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EDUCATION

Ph.D.	Aug, 1997	Colorado State University Counseling Psychology (APA accredited) Child & Family Therapy Specialization Dissertation: <i>Avoidance of Responsibility in Conduct Disordered Adolescents</i> Colorado License #: Psy.0002283 (since 1998)
M.A.	May, 1990	University of Nebraska- Lincoln Counseling Psychology
B.S.	May, 1987	Colorado State University Psychology

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Trainer/ Consultant

Kevin M. Powell, Ph.D., LLC Trainer/ Consultant, Fort Collins, CO

2001 to present

Conduct trainings/workshops nationally and internationally on a variety of strengths-based topics for working effectively with at-risk (at-promise) children, adolescents, young adults, and families. Mission is to EDUCATE, ENERGIZE, and PROMOTE HOPE within teachers, mental health professionals, direct care staff, caseworkers, juvenile justice professionals, caregivers, etc. regarding the valuable work they do in human services.

Adjunct/ Affiliate Professor

Department of Psychology, Colorado State University (CSU), Fort Collins, CO

June 1999 to present

Currently conducting research on protective factors linked to resilience in youth and adults. Have provided clinical supervision to counseling psychology doctoral students and have taught both graduate and undergraduate classes. CSU classes taught at graduate-level: PY792-Child Intervention Seminar; PSY786E-Advanced Practicum-Clinical. CSU classes taught at undergraduate-level: PY460-Child Exceptionality and Psychopathology; PY320-Abnormal Psychology; PY100-General Psychology.

Clinical Director/ Licensed Psychologist

Division of Youth Services, Platte Valley Youth Services Center, Greeley, CO

Sept. 1997 to June 2019

Facility Psychologist & Clinical Director for a 119-bed maximum security, youth facility serving both males and females ages 10-20. Conducted psychological evaluations, which include sex offense-specific risk assessments. Provided crisis management, individual therapy, and family therapy to designated youth and young adults with significant mental health issues including sexual abuse and other forms of adverse childhood experiences, sexual offending, substance abuse, family discord, and a variety of psychological disorders including oppositional defiant, conduct disorder, anxiety, depression, PTSD, ADHD, personality disorders, and psychosis. Conducted suicide risk assessments. Provided clinical supervision to mental health staff. Assisted in the development and oversight of the mental health treatment programming including sex offense-specific treatment and suicide assessment protocol. Provided trainings to security and mental health staff. Developed and supervised the pre-doctoral externship program from the Department of Psychology at Colorado State University and at the University of Northern Colorado. Assisted in the hiring and provide on-site supervision to the contract detention mental health therapists.

Leadership Training Coach

Summit Leadership Solutions & Taylor Leadership Consulting, Colorado Springs, CO

Feb 2000- Jan 2012

Pre-Doctoral Intern

*Primary Children's Medical Center, Inpatient & Outpatient services for children, adolescents, & families, Salt Lake City, UT
Sept. 1996 to Aug. 1997*

Staff Therapist

*Psychological Services Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Aug 1993 to June 1996*

School Psychological Consultant

*Severe Needs Program for 4-6th graders, Poudre R-1 School District, Fort Collins, CO
Aug 1994 to June 1995*

Residential Specialist (Mental Health Worker)

*Larimer County Mental Health Center, Group Home for Adults with Mental Illness, Fort Collins, CO
July 1993 to July 1995*

Stress Management Program (SMP) Coordinator

*University Counseling Center, SMP Group & Individual Services, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Aug 1993 to May 1994*

Staff Therapist

*University Counseling Center, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO
Sept 1992 to May 1993*

Counselor/ Consultant

*Lincoln/ Lancaster Child Guidance Center, Therapy Services for Children, Adolescents, & Families, Lincoln, NE
Aug 1989 to July 1992*

Counselor

*Educational Psychology Clinic, University of Nebraska-Lincoln, Lincoln, NE
Jan 1989 to May 1989*

