

Curriculum Vitae

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Academic History

- 1987 **The Pennsylvania State University**
University Park, Pennsylvania
Doctorate: Child Clinical and Developmental Psychology
- 1983 **The Pennsylvania State University**
University Park, Pennsylvania
Master of Science: Child Clinical Psychology
- 1981 **The University of Michigan**
Ann Arbor, Michigan
Bachelor of Arts, Summa Cum Laude:
Developmental Psychology and Psycholinguistics

Clinical Experience

- 1999-present **Private Practice in Clinical, Consulting and Forensic Psychology**
dba., HealthyParent.com and Family Law Consulting, PLLC
Nashua, New Hampshire
Providing comprehensive evaluative and therapeutic interventions to children, families, courts, and child-centered institutions.
- 1989-1999 **Slatoff & Ward, Psychological Associates**
Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Foundation
Nashua, New Hampshire
- Clinical Child Psychologist: Providing out-patient individual, family and group psychotherapy to children, adolescents and teenagers; comprehensive psychological assessment, including intellectual, achievement and projective testing; Emphasizing forensic evaluation and interventions, including comprehensive custody evaluation, and therapy with children of separation and divorce. Co-administrator and co-founder, The Forensic Psychology Division of Slatoff & Ward. Administrative and organizational responsibilities including staffing, intake evaluation, establishment of evaluation and intervention protocols, and liaison with the legal community.

Clinical Experience
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- 1993-2003 **Southern New Hampshire Regional Medical Center**
Nashua, New Hampshire
Associate Medical Staff; Consultative privileges to provide in-patient individual psychotherapy, standardized testing, and behavioral management interventions.
- 1990-2003 **St. Joseph Hospital**
Nashua, New Hampshire
Independent Allied Health Professional, Department of Psychiatry; Consultative privileges to provide in-patient individual psychotherapy, standardized testing, and behavioral management interventions; in-service consultant, pediatric nursing staff; consulting psychologist, palliative care team, oncology unit.
- 1990-1992 **Nashua Brookside Hospital/Northeast Psychiatric Associates**
Nashua, New Hampshire
Consulting Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Services, Adult Psychiatric Services; Providing fee-for-service in-patient individual and family psychotherapy, multidisciplinary team consultation and aftercare placement liaison functions.
- 1987-1990 **Nashua Brookside Hospital/Northeast Psychiatric Associates**
Nashua, New Hampshire
Staff Psychologist, Child and Adolescent Psychiatric Service, providing in-patient individual, milieu, family and group psychotherapy, ages 5- through 18-years; Multi-disciplinary team consultant and aftercare placement liaison.
- 1986-1987 **The Institute of Living**
Hartford, Connecticut
Clinical Child Psychology Intern, (APA Accredited, APIC Certified Institution): Providing in-patient individual, group and family psychotherapy to children and adolescents; Out-patient and day-patient individual and family therapy to children ages 3-years and older; Comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological assessment; Intensive supervision and didactic seminars in topics including child diagnostics, play therapy techniques, and dynamic interpretation.
- 1982-1986 **The Psychological Clinic**
University Park, Pennsylvania
Out-patient individual and family psychotherapy, including children ages 5-years and older; Comprehensive intellectual, achievement and personality assessment; Intensive clinical supervision and didactics including advanced assessment techniques, play therapy, and family therapy.

Forensic Certification

- 2009 **Mediation Certification** (basic)
Rose Hill Mediation Center and MediateFirst
- 2006 **Parenting Coordinator**¹
Continuing education training
- 2005-present **Guardian *ad litem***, New Hampshire state certified²
Serving New Hampshire superior courts in matters of family transition, child custody, visitation, abuse and neglect.

Consulting and Community Experience

Providing routine and *ad hoc* consultation, education and presentations in many areas of child- and family development to preschool and daycare center staffs and parents, to elementary, middle school and high school staffs, students and parents, to businesses, courts, private institutions and clinical colleagues, including but not limited to:

- 2014-2015 **The Supreme Court of Ohio Commission on Dispute Resolution**
Invited committee member; Author, State of Ohio "Parenting Priorities Worksheet"
- 2010-Present **State of New Hampshire, Department of Disabilities**
Conducting clinical consultative evaluations
- 2008-Present **Parenting Coordinators of New Hampshire** (PCANH; see www.PCANH.org)
Founding Co-president collaborating with family law professionals in the interest of providing parenting coordination services across the state in conjunction with national standards.
- 2000-Present ***Ad hoc* private clinical consultant/supervisor**
Providing clinical supervision, consultation, ethical and liability management services; practice building, marketing and referral development consultation, under contract to private practice clinicians, clinic group practices and to the New Hampshire Board of Psychologists.
- 1997-Present **Adult Learning Center, Early Childhood Adventures Program (ECAP)**,
Nashua, New Hampshire
Staff development consultant and parenting liaison, providing staff training, child assessment and educational services to parents; Facilitating family support groups with impoverished, stressed parents.

