

**James A. Kenny, PhD, HSPP**  
**Clinical Psychologist**

**PROFESSIONAL VITA (9/1/10)**

LICENSING AND CERTIFICATIONS

- **Health Service Provider in Psychology (HSPP)** and a Clinical Psychologist licensed by the Indiana State Board of Examiners in Psychology.
- Certified as a **School Psychologist** by the Indiana State Board of Education.
- Certified as a **Social Worker (ACSW)** by the Academy of Certified Social Workers.

EDUCATION

- **MSW in Social Work** in 1957 from Loyola School of Social Work (Chicago). Master's Thesis: "Community Attitudes Toward Parental Responsibility for Juvenile Delinquency."
- **PhD in Clinical Psychology** in 1962 (with a minor in Clinical Psychiatry) from the University of Mainz in Germany. Doctoral Dissertation: "A Comparison of 216 Normal and Maladjusted Children on the Basis of Psychological Tests."
- **MA and PhD in Social and Cultural Anthropology** in 1974 from Indiana University (Bloomington). Master's Thesis: "The Cross-Cultural Measurement of Infants." Doctoral Dissertation: "A Numerical Taxonomy of Worldwide Ethnic Units."

EMPLOYMENT

- **Clinical Psychologist** in private practice from 1982 thru June, 2011 when I retired. My practice included the treatment of mental and emotional disorders, addictions, parent-child problems, school problems, and marital and divorce counseling. I have also done many evaluations of intelligence, personality, sanity, and bonding, as well as custody evaluations and home studies for adoption.
- **Director and Clinical Psychologist of the Jasper-Newton Mental Health Center** from 1975-82. During this period I completed approximately 15 adoptive Home Studies for the Jasper County DFC.
- **Professor of Psychology and Chair of the Psychology Department** from 1964-75 at St. Joseph's College in Rensselaer, Indiana. I am currently a Visiting Professor of Psychology at St. Joseph's College where I have taught a course on "Alcohol Education" every semester. I have also taught as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Maryland and Indiana University in Bloomington.
- **Officer in the US Air Force Medical Service Corps** from 1960-64 at Wiesbaden Hospital in Germany and from 1957-60 at Eglin AFB in Florida.
- **Founder and Director of the USAF Child Guidance Clinic** from 1960-64 at Wiesbaden AF Hospital.
- **Caseworker** (part-time) from 1957-60 for the Florida Department of Welfare conducting Home Studies for potential adoptive families.
- **Caseworker** from 1954-56 for the Cook County (Chicago) Department of Public Welfare. My district was in Skid Row and in the Cabrini-Green housing project.

## PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

American Psychological Association (APA)  
Indiana Psychological Association (IPA)  
National Association of Social Workers (NASW)  
American Anthropological Association (AAA - Fellow)

## BOARD MEMBER

Indiana Foster Care and Adoption Association (IFCAA) From 1991-2000  
Adoption in Child Time (ACT). Co-Founder in 1998 and Past-President  
“Fostering Families Today”

## AWARDS

- **US Air Force Commendation Medal** for "Meritorious Service from 1960-64" in establishing a child guidance clinic for the US Air Force.
- **Distinguished Service Award** from 1967-77 by the Indiana Commissioner of Mental Health for supervising work done by college students with psychiatric patients at the state hospital.
- **Edwin G. Kaiser Faculty Scholar Award** in 1974 by St. Joseph's College for research and publications.
- **Rotary Presidential Citation in 1996 for "Service Above Self"** in authoring a "Carebook" for local nursing home residents, providing extra needs for foster children, and originating and managing the Teaching Fellows program.
- Appointed by the Indiana legislature to the Indiana Commission on Disproportionality of Black Youth. I served as **Co-Chair of the Child Welfare Sub-Committee.**

## PROFESSIONAL JOURNALS

I have published articles in the following professional journals:

