groups for secondary victims of trauma.

**Clinical Psychologist** **Private Practice** (Denver, CO) 1989-Present

Individual, child, adolescent, family, and marital therapy. Outpatient and inpatient treatment. Specializing in the treatment of children and adolescents who have been traumatized. Psychological evaluations for clients, agencies, and forensic referrals. Consultant to Hospice of Metro Denver. Medical staff member at Bethesda Hospital with medical privileges at Columbine, St. Luke's, and AMI Presbyterian Hospital. Clinical supervisor and placement facility for doctoral level students at University of Denver.

**Consultant to the Sex Abuse Intake Team** **Adams County Social Services** (Adams County, CO) 1987-1995

Consultation regarding special cases, treatment planning, team building.

**School Psychologist** **Northglenn Junior High School, Adams County** (Northglenn, CO) 1987-1989

Diagnosis and placement of students referred for special education. Short-term individual, family, and group therapy. Consultation and program development. Liaison with community mental health, social services, and legal system.

**Therapist** **Institute of Motivational Development** (Denver, CO) 1986-1988

Evaluation and treatment of children, adolescents, and families. School consultation, placement, and inpatient treatment.

<b>Psychologist Intern</b>	<b>Bethesda Psychological Health Services (Denver, CO)</b>	1987 – 1995
Placement on the high intensity team with chronic patients, long-term, adolescent inpatient treatment, and child day treatment. Case management, treatment planning evaluations, and consultations. Individual, family, multi-family, and group therapy. Psychological evaluations.		
<b>Psychologist Trainee</b>	<b>Fitzsimons Army Medical Center (Aurora, CO)</b>	1985 – 1986
Child and adolescent treatment. Assessment of children, adolescents, and families. Referrals and crisis intervention.		
<b>Program Coordinator</b>	<b>Brownlee Dolan &amp; Stein (Aurora, CO)</b>	1984 – 1986
Employee Assistance Program. Short-term counseling, alcohol and drug assessment for corporations, psychological testing, stress management training, biofeedback. Supervisor training, program development, writing proposals, marketing.		
<b>Therapist</b>	<b>Rocky Mountain Human Resource Center (Boulder, CO)</b>	1984 – 1985
Group therapist for felony offenders in residential treatment.		
<b>Intake Therapist/Trainee</b>	<b>Bethesda Community Mental Health Center (Denver, CO)</b>	1983 – 1984
Emergency/Entry Team. Screening, evaluation, and diagnosis. Consultation, crisis intervention, and intake interviews. Development of treatment plans. Short-term therapy.		
<b>Emergency Off-Hours Therapist</b>	<b>Bethesda Community Mental Health Center (Denver, CO)</b>	1983 – 1985
Emergency Team. Provision of 24-hour emergency coverage and crisis intervention. Referrals, evaluations, diagnosis, and consultation.		
<b>Clinical Therapist</b>	<b>University of Denver (Denver, CO)</b>	1983 – 1986
Professional School of Psychology Department. Outpatient psychotherapy and psychological assessment with children, families, couples and groups		

## Related Experience

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<b>Educational Consultant</b>	<b>Educational Assessment Team (Denver, CO)</b>	1980 – 1983
Co-Founder and Director. Pre-school screening, diagnostic evaluations, and admission testing for private schools. Individual and family counseling. Workshop consultation and program evaluation. Referrals, tutoring, curriculum development, and supervision. Director of summer school program. Developed study skills program.		
<b>Learning Disabilities</b>	<b>Specialist Public Schools (Denver, Jefferson, &amp; Douglas Counties, CO)</b>	1977 – 1983
Co-Founder and Director. Pre-school screening, diagnostic evaluations, and admission testing for private schools. Individual and family counseling. Workshop consultation and program evaluation. Referrals, tutoring, curriculum development, and supervision. Director of summer school program. Developed study skills program.		
<b>Reading Instructor</b>	<b>Metropolitan State College (Denver, CO)</b>	1976 – 1977
Program development. Teaching reading to minority college students. Counseling and assessment.		



## Publications

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- *Sexual Abuse Allegations in High Conflict Divorce*, published in *Divorce in Denver*. April 2006.
- *Protecting Your Children from Sexual Predators*, St. Martin's Press. 2002.
- *When Your Child's Been Abused: A Parent's Handbook*. 1999. (Published through a grant provided by Victims Assistance Law Enforcement Board)