



The New York Center for

Neuropsychology &

Forensic Behavioral Science



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The New York Center for Neuropsychology & Forensic Behavioral Science (New York Forensic) was established over twenty years ago, originally as two separate practices: The New York Forensic Mental Health Group and The Neuropsychology Center of New York.

In 1997, both practices merged to form The New York Center for Neuropsychology & Forensic Behavioral Science. The mission of our clinical and forensic work is to provide the highest caliber of diagnostics, psycho-legal consultation and treatment to our patients, clients and referral sources: clinicians, attorneys, the Courts, social service and criminal justice agencies.

Our practice is staffed by licensed mental health, education and rehabilitation professionals (i.e., physicians, clinical psychologists, neuropsychologists, clinical social workers and educators) who provide a wide range of clinical and forensic services (in English and Spanish) to our clientele.

New York Forensic has two separate offices: downtown Brooklyn (Court Street) and in Great Neck, Long Island. Both addresses are centrally located which allows easy access by car, bus, subway, railroad or airport. Please visit our website (www.nyforensic.com) for directions to both of our locations.

Comprehensive Clinical & Forensic Services

Diagnosics

- Clinical Interviews & Mental Status Examinations
- Psychological, Neuropsychological & Psychoeducational testing
- Computerized Psychological & Neuropsychological screening
- Personality Assessment, Profiling & Risk Assessment for law enforcement agencies and corporations
- Applied Behavioral Analysis (including home visits)
- Sex offender assessment and clinical polygraph

Forensic Evaluations

- Criminal & civil competencies (i.e., fitness to proceed, waive Miranda rights, competency to manage funds)
- Criminal responsibility, pre-sentencing / dispositional work-ups and capital cases (death penalty)
- Matrimonial & Family Court Cases:
 - Custody / Visitation
 - Neglect / Abuse
 - Termination of parental rights
 - Delinquency matters
- Sex Offender Diagnostic Evaluations & Risk Assessment
- Personal Injury, Negligence, Civil Rights Violations
- Sexual harassment in the workplace, medical malpractice and immigration cases
- Medical-legal record reviews
- Expert testimony

Treatment Services

- Individual Psychotherapy
- Couples Therapy
- Group Therapy
- Family Therapy
- Psychopharmacology
- Anger Management
- Cognitive Rehabilitation
- Family Violence
- Sex Offender Therapy

Specialized Diagnostic & Treatment Programs

Diagnostic Testing Center

Comprehensive psychological, neuropsychological and psychoeducational testing is available, conducted both in English and Spanish for patients of all ages.

Special attention is placed on evaluating individuals suffering from head trauma, neurologic impairment as well as learning disabilities to assist in developing *vocational* and *rehabilitation* intervention strategies for our patients.

Computer-based technology is available to assist in our ADD & ADHD work-ups. Children, adolescents and adults are seen in both of our offices to evaluate learning and attentional problems.

Personality profiling in combination with aptitude & intelligence testing is available to corporations and law enforcement where personnel selection for highly sensitive / security-based positions is of paramount importance.

Geropsychological work-ups are available (in office, hospitals and nursing facilities) to assess memory & cognitive functioning for our elderly clients in order to assist families who are facing a wide range of legal, clinical and practical concerns.

The Family Violence Program

A time-limited individual and group based psychoeducational program for “batterers” is offered through both of our offices. The model employed by New York Forensic is devised to assist batterers gain control of aggressive impulses while emphasizing an understanding of the negative impact family violence has on spouses, significant others and children.

Our goal is to help interrupt the cycle of violence which affects both the batterer and family members in order to promote appropriate and lawful coping behavior. When possible, the reunification of family is explored in treatment.

Specialized Diagnostic & Treatment Programs

The Family Violence Program (cont'd)

Participants in this program are typically referred to this office by the Court or other social service agencies.

Each participant undergoes an initial screening and referral for additional services (i.e., individual therapy, substance abuse treatment) if indicated.

Reports are regularly sent to the Court or Probation regarding a client's progress and compliance with the program.

The Sex Offender Treatment Program

(Jennifer McCarthy, Coordinator)

Our sex offender treatment program is offered through our Brooklyn and Great Neck offices and is based on the principles of the "containment model."

