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ABOUT



DR. HICKORY GREW UP IN AN AIR FORCE FAMILY AND LIVED IN VARIOUS PLACES INCLUDING CALIFORNIA, JAPAN, AND WISCONSIN. SHE GRADUATED FROM BOSTON COLLEGE WITH A BACHELOR'S DEGREE IN PSYCHOLOGY IN 1994. SHE EARNED HER MASTER'S DEGREE IN COUNSELING PSYCHOLOGY FROM NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (1997) AND COMPLETED A PRACTICUM AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WHERE SHE GAINED EXPERIENCE IN INFANT & TODDLER DEVELOPMENTAL AND MENTAL HEALTH CLINICS EVALUATING THE COGNITIVE AND DEVELOPMENTAL IMPACT OF MEDICAL ISSUES SUCH AS HIV, BRAIN INJURY, LEARNING DISABILITIES, SEIZURES, AND BRAIN TUMORS. IN 2003, SHE EARNED A DOCTORATE IN PSYCHOLOGY FROM THE MASSACHUSETTS SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY WITH AN EMPHASIS IN HEALTH PSYCHOLOGY. WHILE COMPLETING HER PSY.D., DR. HICKORY COMPLETED AN INTERNSHIP AT THE RUSK INSTITUTE OF REHABILITATION/NYC MEDICAL SCHOOL WITH THE FOCUS OF WORKING WITH INFANTS IN THE NEONATAL FOLLOW-UP CLINIC, CHILDREN WITH MEDICAL DISORDERS (BRAIN INJURY, SPINA BIFIDA, EPILEPSY, PREMATURITY) AS WELL AS ADULTS PARTICIPATING IN CARDIAC REHABILITATION. AFTER GRADUATION, DR. HICKORY COMPLETED A 2 YEAR FELLOWSHIP IN PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY AT BOSTON CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL / HARVARD MEDICAL SCHOOL WITH ROTATIONS IN THE EPILEPSY, LEARNING DISABILITIES, BRAIN TUMOR, AND BRAIN INJURY PROGRAMS. SHE HAS PARTICULAR INTERESTS AND EXPERTISE IN NEUROLOGICAL DISORDERS INCLUDING EPILEPSY, BRAIN INJURIES (CONCUSSIONS), BRAIN TUMORS, AUTISM SPECTRUM DISORDERS, AND LEARNING DISABILITIES. AS A PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGIST SHE BELIEVES AN EVALUATION CAN HELP AID IN THE UNDERSTANDING OF A CHILD'S LEARNING PROFILE AND IDENTIFY AREAS OF STRENGTHS AND WEAKNESSES. BEFORE CREATING HER OWN PRACTICE, SHE PROVIDED HER SERVICES AT PEAK DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES IN APEX. PRIOR TO THAT, SHE WAS EMPLOYED AT WAKEMED FOR 5 YEARS WHERE SHE DEVELOPED THE PEDIATRIC NEUROPSYCHOLOGY PROGRAM AS WELL AS THE NEURODEVELOPMENTAL DIAGNOSTIC CLINIC. OUTSIDE OF HER PROFESSIONAL WORK SHE ENJOYS SPENDING TIME WITH HER HUSBAND & TWO YOUNG CHILDREN, BOATING, AND RUNNING.



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