¹ The state of New Hampshire does not yet regulate, certify or license this practice.

² GAL certification was allowed to lapse in 2010. However, *ad hoc* appointments continue in the present at the court's discretion.

Consulting and Community Experience

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- 1997-2005 **Derry Cooperative School District, Derry, New Hampshire**
District School Counselor Consultant, providing weekly clinical consultation and education to staff of 12 professional school counselors, grades 1-9
- 1994-1996 **Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, Nashua, New Hampshire**
Invited Speaker and Consultant
- 1995-2001 **Home Health and Hospice Care/Good Grief**
Board of Directors, assisting in curriculum development and consulting to clinical Providers regarding children's bereavement
- 1995-1998 **Southern New Hampshire Children and Adults with Attention Deficit Disorders**
Founding Advisory Board Member and quarterly speaker
- 1995-1996 **Mont Vernon Village School, Mont Vernon, New Hampshire**
Behavior management consultant, creator and administrator,
Think 1st Facilitated Communication and Conflict Resolution Program
- 1993-1994 **Resource Center for the Changing Family, Concord, New Hampshire**
Board of Directors; Develop, administer and coordinate multi-disciplinary, state-wide pre-divorce program.
- 1990-1992 **Nashua Children's Association, Nashua, New Hampshire**
Board of Directors; Curriculum and Behavioral Consultant

Professional Presentations

Professional presentations on topics in developmental, clinical and forensic psychology and family law, including but not limited to:

- 09.16.2016 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts - Wisconsin**
Anticipated (Milwaukee, Wisconsin)
Invited presentation, "The voice of the child in high conflict family law matters"
- 07.14.2016 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Minnesota**
Anticipated Invited presentation, "Repairing the Polarized Family: Balancing the child's needs, the court's orders and the provider's liability."
- 06.01.2016 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** (Seattle, Washington)
Anticipated Invited pre-institute address: "Broken Triangles: Assessing and Addressing the Dynamics of High Conflict Divorce."
- 11.05.2015 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** (Columbus, Ohio)
Invited pre-institute address: "Listening to the voice of the child"
- 08.06.2015 **New Hampshire Department of Education State Summit** (Keene, NH)
"Anchoring the next generation"
- 05.29.2015 **The Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad Litem** (Waltham, Mass)
"Assessing Parenting in the Context of Custody Litigation"
- 04.30.2015 **The Supreme Court of Ohio** (Columbus, Ohio)
"Conceptualizing Parenting – Consensualizing Parenting Plans"

Professional Presentations

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- 03.30.2015 **The New Hampshire Children's Trust** (Concord, New Hampshire)
"Positive Pathways with Peers, Parents and Kids"
- 06.06.2014 **The Supreme Court of Ohio Dispute Resolution Section** (Columbus, Ohio)
"Conducting successful, efficient and child-centered family mediation: Structure decreases anxiety."
- 04.24-25.2014 **The Supreme Court of Ohio Domestic Relations Summit** (Columbus, Ohio)
Keynote: "Practical judicial considerations in the best psychological interests of the child;" Breakout: "The child's voice in family law"
- 01.25.2014 **Domestic Violence and Arbitration Training** (Toronto, Canada)
"The child's voice in family law"
- 05.03.2013 **The Maine Guardian ad litem Institute** (Augusta, Maine)
"Child and family development in the context of contested custody litigation: Understanding, assessing and responding to the needs of the triangulated child"
- 09.14.2012 **Connecticut Council of Family Service Agencies** (Hartford, Connecticut)
"Child and family development in the context of contested custody litigation: Understanding, assessing and responding to the needs of the triangulated child"
- 08.02.2012 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Minnesota Affiliate**
(Minneapolis/St. Paul, Minnesota)
"Child and family development in the context of contested custody litigation: Understanding, assessing and responding to the needs of the triangulated child"
- 06.09.2012 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** (Chicago, Illinois)
"Choreographing Child-Centered Transitions Between High Conflict Caregivers"
- 05.04.2012 **Wisconsin Interprofessional Committee on Divorce** (Wisconsin Dells, WI)
"The child's voice in custody litigation: Listening through the din"
- 01.26.2012 **Queen's Bench of Alberta, Canada** (Calgary, Canada)
"Alienation in perspective"
- 01.28.2012 **Domestic Violence Screening Program** (Toronto, Canada)
"Interviewing children in the context of Haberman v. Haberman"
- 05.19.2011 **State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch** (New Britain, Connecticut)
"When co-parents conflict: Responding to children of divorce"
- 05.18.2011 **State of Connecticut, Judicial Branch** (New Britain, Connecticut)
"Finding fit: Interviewing children and assessing conflicted family systems."
- 04.29.2011 **Massachusetts Association of Guardians Ad Litem** (Boston, Massachusetts)
"Legal standards & child development: You can't have one without the other"
- 02.04.2011 **Ontario Bar Association** (Toronto, Ontario, Canada)
"Systemic confounds and the child's voice in family law."
- 01.14.2011 **Saskatchewan Trial Lawyers' Association** (Regina, Saskatchewan, Canada)
"One size can never fit all: Developmentally-informed family law practice, process, and remedies."

