

Our History

The idea for Merrimack Valley Trauma Services (MVTS) grew out of the need for specialized trauma services for young children in Massachusetts. As a Certified Early Intervention Specialist, Dianne Corbin was working as an early intervention director and noticed that more and more children (birth to three years old) being referred for early intervention services had experienced multiple forms of trauma. They had witnessed domestic violence, experienced physical, emotional, and/or sexual abuse and/or neglect at the hands of caregivers, along with multiple disruptions in their attachment relationships due to being removed from their homes. These children and their families, who suffered from the emotional, developmental, relational, and physical scars of trauma, required specialized trauma-sensitive treatment in order to heal, but no such services existed.



In 2007, Ms. Corbin obtained her Post-Master's Certification in the Treatment of Psychological Trauma and began providing trauma-informed treatment for children and families in the early intervention system. Soon services expanded to include children over three years, adolescents, and adults. In 2010, Ms. Corbin opened MVTS, with the mission of providing exceptional mental health services, consultation, evaluation, and training services for and on behalf of children, adolescents, adults, and families who have been impacted by psychological trauma. In 2019, Ms. Corbin began offering MVTS services in South Carolina.

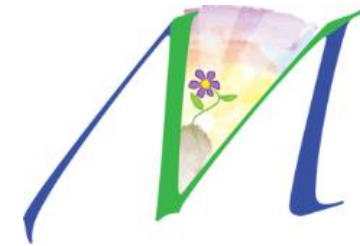
Our Expertise



Dianne Corbin is a licensed independent clinical social worker in South Carolina. She has a Master of Social Work degree, a Bachelor of Counseling Psychology degree, and has earned multiple certifications

related to trauma, parenting, young children, adoption, and trauma treatment, including:

- Adoption Competency Certification, National Adoption Competency Mental Health Training Initiative (2018)
- National Certification in Alternatives for Families, a Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Approach (AF-CBT) (2018)
- Child and Family Forensics, William James College, (2015)
- Certified Early Intervention Specialist in Massachusetts, Department of Public Health (2010)
- Certified trainer for the "Enough Abuse Campaign" through the MA Child Sexual Abuse Prevention Partnership (2010)
- Certified in the Child and Adolescent Needs and Strengths assessment tool in MA (2008-2016)
- Post-Masters Certification in the Treatment of Psychological Trauma, Boston University, Boston, MA, (2007)
- Certified trainer in the Family Group Conferencing Model, MA Department of Children and Families, (2006)
- Certified facilitator for the "Strengthening Multi-Ethnic Families and Communities: A Violence Prevention Parent Training Program" curriculum (2003)
- Certified facilitator for the "Relaxation Response/Stress Management Program," Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center, Boston, MA (1997).



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Trauma Services*

**Consultation,
Training, and
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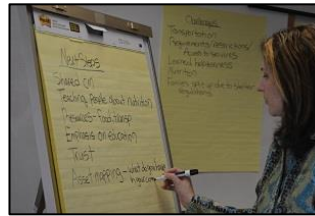
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Consultation



- ❖ Services rooted in family-focused, trauma-focused, empowerment and evidence based clinical practice.
- ❖ Consultation regarding children, adolescents, adults, and complex family dynamics.
- ❖ Coaching for staff regarding clinical assessment tools, treatment planning, and measuring progress when working with children (as young as 3 years), adolescents, families, and adults impacted by trauma.
- ❖ Working with challenging parents who have trauma histories.
- ❖ Guidance around creating support groups and team building activities for staff.
- ❖ Trauma-sensitive workplace assessments.
- ❖ Technical assistance in implementing strategies to support and educate staff and administrators regarding vicarious trauma, prevent burnout, and promote a healthy, safe, and more productive workplace.
- ❖ Licensed clinical social worker supervision using Reflective Supervision practices.
- ❖ Alternatives for Families-A Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (AF-CBT) supervision.

Training



One-hour, two-hour, half-day, and full day trainings available. Topics include:

- ❖ Trauma and the brain
- ❖ Treatment strategies for children and families impacted by trauma
- ❖ Sexual abuse prevention, education, and ways to respond to sexual behaviors in children
- ❖ Trauma and children: support for school-based staff
- ❖ Therapeutic engagement and effective collaboration with clients and families
- ❖ Dispelling the myths around children's mental health
- ❖ The impact of domestic violence on children
- ❖ Working with parents who have a history of trauma
- ❖ Preventing vicarious trauma (featuring "Helping Until It Hurts: A Documentary About Vicarious Trauma")
- ❖ Creating a trauma-sensitive workplace
- ❖ Creating a trauma-sensitive learning environment
- ❖ "Healing Circle" groups for staff to prevent vicarious trauma

A full list of training topics with appropriate audience(s) and curriculum summaries are available upon request.

Trauma Evaluations



Comprehensive, forensically sound, trauma evaluations for children and adolescents (ages 4 to 18 years). Goals may include, but are not limited, to the following:

1. To determine the type(s) of trauma the child has been exposed to, including sexual abuse and/or exploitation;
2. To understand the origin and function of the child's behavior(s) of concern, the child's perception of the trauma, and impact on their development;
3. To assess a parent or caregiver's ability to recognize the impact of trauma and abuse on their child and their ability to provide a safe and nurturing environment to prevent further abuse;
4. To assess the extent to which a parent or caregiver is willing and able to utilize formal and informal community supports to ensure the safety, health, and well-being of their child or children;
5. To provide clinical treatment recommendations for the child and family, including those which may inform permanency planning, safety planning, and reunification; and
6. To develop a detailed treatment plan for the child, parents, and other family members, if applicable, that addresses the multiple factors of trauma and victimization.