Relief Alcohol Counselor

*Alcohol Receiving Center – Detox Center, Colorado Springs, CO
Summer 1988*

Relief Mental Health Counselor

*Foothills Mental Health Center, Inpatient Program for Adults with Mental Illness, Colorado Springs, CO
Summer 1988*

Resident Advocate (Mental Health Worker)

*Whittier Place Residence, Residential Program for Adults with Mental Illness, Minneapolis, MN
Sept 1987 to May 1988*

Youth Advocate

*The City Inc., Alternative School & Counseling for At-Risk Youth, Minneapolis, MN
Aug 1987 to May 1988*

Case Management Consultant

*Larimer County Crisis and Information Helpline- Supervisor, Fort Collins, CO
Jan 1986 to May 1987*

Crisis Counselor

*Larimer County Crisis and Information Helpline, Fort Collins, CO
Sept. 1983 to Jan. 1986*

TRAINING EXPERIENCE

Conference/Workshop/Webinar Presentations include...

International:

- *Trondheim, Norway- Our Children Conference- Keynote & full day Precon 2025
- *Bergen, Norway- RVTS full day Workshop 2025
- *Oshawa, Canada- Durham Family Court Clinic- 5-day training 2022 (online)
- *Safer Society International Training- Half Day 2022 (online)
- *Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada- Youth Summit Conference- *Featured Speaker* Full Day 2019
- *Sydney, Australia- ANZATSA Annual Conference- *Keynote* & Full Day Precon 2016
- *Melbourne, Australia- SABTS- Full day 2016
- *Wellington, New Zealand- WellStop Program Full day 2016
- *Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada- IWK ISAY Program- 2-day workshop 2014
- *Toronto, Canada- The Toronto Sexual Abuse Treatment Programs- 2-day workshop 2013
- *Toronto, Canada- The Continuum Conference *Featured Speaker* 2011
- *Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA) International Conference (Dallas; Denver; Montreal; Orlando; Kansas City; Vancouver; Atlanta; Los Angeles; Aurora, CO; San Antonio)

National:

- *San Marcos, Texas CMIT Conference *Keynote* 2025
- *New York- CNY Education Conference *Keynote* 2024
- *Idaho Children & Family Institute *Keynote* 2023
- *Montana Rocky Boy Chippewa Cree Tribe- 2-Day workshop 2023
- *Macon, Georgia- ALL Juvenile Justice Conference 2023
- *Minneapolis, MN- MnATSA Conference- Full Day Pre-Con Workshop 2023 & 2025
- *Austin, Texas- CMIT Conference *Keynote* 2023
- *Asheboro, NC- North Carolina Dept of Public Instruction- Full Day 2022
- *Idaho ATSA- Full Day 2022
- *New Jersey Probation Services- Half Day 2022 (online)
- *Arizona CASA trainings 2020-2023 (online trainings)
- *Georgia Juvenile Justice workshops- 3 days training 2022 (online)
- *Indiana INSOMM Annual Conference *Keynote* 2021
- *Idaho IJJA Conference 2021 (online)
- *Humboldt County, California- Resilient Empowered Youth (REY) Program Full day 2021 (online)
- *Multi-state SAFY Foster Care Services *Keynote* 2021 (online)
- *Texas Juvenile SOS Annual Conference *Keynote* 2021 (online)
- *Georgia Unison Behavioral Health Full day 2021 (online)
- *Idaho Children & Family Institute- 2021 *Keynote* (online)
- *Kauai, Hawaii SOS workshop 2021 (online)
- *Massachusetts- MASOC/ MATSA conference workshop 2021 (online)
- *Georgia Juvenile Justice 2.5-day training 2021 (online)
- *Florida/Arkansas ATSA conference 2020 (online)
- *Michigan ATSA Conference 2020 (online)
- *San Marcos, Texas- CSOT Annual Conference 2020
- *Colorado Springs-Probation Department Sex Offense-Specific Services-Half Day 2019
- *Provo, Utah - Domestic Violence Solutions Conference *Keynote* 2019
- *Westminster, CO- Colorado State Public Defender Conference 2019
- *Fort Lauderdale, FL -NAPN Conference *Keynote* 2019
- *Honolulu, HI- State of Hawaii Juvenile Probation Dept 3-day training 2019
- *San Antonio, Texas- CSOT Annual Conference- Half-day 2019
- *Lincoln, NE- Hopespoke Residential Program 2018 & 2019
- *Shelbyville, Indiana- INAJSP Annual Conference-*Featured Speaker*- Full day 2017
- *Seattle, WA- OESD 114 Teachers Conference- Full day 2016
- *Baltimore, MD- National School Social Work Annual Conference 2016
- *Cedar City, Utah- NOJOS Annual Conference- *Featured Speaker* 2015
- *Colo Springs, CO- Griffith Center- Full day 2015
- *Kearney, NE- Nebraska Juvenile Justice Association Conference 2015
- *Huntsville, AL- National Children's Advocacy Center Annual Conference 2014
- *Lincoln, NE- Nebraska Adolescent Perpetration Network- *Featured Speaker* 1.5-day workshop 2014
- *California Coalition on Sexual Offending (CCOSO) Conference (San Ramon- 2014; San Diego, 2016, 2023)
- *Wilsonville, OR- Oregon Adolescent Sex Offender Treatment Network Conference- *Keynote* 2012
- *Colorado Springs, CO- Kids Crossing- Full day 2012

