

Curriculum Vitae – Dr Raileen Merlino

I am registered to practice as a psychologist in Australia. I hold the endorsement of Clinical Psychology. I am nationally registered with Australian Health Practitioner Regulation Agency (AHPRA) and Australian Psychological Society (APS) to practice Psychology in Western Australia (Registration number PSY0001578963) and have 15 years' experience in the practice of psychology.

My tertiary education includes, the Bachelor of Psychology (Murdoch, 2003), Bachelor of Legal Studies (major in criminology and dispute resolution, Murdoch 2003), Masters Equivalency in Forensic Psychology (ECU, 2010) and Doctor of Clinical Psychology (Murdoch, 2017). My doctoral thesis is in the field of substance dependence, self-efficacy (motivation) and treatment outcomes amongst polysubstance dependent prisoners.

I worked full time between 2004- 2017 in the Department of Justice (DOJ) with male and female offenders and juveniles' offenders. I work with both prisoners and people that are sanctioned to community-based orders in the community. During my time at DOJ I worked provided clinical supervision to social workers and psychologists, and often lead a team of 22 to ensure community safety.

For the last 10 years I have been practising in private practice. My private practice has continued to combine forensic and clinical practice. My clinical work involves using therapy and counselling techniques to assist people overcome problems. I have a broad area of interest including crisis intervention, transgender, gender dysphoria, sexual health, chronic pain, stress, depression, addiction, relationship issues and family issues. I have worked with parental alienation, child abuse, pornography/sex addiction, domestic violence, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD). I have also developed an interest in family issues in areas relating to the best interest of children in divorce and separation. To date I have written in excess of 60 reports, including Child Custody Evaluations, Parenting Assessment, Pre-Sentence reports and have actively participated in Adult Dispute Resolution and Mediation; and have been Court appointed Expert.

In my practice I provide treatment for victims of crime and offenders pre-sentence. I assess and provide reports on children and family matters. I also provide assessment reports for lawyers involved in matters affecting children or parents affected by mental health issues as well as Immigration DV matters. I have acted in the capacity of a therapist in Family Court of Western Australia. I have been consulted by the Insurance Commission of Western Australia to complete assessments and treatment in the workers compensation and motor vehicle insurance field; and have provided assessments for Victim's Compensation Claim, Bail Applications, and Pre-Sentence Reports. To date I have filed in excess of 60 reports between the Family Court of WA, Criminal Court proceedings and Child Protection Matters.

I have had extensive experience in writing reports in the justice system and I am actively involved in professional development and am affiliated with ANZPATH, ANZAPPL and AFCC. If further information is required please do not hesitate to contact me.

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