

## Debra K Carter, Ph.D.

### EDUCATION

#### **UNDERGRADUATE:**

University of Michigan  
Ann Arbor, MI

B.A. (April 1980)

#### **GRADUATE:**

University of Detroit  
Detroit, MI

M.A. (April, 1982)  
Clinical Psychology

University of Detroit  
Detroit, MI

Ph.D. (June, 1986)  
Clinical Psychology

Wayne State University  
School of Medicine  
Detroit, MI

Clinical Psychology  
Internship  
(November, 1983)

**Florida License - #PY 0003897**

**December, 1987**

FL Supreme Court Certified Family Law Mediator

November, 2001

Certified Parenting Coordinator (12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit)

October, 2002

### EMPLOYMENT

**National Cooperative Parenting Center (NCPC)**

**2001-Present**

**Co-Founder & Clinical Director**

4835 27<sup>th</sup> St. West, Suite 205  
Bradenton, FL. 34207

**Carter Psychology Center**

**March, 1987-Present**

**Owner & Clinical Director**

4835 27<sup>th</sup> St. West, Suite #125  
Bradenton, FL 34207-4401

Individual, Couple and Family Psychotherapy  
Psychological Evaluations - Adults, Adolescents and Children  
Forensic Consultation and Evaluation  
Intensive Out-Patient Eating Disorder Clinic  
Parenting Coordination

Institute for Eating Disorders <b>Manatee Memorial Hospital</b> 205 Second Street East Bradenton, Florida 34205	<b>1988 - 1990</b>
<b>Mediplex-Rehabilitation</b> (The Center at Manatee Springs) 5627 9th Street East Bradenton, FL 34203	<b>May, 1986 - October, 1988</b>
<b>Manatee Community College</b> 5840 26th Street West Bradenton, FL 34207	<b>January, 1985-May, 1986</b>
<b>Sarasota Testing Service, Inc.</b> 1705 South Osprey Avenue Sarasota, FL 33579	<b>February, 1985-April, 1988</b>
<b>Detroit Psychiatric Institute</b> 1151 Taylor Detroit, MI 48202	<b>September, 1981-November, 1983</b>
<b>University of Detroit</b> Psychology Clinic 3939 Florence Detroit, MI 48221	<b>January, 1981-May, 1983</b>
<b>Community Mental Health Services</b> 1952 S. Industrial Highway Ann Arbor, MI 48104	<b>May, 1978-May, 1980</b>
<b>Neuropsychiatric Institute</b> University Hospital Ann Arbor, MI 48109	<b>May, 1977 - May, 1979</b>

## **REFERENCES**

Provided upon request

## **ORGANIZATION AFFILIATION**

The Florida Bar - Family Law Section  
 Ad Hoc Committee on Parenting Coordination  
 Legislation Committee  
 Parenting Plan Subcommittee  
 Florida Chapter: Association of Family & Conciliatory Courts  
 Recent Board Member & Past President  
 Chair – Empirically Based Parenting Plan Task Force

Co-Chair – Social Investigation & Parenting Plan Evaluation (SIPPE) Committee  
 Chair – Parenting Coordination Research Task Force  
 Chair – Ethical Guidelines for Parenting Coordination in FL Work Group  
 Association of Family & Conciliatory Courts  
 Co-Chair – Mentorship Project  
 Member – Chapter Council Committee  
 Former FL Chapter Representative  
 Florida Supreme Court Workgroup on Parenting Coordination  
 American Psychological Association  
 Parenting Coordination Task Force – Technical Advisor  
 Member – Division 41 (Psychology & Law)  
 Academy of Professional Mediators  
 Academy for Eating Disorders  
 Florida Psychological Association  
 Fourteen years as LWCC Rep to Board of Directors  
 Lower West Coast Chapter, Past President  
 Convention Planning Committee, Past Chair  
 Liaison to Family Law Section of Florida Bar  
 Society for Personality Assessment

