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FOCUS

Clinical and Forensic Psychologist, Author, Speaker,
International Traumatic Stress Consultant & Emotional Wellness Consultant

- Author and Creator of *Acute Traumatic Stress Management™*
- Proving and Disproving Emotional Distress Claims
- Crisis Intervention/Crisis Response/Disaster Response
- Organizational Crisis Management
- Workplace, School, and University Crisis Prevention and Response
- Psychological and Mental Health Document Review
- Forensic Traumatology
- Providing Testimony as an Expert Witness
- Fitness to Practice and Fitness for Duty Evaluations
- Police, Fire, and EMS Psychology
- Media Psychology: Traumatic Stress & Emotional Wellness
- International Traumatic Stress Consulting & Emotional Wellness Consulting

EDUCATION

Ph.D., Clinical and School Psychology
APA Approved Program
Hofstra University, 1988
Doctoral Dissertation: Perceptions of Desirable Characteristics of Psychotherapists
and Perceived Satisfaction and Efficacy of Psychotherapy © 1988
M.A., School Psychology
Hofstra University, 1986

B.A., Dual Major in Psychology & Speech Arts and Sciences (with honors)
Hofstra University, 1985

LICENSE/CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Psychologist - N.Y. # 010351
Certified School Psychologist - N.Y. Permanent: # 058 54 2242

Board Certified Forensic Examiner
Board Certified in Forensic Medicine
Diplomate, American College of Forensic Examiners

HONORS/AFFILIATIONS

Completed M.A. and Ph.D. *in only 2½ years*
Psi Chi - Psychology Honor Society, Chapter President
Sigma Pi - Speech Honor Society
Hofstra University Psychology Club - President
American Psychological Association - Member
American Academy of Police Psychology, Inc. – Member, Board of Governors
American Board of Mental Health Specialists – Founding Member, Clinical Board
Crisis Care Network, Inc. - Member, Board of Advisors
International Critical Incident Stress Foundation - Organizational Affiliation
Nassau County Executive's Youth Violence Task Force - Member
Brief Treatment and Crisis Intervention (Oxford University Press), Member, Editorial Board
Expert Consultant, United Nations Department of Safety & Security
Lawline.com Faculty
Spearheaded an Emotional Wellness Initiative for Walgreens Corporate

MAJOR PUBLICATIONS

It's OK Not To Be OK®... During a Crisis, How to Live Through and Overcome Adversity
It's OK Not To Be OK®... Right Now: How to Live Through a Traumatic Experience
It's OK Not To Be OK®... Right Now: During a Challenging Life Experience – Audio Book
Surviving and Thriving: Living Through a Traumatic Experience - Audio Book
A Practical Guide for Crisis Response in Our Schools
A Practical Guide for University Crisis Response
Comprehensive Acute Traumatic Stress Management
Acute Traumatic Stress Management
Mental Health Cost Containment: Detecting Unnecessary & Fraudulent Services
Following Motor Vehicle Accidents
Trauma Response - Publisher and Editor

WORK EXPERIENCE

President & CEO, Lerner Psychological Services, P.C.

Clinical & Forensic Psychologist

Offering individual, couple and group counseling and psychotherapy, and psychological evaluation and consultation. Highly experienced in reviewing mental health documentation, conducting psychological evaluations, preparing attorneys for depositions and trials, and providing testimony as an expert witness.

MarkLerner.com

1991 – present

Chairman and CEO, The National Center for Emotional Wellness, Inc.

Fostering emotional wellness and empowering people through challenging experiences

NationalCenterforEmotionalWellness.org

2008 – present

President, Mark Lerner Associates, Inc., Traumatic Stress & Emotional Wellness Consultants

Providing consultation for individuals, organizations, schools, universities, governmental agencies, and corporations. For further information, and a list of organizations with whom Dr. Lerner has consulted and/or trained, please visit MarkLerner.com.

2005 – present

Expert Consultant

United Nations Department of Safety and Security

New York, U.S. and Paris, France

Member of a small working group that is providing protocol and training UN staff for emergency situations, world wide, and building the capacity of the UN in responding to critical incident stress.

