

REFERRAL NETWORK
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When choosing a mental health professional, choose one with appropriate education, training, and experience. Regardless of the specific person you are considering, determine for yourself whether that person is qualified to meet your particular needs. Be sure the person meets these minimal criteria:

- ✓ Proper professional training, credentials, and licensure.
- ✓ Respectable standing in his or her professional organization.
- ✓ Adherence to a code of ethics that guides his or her professional conduct.
- ✓ Competence and experience with your specific interests, problems, and goals.

In addition to the above criteria, ideally the person should also meet these additional criteria:

- ✓ Board certification in a specialty area of the profession.
- ✓ Active membership in local, state, and national professional associations.

Professional Associations

For counselors, a state professional association would include [Licensed Professional Counselors Association](#) of Georgia, and national professional associations would include the [American Counseling Association](#). For Marriage and Family Therapists, a state professional association would include [Georgia Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](#), and a national professional association would include the [American Association for Marriage and Family Therapy](#). For psychologists, a state professional association would include the [Georgia Psychological Association](#), and a national professional association would include the [American Psychological Association](#). For psychiatrists, a state professional association would include the [Georgia Psychiatric Physicians Association](#), and a national professional association would include the [American Psychiatric Association](#). For mental health professionals seeking legal advice, the [State Bar of Georgia](#) is the governing body of the legal profession in the State of Georgia, operating under the supervision of the Supreme Court of Georgia.

Professional License Verification

Click [here](#) or click the link below to verify licensure status with the Georgia Secretary of State.
<https://verify.sos.ga.gov/verification/Search.aspx>

Disclosure of Possible, Potential, or Perceived Conflicts of Interests

Some of the mental health professionals listed below may be my former students, supervisees, or colleagues, although I no longer have supervisory authority over any of them because they are state licensed and they have their own independent practices.

Cautionary Statement and Disclaimer

Providing these names does not constitute an endorsement of services or a recommendation of any particular provider or type of provider.

Referral Network (listed by profession in alphabetical order)

- [Attorneys](#)
- [Addiction Specialists](#)
- [Addiction Recovery Groups](#)
- [Christian Counselors](#)
- [Low Cost Counseling Centers](#)
- [Licensed Professional Counselors](#)
- [Marriage and Family Therapists](#)
- [Neuropsychologists](#)
- [Psychiatrists](#)
- [Psychologists](#)
- [Spiritual Directors](#)