### **HOSPITAL AFFILIATIONS**

Manatee Memorial Hospital - 3/90 to Present - Consultant  
 HCA-Blake Hospital - 10/88 to Present - Consultant  
 Glen Oaks Hospital - 5/88 to Present – Consultant

### **ADDITIONAL INTERESTS / RESEARCH**

Childhood Stress Reactions in Family Law Disputes  
 Disruptions of Attachment  
 Parenting Coordination Program  
 Child Custody (Parenting Plan )Evaluations  
 Eating Disorders  
 Psychoanalytic Treatment

### **HONORS AND AWARDS**

2010	Hon. John Van Duser Distinguished Service Award	Association of Family & Conciliation Courts
2010	<b>President's Award</b>	Association of Family & Conciliation Courts – Florida Chapter
2004	Exceptional Legislative Efforts	Florida Psychological Association
2001	Distinguished Psychologist	Florida Psychological Association

2000	Outstanding Contributions to Psychology in the Public Interest	Florida Psychological Association
1999	<b>PSYCHOLOGIST OF THE YEAR</b>	Florida Psychological Association
1998	Outstanding Contributions to the Field of Psychology	FPA – Child, Adolescent & Family Division
1998	Golden Circle- For the Advancement Of Psychology	Psychologists of Florida
1995	Outstanding Contributions to Psychology	Florida Psychological Association
1994	Hon. Lynn N. Silvertooth Award	Twelfth Judicial Circuit Court Judges, Manatee County, FL

## **COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT**

### **Bar/Bench Committees:**

#### Shared Parental Responsibility Guidelines Revision Committee

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Judges, Founding Bar/Bench Committee Member; 2007 - Present

#### Social Investigation and Parenting Plan Evaluation Program (FKA Child Custody Evaluation Program)

12th Judicial Circuit; Founding Bar/Bench Committee Member; Training Coordinator; Applicant Review Committee Member; Peer Review Committee Member; 1/00 – Present

#### Parenting Coordination Program

12th Judicial Circuit; Founding Bar/Bench Committee Member; Training Coordinator; Applicant Review Committee Member; 10/00 – Present

#### Family Court Professional Collaborative (FCPC)

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit; Past-President; Founding Bar/Bench Committee Member; Program Development Coordinator, 11/02- Present

#### Family Law Advisory Group (FLAG)

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit – Executive Committee, 7/04 – Present

#### Supreme Court Parenting Coordination Workgroup

State of Florida, 7/04 – Present

#### Association of Family & Conciliation Courts – Florida Chapter

Ethical Guidelines for Parenting Coordination in FL Task Force - Chair  
 Parenting Coordination Research Committee – Chair  
 Empirically Based Parenting Plan Work Group – Chair  
 Social Investigation and Parenting Plan Evaluation (SIPPE) Task Force – Co-Chair

#### Florida Bar – Family Law Section

Parenting Coordination Ad Hoc Committee  
Legislation Committee

## **WORKSHOPS & TRAINING SEMINARS PRESENTED**

### **Forensic:**

#### Child Development and Disputes Regarding Child Placement

12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges, Manatee County Bar Association; 3/12/93

#### Revised Parental Responsibility & Visitation Guidelines; Rationale for Age-Specific Guidelines

Family Law Mediators, Guardians ad Litem; Mental Health Service Providers; 1/26/94

#### Revised Parental Responsibility & Visitation Guidelines; Rationale for Age-Specific Guidelines

Florida Psychological Association, LWC Chapter; 2/7/94

#### Psychological Evaluations in Divorce Custody

12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Judges, Criminal Defense Attorneys, Guardians ad Litem; 2/16/95