2006 – present

CEO & Creator, TruthJava, LLC

TruthJava.com is a virtual café that caters to people who have been harmed by individuals and organizations. The platform offers practical information, guidance, and support for those who have endured abuse, harassment, discrimination, or injustice.

2023 - present

Executive Producer & Creator: CRISISstream®

Short Form Nonfiction Streaming Video on Demand (SVOD) that focuses on empowering people during a crisis. CRISISstream.com

2014 - present

Executive Producer & Creator: SESSIONS with DR. MARK LERNER™

Distinguished “clients” enact unscripted SESSIONS from a challenging time in their life and ultimately share how they harnessed their painful emotional energy to overcome.
SESSIONSwithDRMARKLERNER.com
2013 - present

Consulting Police & Fire Psychologist - Nassau County Fire Commission

Responded as a Police, Fire and EMS psychologist to the scene of mass casualty incidents (MCIs) in Nassau County, New York. Pro bono.
Reporting to the late Chief Peter Meade
2001 - 2017

Founder and Former President

American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress®
Commack, New York

A multidisciplinary network of professionals committed to the advancement of intervention for survivors of trauma. The membership included individuals from over 200 professions in the health-related fields, emergency services, criminal justice, forensics, law, business and education. The Academy established *standards* for professionals, across disciplines, who regularly work with survivors of traumatic events (i.e., Board Certification programs). With Members in every state of the United States and over 58 foreign countries, the Academy was the largest organization of its kind in the world.
1995 – 4/2008

Chairman & CEO

National Center for Crisis Management
New York

An Educational Resource Center and Premier Speakers Bureau for Crisis Management and Traumatic Stress. The National Center for Crisis Management offered workshops, presentations and seminars by professionals, across disciplines, who aimed to assist others before, during and in the aftermath of a crisis. The Center was established in collaboration with the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress—an association that sought to increase awareness of the effects of traumatic events and, ultimately, improve the quality of intervention for survivors. NCCM's primary mission was to enable all caregivers to look beyond physical and safety needs, and to also address emergent psychological needs.
2007 – 4/2008

Executive Director

LONG ISLAND PSYCHOLOGICAL ASSOCIATES, P.C. (LIPA)
Commack, New York

A private firm offering psychological evaluation and psychotherapeutic intervention with survivors of accidents, crime, personal injury and serious illness. Divisions of LIPA include Mental Health Document Review and The Institute for Attentional Disorders.
1995 – 4/2008

Consulting Police Psychologist - Nassau County Police Department

Engaged in the development of a Traumatic Stress Response Protocol for emergency responders. Research and observation riding along in county ambulances, with AMT supervisors, police officers and police supervisors. With Chief of Department, Raymond L. Crawford.
1999 - 2002

School Psychologist

Baldwin Union Free School District

Baldwin, New York

Employed full-time as a School Psychologist.

Responsibilities included comprehensive psychoeducational evaluation and consultation, counseling and crisis intervention.

1988 - 2004

Consultant in Communication Enhancement

Lerner & Amon Associates, Inc.

Melville, New York

Co-founder of Lerner & Amon Associates, Inc., a consulting firm dedicated to helping people to improve human performance and communication skills.

1992 - 1995

Adjunct Professor

Department of Psychology

State University of New York at Old Westbury

Old Westbury, New York

Courses: Introduction to Psychology
Abnormal Psychology
Understanding Human Behavior
Counseling Psychology

1989 - 1993

Intern and Staff Psychologist

Hofstra University Counseling Center

Hempstead, New York

Responsibilities included individual and group counseling and psychotherapy with a diagnostically varied population, conducting discussion groups on areas such as stress management, relaxation training, test anxiety, assertion training, increasing positive motivation, depression and suicide (with Residential Life staff members), etc. Regularly "on-call" to respond to on-campus crisis intervention situations.