"The American Journal of Psychiatry"	"Philosophy Today"
"The American Bar Association Journal"	"The Journal of Higher Education"
"USAF Medical Service Digest"	"Ethnology"
"Mental Hospitals"	"Archives of Sexual Behavior"
"Journal of the American Academy of Child Psychiatry"	"Behavior Science Research"
"Illinois Schools Journal"	"Journal of Asian and African Studies"

## POPULAR MAGAZINE ARTICLES

I have published articles in the following popular magazines:

"Chicago Tribune Sunday Magazine"	"Marriage Magazine"
"Family Digest"	"Catholic Digest"
"Columbia Magazine"	"Our Family"
"St. Anthony's Messenger"	"US Catholic"

Articles in “Fostering Families Today” included *The Right to a Permanent Home; Don't Make Kids Wait; The Law Least Followed; The High Cost of Emancipation; Treating Reactive Attachment Disorder*, and others.

SYNDICATED COLUMN

**"Family Talk"** was syndicated by the Catholic News Service and distributed weekly to over 180 newspapers from 1976 through the year 2000. Written together with my wife, it won national awards as the "best column of the year" appearing in the Catholic press.

THREE AUDIO CASSETTE SERIES

**Families Doing Things Together** (Four cassettes)    **Helping Children of Divorce** (Five cassettes)

**Timely Talks on Aging** (Four cassettes)

FOURTEEN BOOKS AUTHORED OR CO-AUTHORED

**Whole-Life Parenting** (translated into Japanese and Indonesian)

**When Your Marriage Goes Stale**

**Making the Family Matter**

**Happy Parenting!**

**Caring for Your Aging Parent**

**Eldercare**

**Sex Education for Toddlers to Young Adults**

**Loving and Learning: A Guide to Practical Parenting**

**Managing Stress**

**Babies Are to Love**

**Parenting Teens**

**The Right to a Permanent Home: Stopping Foster Care Drift**

**The Church That Refused to Die**

**Bonding and the Case for Permanence**

## PARENT TRAINING CLASSES

I taught 24 parent training courses from 1985-90, attended by over 500 families accused of abuse or neglect. The program was funded by a federal grant and administered by the Indiana DFC. The course consisted of three individual hours and six classroom hours with each family.

### WORKSHOPS OFFERED

#### Parenting

"Effective Parenting"	"The Transition from Toddler to Adult"
"Parenting Tough with Teens"	"Depression in Kids"
"Parenting: How to Discipline"	"Parenting: How to Discipline"
"Teaching Children About Sexuality"	"Teens Add Spice to Your Life"
"Behavior Mod with Developmental Disabilities"	"Parent Training Programs for Abusive Parents"
"How Caseworkers Can Be Positive and Effective Dealing with Abusive and Neglectful Parents"	

#### Foster Care and Adoption

"Hurrah for Foster Parents!"	"Foster Care and Adoption: Special Issues"
"Common Sense in Adoption"	"Legal Definitions of Bonding"
"The Right to a Permanent Home"	
"Don't Make Kids Wait" (Presented to Florida judges and GALs on the harm done to children by delays in the foster care and court systems.)	

#### The Elderly

"Behavioral Techniques for the Mgmt of the Elderly"	"Caring for Your Aging Parent"
"Making Decisions About Care of the Elderly"	"Bringing Out the Best in the Elderly"

#### Mental Health

"Stress Management"	"Success Over Stress"
"Smoke-No-More" (Smoking Cessation)	"Weight-No-More" (Weight Loss)
"Family Violence"	"Death and Dying"
"How to Act Positive When You Feel Negative"	
"The Faith Factor in Emotional Healing"	
"Psychological Factors in Mastectomy"	
"Using Hypnosis in Therapy"	
"Engaging the Engaged"	
"How to Interview"	
"Living Family-First in a Me-First World"	

### PERSONAL

My wife and I have 12 children, four of whom are adopted. We were licensed foster parents for 25 years and have parented over 40 foster children in our home, most of them teenage boys.