#### Child Development Issues and the Implications for a Visitation Schedule

Florida Conference of Circuit Judges; 9/10/95

#### Shared Parental Responsibility and Visitation Guidelines

Inns of Court, Hillsborough County, FL; 10/18/95

#### Developmental Aspects of Child Contact Guidelines in Family Litigation

Lee County Association of Family Law Professionals; 8/23/96

#### Client-Centered Consultation

University of South Florida; 10/96

#### Mock Trial Divorce

Florida Psychological Association; 6/13/97

#### Effects of Divorce on Children by Developmental Stage

Manatee Community College; 11/10/97

#### Legal and Psychological Aspects of Custody Evaluations

Law and Psychological Seminar; 6/26/98

#### Disruption of Attachment: Clinical and Forensic Implications

Florida Psychological Association; 6/28/98

#### Legal and Psychological Aspects of Custody Evaluations

Florida Psychological Association; 4/1/99

#### Children's Issues Seminar

Family Law Section, Florida Bar Association, Miami; 4/29/99

Children's Issues Seminar

Family Law Section, Florida Bar Association, Tampa; 4/30/99

Short and Long-term Effects of Divorce on Children: A Developmental Approach

Hope Lutheran Church; 1/3/00

Children of Divorce

Sarasota Bar Association; 3/14/00

Parent Coordination in Divorce

Project Child Care; 2/21/01

Overview of the 12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Court's New Parenting Coordinator Program

Manatee County Parenting Education Coalition; 4/18/01

Parenting During and After Divorce

Project Child Care; 11/16/01

Behind Closed Doors

Florida Conference of Circuit Judges, Amelia Island Plantation; 12/4/01

Parenting During and After Divorce

Palma Sola Presbyterian Church; 3/11/02

Parenting Coordination

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit Training Program, Sarasota, FL; 10/11/02 and 10/12/02

Family Law Sections Meeting: PC Training

Manatee Bar Association; 12/11/02

Parenting Coordination: Pre-Conference Institute

FL Chapter - Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Tampa, FL;  
October 25, 2002

Report Preparation for the Court

12<sup>th</sup> Circuit Custody Evaluators, Sarasota County Judicial Center; 2/28/03

New Ideas and Trends in Parenting Coordination

20<sup>th</sup> Circuit Association of Family Law Professionals (AFLP), Ft. Myers; 4/25/03

Risk & Resilience: Coping After Divorce

Florida Psychological Association Annual Convention, Hutchinson Island, FL; 6/8/03

Parenting Coordination: The Basics and Beyond

Florida Chapter - Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Summit, Orlando, FL,  
August 15 & 16, 2003

Parenting Coordination: Training and Techniques

Association for Dispute Resolution Annual Conference, Orlando FL; October 15<sup>th</sup> 2003

Parenting Coordination: Advanced Techniques

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Sarasota, Florida; October 31<sup>st</sup> - November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003

Parenting Coordination: Training and Techniques

11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, Miami, FL; November 7 & 8, 2004

Parenting Coordination: Training and Techniques

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL; January 2004

Parenting Through & After Divorce

Family Partnership Center, Manatee County, FL; April 21, 2004

Pave the Way for a Successful Parenting Coordination Program: Pre-Conference Institute

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, San Antonio, TX,  
May 12 – 14, 2004

Parenting Coordination: Definition, Procedures, and Interface With the Court System

NOFSW Conference, Tampa, FL; May 20, 2004

The Parenting Coordination Process: Judicial and Practitioner Perspectives

Dispute Resolution Center Conference, Orlando, FL; August 25-28, 2004

Parenting Coordination: Training and Techniques

The FICP, Fort Lauderdale, FL; September 9-11, 2004

Considering The Family Change: Recommendations & Long-Term Interventions

Sixth International Symposium on Child Custody, Nashville, TN; October 12 & 13, 2004

Parenting Coordination: Legislative, Ethical and Practical Update

Florida Chapter - Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference,  
Tampa, FL, November 12-13, 2004

The Parenting Coordination Process

Circuit Judges Annual Conference, Amelia Island Plantation, FL Dec. 11-12, 2004

Parenting Coordination: Training and Techniques

Training at USF, Tampa, FL; Jan. 27-29, 2005

Parenting Coordination: The Perfect Fit to the Family Court Puzzle

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Seattle, WA; May 19, 2005

Parenting Coordination: Pre-conference Institute

FL Association of Marriage & Family Therapists, Ft. Lauderdale, FL; May 26, 2005

Parenting Coordination & Domestic Violence Issues

FL Chapter- Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference; Tampa, FL;  
October 28, 2005

Parenting Coordination: Does One Model Fit All?

