

# **Barbara A. Rila, Ph.D.**

Licensed Psychologist

Texas License Number 2-2888

## **Education**

### **University of North Texas, Denton, Texas**

Ph.D., August 1983

Major: Counseling Psychology, Minor: Experimental Psychology

A.P.A. approved program

### **Huron College, Huron, South Dakota**

Bachelor of Arts May 1974.

Major: Behavioral Sciences and Philosophy

## **Professional Practice Activities**

(July 1985- 2015)

### **Treatment and Psychology Evaluation**

- Adults
- Children, including 0-3 years of age
- Specialties include-
  - Abuse
  - Adoption
  - Attachment
- Trauma and complex trauma

## Forensic Work

- Court ordered evaluation and treatment
- Complex custody and abuse cases

## Administration

- Private practice, 1985-2015
- Adoption agency, 1989-1992

## Training and instruction

- Training provided locally and nationally; list provided upon request
- Adjunct Professor, University of North Texas
- Supervising psychologist for clinical and school psychology
- Resource to media on child and family issues.

## Employment

2015-Present Premier Physicians, Midland, Texas

1983-1988 Dallas County Schools: Performed psychological evaluations of Seriously Emotionally Disturbed children and youth for Special Education. Provided supervision for other school psychologists.

1984-1985 Dallas Child Guidance Center: provided therapy and evaluation services for abused children and their families on contract basis.

## Committee Service

Texas State Board for Council on Adoptable Children, 2016-

Advisory Committee to ATTACH, 2016-

Texas Association of Infant Mental Health, Board Member, 2001-2005.

Dallas Psychological Association, President, 2000-2001.

Dallas Psychological Association, Executive Committee, 1999-2002.

Dallas Psychological Association, Trustee, 2002-2003.

Treatment Methods Advisory Committee, Chair-Elect, 1994-1996. For the Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation

Association for Treatment and Training in the Attachment of Children, Inc. (ATTACH), Chair of Steering Committee, Board President 1990-1992, Board Member 1992-1995.

Post Adoption Services Advisory Committee Chair, 1989-1992. For the Texas Department of Protective and Regulatory Services

Ordained Elder, Presbyterian Church, providing church leadership on session and chairing a variety of church committees.

#### **Publications**

The Attachment Disordered Adoptee, in Creating Kinship, 1997

In development: Dividing the Baby: Making Wise Decisions about Children's Attachments.

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