

# Melinda A. Wright, LCSW, CAP

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## Clinical Social Worker

**Highly knowledgeable, empathetic, and dedicated professional with extensive clinical experience in group/individual counseling, cognitive behavioral therapy, and crisis intervention and de-escalation.** Well versed in intake procedures, psychosocial evaluation, motivational interviewing, and treatment planning. Demonstrated ability to train medical staff and social work professionals and provide teammates with ongoing support. Outstanding communicator, effective group facilitator, and valued member of assessment and service teams who thrives in busy, fast-paced environments. Ensure full compliance with all regulatory requirements and deliver exceptional levels of care to clients and family members. *Skill set includes:*

Client Relations & Education • Community Outreach • Drug & Alcohol Treatment • Group Facilitation  
Case Management • Intake Assessment • Staff Training & Development • Report Generation  
Service Coordination • Process Improvement • Leadership & Teambuilding • Microsoft Office Suite

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## Professional Highlights

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- ✓ Provided counseling services and expertise in addictions as Counselor for Florida Hospital Center for Psychiatry, aiding patients in determining the extent of their substance abuse problems, conducting evaluations for other mental illnesses, identifying pertinent psychosocial factors, and facilitating individual, family, and group therapy sessions.
    - Counseled several hundred clients and families over 6-year tenure and delivered valuable support to enable clients to recover and avoid relapse.
    - Developed psycho-educational curriculum, served as consultant for hospital based psychiatrists, and assisted fellow counselors via clinical review.
  - ✓ Hired specifically to establish outpatient adult addictions program for Allentown Hospital/Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, function as consultant for attending physicians, and aid hospital treatment team in trauma recovery planning for individuals.
    - Attended trauma rounds, conducted clinical evaluation on patients following toxicology tests, supplied counseling/referrals, and coordinated discharge planning.
    - Facilitated addictions training for emergency medical technician students and pastoral counseling staff.
    - Expanded hospital awareness regarding the prevalence of and protocol for substance abuse related hospital admissions.
    - Gained experience in utilization of traumatic events as vehicles for change, assisting individuals with coming to terms with their addiction and engaging resistant patients.
  - ✓ Formed private clinical social work practice specializing in geriatric mental health, adoption home study, and grief counseling.
    - Provided mental health assessment and individual/family therapy to residents at retirement communities, assisted living complexes, and rehabilitation facilities.
    - Previously served as volunteer grief support group facilitator and parent educator and performed family assessments for potential adoptive families on part-time basis.
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## Career Timeline

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Barbara E. Kelly Ph.D. LLC  
**Clinical Social Worker/Certified Addictions Counselor**

Currently

Private Practice, Winter Park, FL/Senior Counselor Oasis Professional Center, Orlando FL 1998–July 2013  
**Clinical Social Worker**

Florida Hospital Center for Psychiatry, Orlando, FL 1991–1998  
**Counselor**

Allentown Hospital/Lehigh Valley Hospital Center, Allentown, PA 1990–1991  
**Counselor**

*Additional experience as **Counselor** for Alcoholism Council of Tompkins County, Ithaca, NY; **Program Coordinator** for Challenge Industries, Ithaca, NY; **Counselor** for Dawn Farm, Ann Arbor, MI; and **Direct Care Worker** for Methodist Children’s Home Society, Detroit, MI*

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## **Education & Professional Development**

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**MSW**, University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI

*Concentration in Private Practice; Completed field practicum at Washtenaw County Community Mental Health Center, providing mental health assessments for incarcerated clients*

**BS in Social Work**, Eastern Michigan University, Ypsilanti, MI

*Cum Laude; Completed field practicum at Lenawee County Department of Social Services – Children’s Protective Services Unit, supporting child abuse and neglect investigations*

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), FL Department of Health

Certified Addictions Professional (CAP), FL Certification Board

### **Recent Training:**

Emergency Mental Health Assessment and Treatment Seminar – Tim Webb (2012)

Comprehensive Cognitive Behavioral Therapy with Couples – Frank Dattilio, Ph.D. (2012)

National Institute for the Clinical Application of Behavioral Medicine (NICABM) Series on Traumatic Stress (2012)

Providing Mental Health Services to Military Personnel and Their Families – Scurfield and Platoni (2010)

Assessing and Treating Mental Disorders in Older Adults – Zarit and Zarit (2010)

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## **Affiliation & Community Involvement**

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Member, National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Former Volunteer, Seminole County Public Schools (2001–2008)