

Dana E. Tatum, Ph.D., MA, LPC
Psychology, Correctional Health and Behavioral and Mental Health Expert

Experience

Present Position; Clinical Director/Program Coordinator, Gwinnett County Sheriff's Office/ Mental Health Task Force, Lawrenceville, GA.

Develop and implement on-going clinical training and clinical supervision for officers assigned to the GCSO Mental Health Task Force (MHTF). Created all clinical tools, public education, and policies/procedures for the activation of the MHTF. The MHTF will assist law enforcement officers in their encounters with the severely mentally ill experiencing crisis in the public sector.

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Exigent Group Limited (April 2022 -Present)**

Work in a collaborative environment as a subject matter expert aimed at providing psychological investigation, analysis, reports and testimony towards the resolution of civil and criminal litigation requiring specialized knowledge of standards of care in the clinical and correctional setting.

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Chief Behavioral Health Officer, Armor Correctional Health Services, Inc.

2009-2020 Miami, FL

Developed, supervised and implemented the mental health services for jails and prisons throughout the United States. Responsible for the psychiatric and psycho-therapeutic services for over 46,000 persons at over 45 campuses in 8 states.

**Southeast Regional Director of Mental Health Services
2004-2009, Prison Health Services Inc, Brentwood, TN**

- Direct the mental health services for Prisons and Jails in the S.E. United States.

- Provided training and consultation in Mental Health Issues to Police and Corrections Officers.
- Provided expert testimony in a variety of forensic issues in both Criminal and Civil cases.
- Trained graduate student interns in mental health treatment within the criminal justice system.

Director of Healthcare Operations

2003-2009, Prison Health Services (Gwinnett County, Georgia)

- Administrative Director of the inmate Health Services for the Gwinnett County Detention Center.
- Clinical Director and Administrative Director of the Mental Health Services for the Gwinnett County Detention Center (This position held concurrently with Regional Mental Health Director position listed above).

Forensic Psych-Services Consultant

2001-present, Private Contractor, throughout United States

Provided consultation on treatment issues and expert testimony in forensic civil and criminal cases.

- Provide training to police agencies and corrections officers in the areas of forensic psychology, behavior analysis, verbal de-escalation, crisis intervention and hostage negotiations throughout U.S.A.
- Provide critical incident de-briefing to correctional and police agencies.
- Provide consultation on open and cold criminal cases involving suspected predatory behavior.
- Consultation to various jails on the physical design and implementation of specialized units for the housing and treatment of the severely mentally ill.

Director of Mental Health Services

1994-2001, Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department and Detention Center, Lawrenceville, Georgia

- Developed the first self-contained acute mental health unit within a direct supervision model jail.
- Developed comprehensive mental health services program to address needs of over 3000 inmates.
- Instructor to Deputy staff in all areas of mental illness and the management of the mentally ill in a jail environment

Psychotherapist

1996-1999, Highland Institute for Behavioral Change, Atlanta, GA.

Provided therapeutic services and assessment to court ordered, sentenced, and presentenced sexual offenders.

Behavior Specialist

1993-1995 Laurel Heights Hospital, Atlanta GA.

- Provided physical and educational activities to groups of child and Adolescent long-term residential patients. As my education was completed, I was promoted to Behavioral Specialist on an Adolescent Unit for patients ages 11-17.

Education/Training Certifications

Georgia School of Professional Psychology, Atlanta, GA.

1993-1997

- Master's and Doctorate in Psychology (specialty in psychotherapy)

Northcentral University, Scottsdale, Arizona

- Post Doctorate Certificate in Advanced Graduate Studies (Psychopharmacology and Health Psychology).
- Behavior Analysis, Hostage Negotiation/Crisis Intervention training, Federal Bureau of Investigation, 1999, 2006
- Post Graduate Fellow at the Highland Institute for Behavioral Change, assessed psychopathology in court ordered sexual predators. 1997-1998 Atlanta, GA.
- Certified Correctional Health Care Professional by the National Commission on Correctional Health Care 2012
- Academy Member, National Commission on Correctional Health Care 2012
- Licensed Psychotherapist, Georgia and Texas

Forensic Advisor

Psychological advisor and trainer to the Gwinnett County Police S.W.A.T. Hostage Negotiation Team. Metro Atlanta, GA. 1998-2016.

Psychological Advisor and trainer to the Gwinnett County Sheriff's Department S.E.R.T. and jailor's school. Metro Atlanta GA. 1996-2001, 2004 to 2009

Created and implemented training for the management of the mentally ill in jails and prisons in over 10 states for correctional officers, law enforcement officers and allied medical professionals in the corrections environment. 1998-present.

**Speaking and
Training
Engagements**

Guest Speaker on the subject of *Mental Illness Stigma* to the Regional Deputy Chief's Conference. Lawrenceville Georgia, December 2021

Guest speaker to the Virginia Department of Corrections Annual Mental Health Professionals state conference, 2018, 2019

Guest lecturer Florida International University, School of Medicine, 2013, 2014 and 2016

Guest Speaker at the National Visions Summit, Austin TX. 2014

Guest Speaker, Texas Jailors Association Conference. San Antonio TX. 2014 and 2016

Guest speaker National Congress of the American Corrections Association, Orlando, FL. 2011

Guest speaker National Conference for the National Commission on Correctional Health Care. Phoenix, AZ. 2011

Guest speaker to the National Convention of the National Council on Correctional Health Care (NCCHC). 2008, Chicago, IL.

Guest Speaker, Georgia State Conference of the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives, 2008

Guest speaker at the National Convention of the American Corrections Association (ACA), Kansas City, 2007

Guest Speaker at the National Sheriff's Association National Conference, Salt Lake City, UT June 2007

Guest speaker to the Georgia Jailors Association 2004, 2005, 2010

Guest speaker to the Oregon Jailors Association 2007

Guest Speaker National Alliance for the Mentally Ill, Gwinnett Chapter, 1998-2001

Crisis Intervention Training C.I.T. instructor 2004 to present throughout the United States.