

Administration

Betty Lindquist, MBA

Practice Administrator of Counseling Connections and one of the founders of Connections Day School, South Campus, New Connections Academy, Connections Academy East, and Virtual Connections Academy. She began her career as a Juvenile Probation Officer in Lake County and formed Counseling Connections in 1983. Ms. Lindquist was responsible for the development of a custody and visitation program for Lake County Family Court to assist families in resolving issues with professional support. Currently, she is responsible for the administration of Counseling Connections and their five schools serving students with emotional and behavioral issues. Ms. Lindquist was also appointed to chair a taskforce to address issues of truancy in Lake County by the Lake County Juvenile Justice Counsel by Michael Waller.

Dr. Sol Rappaport, PhD, ABPP

Board Certified in Clinical Psychology and Clinical Child and Adolescent Psychology.

Dr. Rappaport specializes in Forensic Psychology. He has been appointed in over 800 custody evaluations and has testified throughout Illinois as well as nationally. Dr. Rappaport also consults with attorneys nationally for purposes of work product review, cross examination and expert witness testimony. Dr. Rappaport has presented nationally on custody, relocation, alienation, psychological testing and other topics to various state bar associations, including the American Bar Association's Family Law section and the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has trained both attorneys and mental health professionals on the use of psychological testing in custody evaluations. He consults with and trains attorneys in cross-examination techniques.

Dr. Rappaport has been on faculty at the Houston Family Law Trial Institute and is currently on faculty of the National Institute for Trial Advocacy/American Barr Association's Trial Advocacy Institute and the Oklahoma Bar Association's Family Law Advocacy Trial Law Institute.

Dr. Rappaport has several professional publications including a book on the prevention of sexual abuse as well as articles in Family Law Quarterly, Family Court Review, and the Journal of the American Academy of Matrimonial Lawyers. He has written peer reviewed journal articles, and completed other professional writings as well. Dr. Rappaport is also the Past-President of the Illinois Chapter of the Association of Family

and Conciliation Courts. In addition to his forensic practice, Dr. Rappaport is a co-founder of five therapeutic day schools serving children with emotional/behavioral problems or high functioning autism. He also performs psychological testing, risk assessments, and fitness for duty evaluations for local school districts and law enforcement agencies.



Dr. Kati Hefferon, PsyD

Education: Doctoral and Master’s degrees in Clinical Psychology, Illinois School of Professional Psychology – Chicago. Dr. Hefferon is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist.

Client Base: Dr. Hefferon has worked in group practice and community mental health settings, and most currently spent 5 years as a Clinical Administrator and Supervisor for South Campus Therapeutic Day School; an alternative day school for children and adolescents with emotional, behavioral, and developmental struggles. Dr. Hefferon works with school aged children, adolescents, and families. She specializes in treating mood disorders, acting out behaviors, Autism Spectrum Disorders, and features of personality disorders. More specifically, she is known for helping children and adolescents who may be at higher risk of using inappropriate coping strategies to deal with stressors.

Therapeutic Approach: Dr. Hefferon takes a systemic approach to helping families as a unit promote health in the patient. She also believes strongly that a strength-based approach is essential to fostering a sense of self, a sense of empowerment, and a sense of identity within a system. This is especially true for adolescents who seem to feel lost and overwhelmed by their world.