Professional Presentations

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- 10.30.2010 **Association of Family and Conciliation Courts** (Boston, Massachusetts)
“Conceptualizing the Dynamics of the Enmeshed Dyad: Adulthood, Parentification and Infantilization”
- 07.08-10.2010 **The National Judicial Institute of Canada** (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)
“The child’s voice in family law proceedings”
- 07.11-13.2010 **The Federation of Canadian Law Societies** (Victoria, British Columbia, Canada)
“Co-parental conflict and divorce in developmental perspective.”
- 04.02.2010 **New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association** (Concord, New Hampshire)
“The tools of affiliation and the weapons of abuse: Alienation, alignment and attachment theory.”
- 05.15.2009 **New Hampshire Psychological Association** (Hampton Beach, New Hampshire):
“Keeping kids out of the middle.”
- 11.13-14.2008 **University of Wisconsin Extension Service** (Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin)
Invited keynote speaker and seminar presenter, *Through the Eyes of A Child*:
“One size must never fit all! Tailoring forensic decisions to developmental differences”
- 10.24.2008 **Minnesota Association of Conflict Resolution Specialists** (Minneapolis, MN):
“Assessing and enabling children’s attachment security in the Midst of co-parental conflict, separation and divorce.”
- 10.03.2008 **Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad litem** (Waltham, Massachusetts):
“The three Ds of parenting coordination: Dynamics, dilemmas and directions”
- 05.17-18.2007 **Wisconsin Interprofessional Committee on Divorce** (Wisconsin Dells, WI):
“In the best interests of the child: Clinical and forensic perspectives on attachment security, co-parental conflict, separation and divorce.”
- 04.26.2007 **Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad litem** (Waltham, Massachusetts):
“Alienation as domestic abuse by proxy”
- 04.18.2007 **New Hampshire Infant Mental Health Task Force/Adult Learning Center** (Nashua, New Hampshire): “Understanding and responding to ADHD”
- 11.17-18.2006 **Cambridge Health Alliance/Harvard Medical School** (Cambridge, Massachusetts):
“Uncoupled: Co-parenting interventions in the best interests of the children.”
- 11.10.2006 **Idaho Psychological Association** (Boise, Idaho):
“From theory to therapy to courtroom: Attachment, alienation and the best interests of the child.”
- 10.13.2006 **New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association** (Durham, New Hampshire):
Invited roundtable participant and speaker, “Bridging the Disciplines”
- 2005-2010 **New Hampshire Guardian ad litem Board** (Concord, NH):
Trainer and consultant, Superior Court GAL beginner and advanced training program: Child and family development; interviewing children; conducting a custody evaluation; Understanding/evaluating alienation and alignment; what is the best interest of a child?

Professional Presentations

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- 11.4-5.2005 **Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad litem** (Waltham, Massachusetts):
“The tools and weapons of affiliation: Attachment, alignment and alienation in developmental perspective.”
- 2004-2006 **PESI Healthcare:**
Consulting speaker, providing full-day training and consultation to mental health and family law professionals across the United States, including:
“Conducting psychotherapy with children of parental discord and divorce”
- 2004-2010 **Early Learning New Hampshire** (Concord, New Hampshire):
“Understanding and responding to the needs of young children of divorce.”
- 11.08.2005 **Nashua School District** (Nashua, New Hampshire):
“Understanding & Educating Children of Parental Discord and Divorce”
- 10.07.2005 **The New Hampshire Bar Association** (Concord, New Hampshire):
“Understanding and responding to children’s best interests: NH RSA 461A”
- 05.05.2005 **FamilyStrength of New Hampshire** (Concord, New Hampshire):
“Assessing and assisting the children of parental discord and divorce”