*Wheaton, Illinois- 18th Judicial Circuit's Department of Probation and Court Services- 2-Day workshop 2010

*National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) Annual Conference (Albuquerque, NM; Portland, OR; Tampa, FL; Denver, CO; San Antonio, TX; Atlantic City, NJ; Charlotte, NC; Washington DC; Fort Lauderdale, FL)

Webinars/ Podcasts

*Webinar 2024 Schoolpsych.com- *Strengths-Based Interventions: Managing Disruptive Behaviors in Classrooms and Schools*

*Podcast 2024 Research Press Prosocially Yours- *Book: Jimmy & Invo's Superpowers-Developing Children's Character Strengths*

*Podcast 2024 By Their Side: Advocating for Children in Foster Care- *Strengths-Based Strategies for Supporting Children in Crisis*

*Webinar 2023 MASOC- *What is a Strengths-Based Approach?*

*Podcast 2021 Research Press Prosocially Yours- *Book: A Strength-Based Approach for Intervention with At-Risk Youth*

*Webinar 2018 Prevention 4 Professionals- *Protective Factors Linked to Healthy Youth Development*

PUBLICATIONS

BOOKS:

Powell, K. M. (2024a). *Jimmy & Invo's Superpowers: Developing Children's Character Strengths (Children's STORYBOOK)*. Champaign, IL: Research Press.

Powell, K. M. (2024b). *Jimmy & Invo's Superpowers: A Guide for Developing Children's Character Strengths (GUIDE for parents, counselors, teachers)*. Champaign, IL: Research Press.

Powell, K. M. (2015). *A Strengths-Based Approach for Intervention with At-Risk Youth*. Champaign, IL: Research Press.

Powell, K. M. (2014). *Our Very Special Bodies*: A book to promote safety and prevent sexual abuse by increasing children's knowledge about their bodies and enhancing communication with their loving caregivers (children's book). Fort Collins, CO: Author www.ourveryspecialbodies.com.

JOURNAL ARTICLES:

Powell, K. M. (2025). Strengths-based, resilience-enhancing services: Key components for treating youth impacted by adverse childhood experiences. *Journal of Aggression, Maltreatment & Trauma*, 34(7), 1011-1029.

<https://doi.org/10.1080/10926771.2024.2428182>

Arkfeld, P., **Powell, K. M.**, Sturgess, B. S. & Conner, B. T. (2025). Resilience protective factor checklist- Second edition (RPFC-2): A review and revision of individual, family, and community protections. *Psychological Reports*, 1-22, DOI: 10.1177/00332941251394983.

Powell, K. M., Rahm-Knigge, R L. & Conner, B. T. (2021). Resilience Protective Factors Checklist (RPFC): Buffering Childhood Adversity and Promoting Positive Outcomes. *Psychological Reports*, 124(4), 1437-1461. doi.org/10.1177/0033294120950288

Powell, K. M. & Rosén, L. A. (1999). Avoidance of Responsibility in Conduct Disordered Adolescents. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 27(2), 327-340.