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Conference; Washington, D.C.,  
May 30, 2007

Ethical Practice for Parenting Coordinators

43<sup>rd</sup> Annual Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Conference; Washington, D.C.,  
May 31, 2007

Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts, Part 1

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts and National Council of Juvenile and Family  
Court Judges (NCJFC) Regional Training Conference; Columbus, Ohio; September 28, 2007

Parenting Coordination Nuts & Bolts, Part 2

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts and NCJFCJ Regional Training Conference;  
Columbus, Ohio; September 29, 2007

The Long and Winding Road: the Impact of Domestic Violence on the Conflict Resolution Process and  
the Entire Family, Pre Conference Institute

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference;  
Orlando, Florida; November 2, 2007

Take Good Care of My Baby: Best Interests of Children v. Rights of Natural Parents

6<sup>th</sup> Annual Florida Chapter of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts Conference;  
Orlando, Florida; November 3, 2007

The USF Conflict Resolution Collaborative: Parenting Coordination Training Program

University of South Florida; Tampa, Florida; January 17, 18, and 19, 2008

Fitting the Forum to the Family: Emerging Challenges for Family Courts

Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 45<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; Vancouver, BC,  
Canada; May 28-31, 2008

Disruptions of Attachment: Clinical and Forensic Implications

Alabama Psychological Association 2008 Summer Convention; Fort Walton Beach,  
Florida; June 6, 2008

Parenting Coordination: Definition, Procedures, and Interface with the Court System

Florida Psychological Association 2008 Annual Conference; Bonita Springs, Florida;  
July 17-20, 2008

The Circuit Court of the 15<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit: Social Investigation and Parenting Plan Presentation

West Palm Beach, Florida; December 5, 2008

Helping the Courts and Litigants Craft Individualized Parenting Plans

Florida Chapter of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 2009 Conference;  
Tampa, Florida; February 27-28, 2009

Part I: Parenting Plan Development: Assessment & Overview of Four Structured Plans  
Statewide Domestic Violence Coordinators Meeting; Orlando, Florida; April 16-17, 2009

Part II: Domestic Violence Considerations in the Development of Parenting Plans  
Statewide Domestic Violence Coordinators Meeting; Orlando, Florida; April 16-17, 2009

Parenting Plan Development: Assessment & Overview of Basic & Safety Focused Plans  
Third Judicial Circuit Training Conference; Bowling Park, Florida; April 24, 2009

Parenting Coordinators: A Necessity or an Extra Lawyer?  
American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Institute; Orlando, Florida; April 30-  
May 2, 2009

Intractable Conflicts in Parenting Coordination: Collaborative Interventions  
Association of Family and Conciliation Courts 46<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference; New Orleans,  
Louisiana; May 28, 2009

Parenting Coordination: Practice, Research, and the Interface between Psychology and Law  
American Psychological Association – Pre-Conference Institute; Toronto, Ontario:  
August 5, 2009

Intervention for Family Conflict: Stacking the Odds in Favor of Children  
Association of Family & Conciliation Courts Regional Training Conference, Reno, Nevada,  
November 6, 2009

Parenting Coordination Basic Training Program  
National Cooperative Parenting Center, West Palm Beach, FL, Nov. 12 – 14, 2009

Parenting Coordination – Supplemental Training  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, December 4, 2009

Parenting Coordination – Supplemental Training  
National Cooperative Parenting Center, Kissimmee, FL, January 15, 2010

Parenting Coordination Basic Training Program  
University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, January 28 – 30, 2010