Professional and Popular Press Books and Chapters

- Garber, Benjamin D. (2016). *Holding Tight/Letting Go: Raising Healthy Kids in Anxious Times*. (<http://unhookedbooks.com/letting-go-holding-tight/>) ISBN 978-1-936268-94-8.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2015). *The Roadmap to The Parenting Plan Worksheet*. Unhooked Media. ISBN 978-1-936268-34-4.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2015). *Ten Child-centered Forensic Family Evaluation Tools: An Empirically Annotated Users’ Guide*. Unhooked Media (<http://unhookedbooks.com/ten-child-centered-forensic-family-evaluation-tools/>). ISBN 978-1-936268-96-2.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2014). “The role of attachment theory and methodology in the allocation of post-divorce parenting rights and responsibilities.” In Poitras, K. (ed.), *L’enfant et le litige en matière de garde – Regards psychologiques et juridiques*.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2013). “Providing effective, systemically informed, child-centered psychotherapies for children of divorce: Walking on thin ice:.” In A. Baker and R. Sauber (Eds.), *Working with alienated children and families: A clinical guidebook*. New York: Routledge.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2009). *Developmental Psychology for Family Law Professionals: Theory, Application and The Best Interests of the Child*. Springer. ISBN 978-082610525-7
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2009). *Ask an Expert* (Serving as consulting psychologist to Penguin Books, NY), written by Dr. Tanya Byron. ISBN 978-0-7566-5147-3

Professional and Popular Press Books and Chapters

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- Garber, Benjamin D. (2008). *Keeping Kids Out Of The Middle: Parenting Effectively In The Midst Of Adult Conflict, Separation and Divorce*. Health Communications, Incorporated. ISBN 878-0-7573-0711-9
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2008). *Your Toddler Month By Month* (Serving as consulting psychologist to Penguin Books, NY), written by Dr. Tanya Byron. ISBN 978-0-7566-3360-8
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2003; revised 2015) *The HealthyParent's ABCs: A Caregiving Curriculum*. HealthyParent.com. ISBN 09773322-1-7
- Garber, Benjamin D. (1998; revised 2000, 2002, 2003) *Taming The Beast Within: Managing Anger For Ourselves And Our Children*, HealthyParent.com. ISBN 0-9773322-4-1

Peer Reviewed Professional Publications

- Garber, Benjamin D. (2016). Exploring a process-oriented forensic family observation protocol. *Family Court Review*, 54(2), 261-276..
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2015). Cognitive-behavioral methods in high conflict divorce: Systematic desensitization adapted to parent-child reunification interventions. *Family Court Review*, 53(1), 96-112.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2014). The chameleon child: Children as actors in the high conflict divorce drama. *Journal of Child Custody*, 11, 1-16.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2013). Distinguishing among mental health services relevant to family law process. *New Hampshire Bar News*.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2012) Security by association? Mapping attachment theory onto family law practice. *Family Court Review*, 50(3), 467-470.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2012). Developmental decalage and the voice of the child. *The Family Way*, The Canadian Bar Association.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2011). Parental alienation and the dynamics of the enmeshed dyad: Adultification, parentification and infantilization. *Family Court Review*, 49(2), 322-335.
- Garber, Benjamin D. and Landerman-Garber, Laura (2011). Muchmore and Jaycox: A Call For Developmentally-Responsive Parenting Plans. *New Hampshire Bar Journal*, 54-57.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (February, 2011). The Voice Of The Child In High Conflict Divorce: Systemic, Developmental, and Practical Considerations. Paper prepared for presentation to the Ontario Bar Association.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2009). Attachment methodology in custody evaluation: Four hurdles standing between developmental theory and forensic application. *Journal of Child Custody*, 6(1&2), 38-61.
- Garber, B. (2007). Conceptualizing visitation resistance and refusal in the context of parental conflict, separation and divorce. *Family Court Review*, (4)1, 588-599.