Powell, K. M., Rosén, L. A., & Huff, M. E. (1997). Disruptive behavior disorders and the avoidance of responsibility. *Personality and Individual Differences*, 23(4), 549-557.

BOOK CHAPTERS & ARTICLES:

Powell, K. M. (2018). The importance of a strengths-based approach in sex offense-specific services. *The Forum Newsletter-ATSA*, Summer Vol. XXX, No. 3

Powell, K. M. (2017). Engaging adolescents and families. In S. Righthand & W. Murphy (Eds.), *The safer society handbook of assessment and treatment of adolescents who have sexually offended* (pp. 215-250). Brandon, VT: Safer Society Press.

Leversee, T. & **Powell, K. M.** (2017). Beyond risk management to a more holistic model for treating adolescents who have engaged in sexually abusive behavior. In B. Schwartz (Ed.), *Sexually Abusive Behavior in Youth: A Handbook of Theory, Assessment, and Treatment* (20:1-37). Kingston, NJ: Civic Research Institute.

Powell, K. M. (2016). A strengths-based approach: A Case study. In D.S. Prescott & R.J. Wilson (Eds.) *Very different voices: Perspectives and case studies in treating sexual aggression* (pp. 43-63). Holyoke, MA: NEARI Press.

Leversee, T. & **Powell, K. M.** (2012). Beyond risk management to a more holistic model for treating sexually abusive youth. In B. Schwartz (Ed.), *The Sex Offender: Current trends in policy and treatment practice, Volume 7.* (pp. 19:1-32) Kingston, NJ: Civic Research Institute.

Powell, K. M. (2011). Working effectively with at-risk youth: A strengths-based approach. In M. Calder (Ed.), *Contemporary Practice with Young People who Sexually Abuse: Evidence-Based Developments* (pp. 69-91). Holyoke, MA: NEARI Press (Published simultaneously in UK by Russell House Publishing Ltd. - www.russellhouseco.uk)

Powell, K. M. (2010a). Therapeutic relationships and the process of change. In G. Ryan, T. Leversee, & S. Lane (Eds.) *Juvenile Sexual Offending: Causes, Consequences, and Corrections, 3rd edition* (pp. 253-262). Hoboken, NJ: John Wiley & Sons.

Powell, K. M. (2010b). Strengths-based approach. In D. S. Prescott & R. E. Longo (Eds.) *Current Applications: Strategies for Working with Sexually Aggressive Youth and Youth with Sexual Behavior Problems* (pp. 55-82). Holyoke, MA: NEARI Press.

AWARDS

2019- *Gary Burgin Treatment Leadership Award* from Colorado Sex Offender Management Board

2011- *Bright Light Award* from the National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN)

2006- Nominee for the 28th Annual Judge Conrad L. Ball Award for Significant Contribution in Improving the Quality of Justice

2002- *Exemplary Service Award as a Direct Service Provider* from the Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition

1996-97 Nominated for Colorado State University (CSU) Alumni Assoc. "Best Teacher" award

1995-96 Nominated for CSU Alumni Assoc. "Best Teacher" award

1995-96 Selected as a "Favorite Faculty of the Year" by CSU students in Ellis Residence Hall

Selected as a "Favorite Faculty of the Year" by CSU students in Ingersoll Residence Hall

Selected as a "Favorite Faculty of the Year" by CSU students in Allison Residence Hall

AFFILIATIONS/ CERTIFICATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA) member since 1997

Association for the Treatment and Prevention of Sexual Abuse (ATSA) member

ATSA Adolescent Practice Committee member

ATSA Ethics Committee member

National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) Advisory Board member

Colorado SOMB (Sex Offender Management Board) Juvenile Treatment Provider & Evaluator (since 2003)

Colorado SOMB Juvenile Developmental/ Intellectual Disabilities Specialty

Colorado SOMB Clinical Supervisor