1987 - 1988

Intern Psychologist

Psychological Evaluation and Research Center

Hofstra University

Hempstead, New York

Responsibilities included conducting comprehensive psychological evaluations, marital and family therapy, educational counseling, learning disability remediation, play therapy, etc.

1986 - 1988

School Psychologist Intern

Half Hollow Hills Central School District

Dix Hills, New York

High School West and the Chestnut Hill Elementary School

1986 - 87

Mark D. Lerner, Ph.D.

Psychologist Intern

Kings Park Psychiatric Hospital

Kings Park, New York

Responsibilities included conducting individual and group psychotherapy.

Spring, 1987

Counselor/Aide

Division of Handicapped Services

Group Activities Program (GAP), Town of Oyster Bay

Counseling experiences with children, adolescents and adults with physical disabilities, emotional disturbances, learning disabilities, cerebral palsy, mental retardation, and Down Syndrome.

Summers, 1983-84

REFERENCES

Readily available upon request

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Age 61

Happily married with three children ages 31 (M.D., Brown University),

30 (J.D., Harvard University), and 26 (Broadway Actor, LMSW, Fordham University).

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EmotionalDistressClaims.com

NationalCenterforEmotionalWellness.org

Mark D. Lerner, Ph.D., is a clinical and forensic psychologist with over 35 years of experience helping people through challenging times. He sees individuals, couples, and families in his office in Melville, New York, and works with clients virtually online. Lerner Psychological Services, P.C. specializes in forensic psychological evaluations, psychological record reviews, psychotherapy and comprehensive reports, extrajudicial agreements, and the independent evaluation of law enforcement candidates.

As chairman and CEO of The National Center for Emotional Wellness, Inc., Dr. Lerner provides practical information, engaging presentations, and innovative consultation with organizations, corporations, educational institutions, healthcare providers, and emergency responders worldwide. He enjoys working with organizations and corporations before traumatic events in developing organization-based Crisis Management Teams. Dr. Lerner has consulted with and presented at hospitals, pharmaceutical companies, airlines, universities and schools, police and fire departments, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the U.S. Coast Guard, and the United Nations in New York and Paris, France. The United Nations has appointed him as an Expert Consultant with the United Nations Department of Safety and Security.

Dr. Lerner is the founding president of the American Academy of Experts in Traumatic Stress and former chairman of The National Center for Crisis Management. He originated and created the Acute Traumatic Stress Management (ATSM) intervention model, utilized worldwide. He has authored several books based on this model, including *Acute Traumatic Stress Management*, *Comprehensive Acute Traumatic Stress Management*, *A Practical Guide for School Crisis Response*, and *A Practical Guide for University Crisis Response*. He has additionally authored *It's OK Not To Be OK ... During a Crisis, Surviving & Thriving ... Living Through a Traumatic Experience*, and *CrisisNotes*.

Dr. Lerner is the creator of TruthJava.com (TruthJava, LLC), an emotional wellness digital venture that provides practical information, guidance, and support for people who have endured abuse, harassment, discrimination, or injustice.

Dr. Lerner is the creator of *AI-Integrated Emotional Wellness* (AIEW). AIEW refers to the broad interface of the cognitive abilities of artificial intelligence and human emotions. Acknowledging the irreplaceable importance of genuine, in-person communication, AIEW focuses on how artificial intelligence can foster emotional well-being. (AIEEmotionalWellness.org)

Dr. Lerner has provided expert testimony before the New York City Civil Service Commission for numerous cases for over three decades. In addition, he has been deposed and testified in a number of depositions and trials, including but not limited to Henderson against Campbell Supply Company, Inc., Jesenia Reyes against City Practice Group of New York, LLC, Summit Health Management, LLC, Prince v. Nassau County, Chaikin vs. Chaikin, Klein v. Klein, McDonald v. Melville Fire District et al., Aguilera v. County of Nassau, et al.

Dr. Lerner charges \$750. per hour for his time in evaluating clients and generating comprehensive reports on forensic matters. In addition to this report, a copy of his CV was provided to counsel.

For further information concerning Dr. Lerner, please visit MarkLerner.com.