**Peer Reviewed
Professional Publications**
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- Garber, Benjamin D. (2007). Developing a structured interview tool for children embroiled in family litigation and forensic mental health services: The Query Grid. *Journal of Forensic Psychology Practice*, 7(1), 1-18.
- Garber, Benjamin D. & Landerman, L. (Summer, 2006). How should the child's voice be heard when parental rights and responsibilities are contested? *New Hampshire Bar Journal*.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2004). Parental alienation in light of attachment theory: Consideration of the broader implications for child development, clinical practice and forensic process. *Journal of Child Custody*, 1(4), 49-76.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (October, 2004). Court responsibility and parental privilege in child custody cases. *New Hampshire Bar News*, 15(8), 24-25.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2004). Therapist alienation: Foreseeing and forestalling dynamics undermining therapies with children. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 35(4) 357-363.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (2004). Directed co-parenting intervention: Conducting child centered interventions in parallel with highly conflicted co-parents. *Professional Psychology: Research and Practice*, 35(1), 55-64.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (February, 2001). ADHD or not ADHD: Custody and visitation considerations. *New Hampshire Bar News*, New Hampshire Bar Assn.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (1998). Practical interventions for attention disordered children. *Attention*.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (April, 1996). Alternatives to alienation: Acknowledging the broader scope of children's emotional difficulties during divorce. *The New Hampshire Bar Journal*.
- Garber, Benjamin D. (Summer, 1994). Practical Limitations in Considering Psychotherapy with Children of Separation and Divorce. *Psychotherapy*, 31(2).
- Garber, Benjamin D. (1988). Individual differences in infant visual attention and habituation as a function of ambient auditory stimulation. *Dissertation Abstracts International*, Vol 48(12-B, Pt 1), 3703.
- Garber, Benjamin D. and Miller, Mark L. (1986). Of beasts and butterflies: Evidence for the stability and domain-specificity of individual differences in categorization. *Journal of Personality*, 54(4), 647-658.
- Garber, Benjamin D., and Nelson, K.E. (1982). "Category Acquisition in Infancy." Funded Grant Proposal, The National Institutes of Mental Health, Bethesda, Maryland.

Parenting Publications in the Popular Press

In the capacity of freelance writer in the areas of parenting, child and family development, over 1,000 articles appearing across the United States, Canada, Australia and Great Britain, including, as examples :

Is My Child Psychologically "Fit"?	School's Back On: Do You Know How Your Child Learns?
Speaking Out for Your Child's Education: Parents as Advocates in the Schools.	Keeping in Touch with School.
Parenting Apart: Keeping the Kids Out Of the Middle.	The Parable of the Jealous Princess, or Establishing Sensible Visitation for Young Children of Separated Parents.
Dividing the Kingdom: Preparing Your First Born for Siblings.	Single Parenting: Doing the Impossible Daily.
The Subtlest Hurt of All	

These publications appear bimonthly since 1997 in the *Nashua Sunday Telegraph* and have variously appeared in print and via electronic media in publications including, but not limited to:

<i>The Tucson Parent</i> (Tucson, Arizona)	<i>The San Francisco Peninsula Parent</i> (San Francisco, California)	<i>Fairfield County Kids</i> (Fairfield, Connecticut)
<i>The Atlanta Parent</i> (Atlanta, Georgia)	<i>Indy's Child</i> (Indianapolis, Indiana)	<i>The Big Apple Parents' Paper</i> (New York City, New York)
<i>Long Island Parenting News</i> (New York City, New York)	<i>Western New York Family Magazine</i> (Buffalo, New York)	<i>The Carolina Parent</i> (Durham, North Carolina)
<i>Mahoning Valley Parent</i> (Youngstown, Ohio)	<i>El Paso's Kids Magazine</i> (El Paso, Texas)	<i>Alaska Parenting News</i> (Anchorage, Alaska)
<i>Sydney's Child</i> (Sydney, Australia)	<i>ValleyKids Parent News</i> (Chicago, Illinois)	<i>Melbourne's Child</i> (Melbourne, Australia)
<i>Family Times</i> (Delaware)	<i>Parentimes</i> (Nashua, New Hampshire)	<i>The Sunday Telegraph</i> (regular columnist) (Nashua, New Hampshire)

More recent popular press articles are available at: <http://bdgarberphd.wordpress.com/>

Professional Affiliations

The American Psychological Association
National Register of Health Service Providers in Psychology
The Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
Massachusetts Association of Guardians ad litem
New Hampshire Association for Infant Mental Health
New Hampshire Conflict Resolution Association
Family Resource Center of Nashua (Founding member, 2009)
Parenting Coordinator Association of New Hampshire (Founding co-president 2008)
Parenting Publications of America

For Further Information

Select annotated forensic case log, references, reprints, popular press articles, and related documentation are available upon request. Please contact Dr. Garber via post, e-mail, or phone to request further information.