Initially, we perform a diagnostic work-up on a patient or defendant which includes extensive interviewing, record review, psychological assessment and polygraph examination to develop a concise profile of the individual's personality functioning and pattern of offending behavior.

Our treatment program includes individual therapy and psychoeducational groups which stress personal responsibility and focus on increasing self-awareness, developing self-control, facilitating victim empathy and relapse prevention.

Psychopharmacologic treatment may also be instituted as part of an individual's treatment program for patients who display pronounced compulsivity and have been assessed as particularly resistant to behavioral interventions.

Consistent with the “containment model”, we believe that it is essential that the treating clinician, referring party, probation officer and the Court remain in regular contact in order to promote optimal client attendance and compliance with treatment. Polygraph is used on an intermittent basis throughout the course of treatment to assist the patient and clinician in formulating and instituting a treatment plan that reflects the reality of each patient’s pattern of offending behavior.

Compulsive Behavior Program

We have established a specialized program that focuses on the treatment of pathologic compulsivity, focusing on problems such as: compulsive sexual behavior, shoplifting and gambling.

Over the years, we have treated numerous patients who present with a wide range of compulsive problems such as stealing, stalking and /or paraphilic acts. Our program is designed to provide time-limited individual and / or group therapy for individuals who find themselves demonstrating compulsive behaviors which place themselves and their families at risk.

Quite often, our patients have not yet run into problems with the law, however, owing to the nature of their compulsivity, personal freedom, health and family relationships have been placed at risk. Pursuing treatment for compulsive behavior has offered our patients an alternative to becoming increasingly steeped in difficulties which, if left unchecked, can result in a host of debilitating legal and family problems.

Diagnostic & Treatment Programs

Therapeutic Supervised Visitation

For many years, the clinicians at **New York Forensic** have been involved in performing forensic evaluations for the Courts on custody & visitation matters.

We now offer **therapeutic supervised visitation** through our offices to help the Court gain a clearer picture of the litigants' behavior during visitation and to provide "on the spot" counseling & intervention to families in order to assess the flexibility and capacity of litigants to learn new interactional skills when spending time with their children.

When adults and / or children require a referral for more focused diagnostics & treatment, the Court will be notified and referrals will be made.

Regular reports concerning attendance, compliance and progress of the litigants will be made to the Court to facilitate a satisfactory resolution on a given case.

Workshops, Seminars and Speakers Bureau*

New York Forensic offers workshops, seminars and lectures to the public and professional organizations on a regular basis. A list of current topics includes:

- The Psychologist as Expert Witness in Court
- Domestic Violence / Workplace Violence: The New Hybrid
- Corporate Violence in America: Incidence, Prevalence and Solutions
- Sex Offender Profiles and Community Solutions
- The Psychopath in Society
- Screening Patients for Brain Impairment & Learning Disabilities
- An Introduction to Forensic Psychology & Psychiatry
- Inside the Criminal Mind
- Custody / Visitation Evaluations for the Court



If you are interested in having one of our clinicians speak at your agency or organization, please contact Jeanie Piecara at (718) 237-2127 for further details. If you are interested in having Dr. Berrill speak at your university and organization, please contact Mr. Kevin R. MacRae, Lordly & Dame, Inc. at (617) 482-3593.

About the **Executive Director**

Dr. N.G. Berrill received his doctorate in clinical psychology from Vanderbilt University. He completed his internship at Sheppard Pratt Hospital in Maryland and post-doctoral training in neuropsychology at the National Rehabilitation Hospital of Georgetown University Medical School in Washington, D.C.

Dr. Berrill has worked in forensics for over 20 years and specializes in criminal and Matrimonial / Family Court Cases. Specialty areas include evaluations of violent individuals, sex offenders, traumatic brain injury, custody and visitation matters.

He is on faculty at John Jay College of Criminal Justice, City University of New York, where he teaches graduate courses in forensic psychology and supervises interns at both of our offices.

Dr. Berrill has consulted on numerous high-profile criminal and custody matters throughout the country and has lectured at various Universities and Corporations on issues related to Family Violence, Sex Offenses, Antisocial Behavior, the psychological impact of divorce on children as well as violence in the workplace.

He has appeared regularly on local and national news programs including **NBC, MSNBC, CBS, ABC, CNN and Court TV** to discuss issues related to violent crime, sex offenses and family violence.

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