Parenting Plan Development: Overview of Basic & Safety Focused Plans  
Eighth Judicial Circuit Training Event, Gainesville, FL, February 12, 2010

Parenting Coordination – Supplemental Training  
National Cooperative Parenting Center, Miami, FL, February 19, 2010

Mental Health Essentials for the Family Law Professional  
National Cooperative Parenting Center, Miami, FL, February 20, 2010

Parenting Coordination – Legislative Update

12<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit, FLAG, Bradenton, FL, March 5, 2010

Roles of Parenting Coordinators vs Social Investigation

Manatee County Bar Association, Bradenton, FL, March 11, 2010

Implications of PC Statute §61.125 on Parenting Coordination, FL Supreme Court Rule,  
Current Research and Related Issues

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts- Fl Chapter Annual Conference, Tampa, FL  
March 12, 2010

Parenting Coordination Legislative Update

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts- Fl Chapter Annual Conference, Tampa, FL,  
March 13, 2010

Guardian Ad Litem and Parenting Coordinators – How Best to Use Them, Stop Your Clients from  
Abusing Them and Present Their Testimony at Trial

The Florida Bar Webinar, April 14, 2010

Parenting Coordination Basic Training Program

National Cooperative Parenting Center, Kissimmee, FL, May 13 – 15, 2010

Research on The Developing Landscape of Parenting Coordination: Research, Theory and Practice

Association Of Family & Conciliation Courts Annual Conference, Denver, CO, June 2, 2010

Dealing with the Challenges of High Conflict Cases:

Current Research and Implications for Decision-Making and Parenting Plans

11<sup>th</sup> Judicial Circuit – Judicial Training Program, Miami, FL, June 11, 2010

Parenting Coordination Basic Training Program

University of South Florida, Tampa, FL, July 15 – 17, 2010

Parenting Coordination Supplemental Training

National Cooperative Parenting Center, West Palm Beach, FL, September 10, 2010

Advanced Parenting Coordination Training Program

National Cooperative Parenting Center, West Palm Beach, FL, October 8 & 9, 2010

Use of the Forensic Mental Health Professional as Litigation Consultant

AFCC - Ninth Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations, Cambridge/Boston, Massachusetts  
October 28-30, 2010

Parenting Coordination Basic Training Program

National Cooperative Parenting Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, November 13 – 15, 2010

**PUBLICATIONS**

- Carter, Debra K.** (1998). Rotating Custody: In Whose Best Interest?, *The Commentator*, Vol. I, No. 8, Family Law Section of The Florida Bar.
- Carter, Debra K.** (1998). Child Custody and Visitation, *Florida Psychologist*, Vol. 49, No. 1, Florida Psychological Association
- Carter, Debra K.** (1998). More Than the Blues. Bradenton Herald, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1998.
- Carter, Debra K.** & Harari, C. (2008). Addressing Myths, Misunderstandings, and Dilemmas About Parenting Coordination. *The Commentator*, Vol. XXIII, No. 1, Family Law Section of The Florida Bar.
- Carter, Debra K.** (2009) Best Interest of Children: Primary Roles of Parenting Coordinators. *Good Practice*, D.C.: APA, Spring.
- Fieldstone, L. & **Carter, Debra K.**, (2009) Ten Things to Consider When Developing a Parenting Plan. *ASSOCIATION OF FAMILY & CONCILIATION COURTS News*, Vol. 28, No. 3.
- Fieldstone, L., **Carter, Debra K.**, Artman-Smith, M, Permesly, R. (Eds.) (2009). Florida's New Shared Parenting Statute: What Professionals Need to Know, Sarasota, FL: Professional Resource Press.
- Carter, Debra K.** (in press) Parenting Coordination: A Guide for Family Law Professionals, NY: Springer Publishing.
- Carter, Debra K.** (in press) Parenting Coordination: A Practical Guide for Parents.
- Fieldstone, L., **Carter, D.K.**, King, T., McHale, J. (in press) Training, Skills and Practices of Parenting Coordinators: Florida Statewide Study