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Abridged Vitae

EDUCATION:

1989 Ph.D. in Developmental Psychology at Teachers College, Columbia University, NY.
1982 B.S. from Barnard College, New York. Major: Psychology, Minor: Education

HONORS:

1981 Graduated Magna Cum Laude with honors in Psychology, elected to Phi beta Kappa

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

2006-Present *Director of Research*
The Vincent J Fontana Center for Child Protection, New York, NY

2005-2006 *Senior Research Analyst*
The New York Foundling Hospital, New York, NY

1998 – 2005 *Director, Center for Child Welfare Research*
The CV Institute, The Children’s Village, Dobbs Ferry, NY

1994 - 1998 *Research Association/Interim Director/Director*
Center for the Child, NCJW, New York, NY

EXPERT WITNESS:

Provided expert opinion in AK, CA, CO, FL, MA, MD, MI, NJ, NY, PA, WY. And Ontario Canada.
Passed Daubert hearing in MA in Lee V Hendron July 2011.

PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS AND WORKSHOPS:

Workshops to legal and/or mental health professionals about PAS and psychological maltreatment at national conferences of Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, American Association of School Social Workers, American Professional Society on the Abuse of Children, American Psychological Association and International Cultic Studies Association. Workshops also at regional conferences of NJ Institute of Continuing Legal Education, NJ Association of Social Workers, NY Association of School Psychologists, NJ Association of School Counselors, PA Association of School Counselors, MA Association of School Counselors, NJ Association of School Counselors, NYC Administration for Children’s Services, NY Prevent Child Abuse America, and

PUBLICATIONS: *On Parental Alienation*

Baker, A.J.L. (in press). Alienation research and the Daubert standards. In International handbook on parental alienation, 2nd edition.

Baker, A.J.L. & BenAmi, N. (in press). To turn a child against a parent is to turn a child against himself. *To appear in Journal of Divorce and Remarriage.*

BenAmi, N. & Baker, A.J.L. (in press). The long-term correlates of childhood exposure to parental alienation on adult self-sufficiency and well-being. *American Journal of Family Therapy.*

Baker, A.J.L. (in press). Resisting the pressure to choose between parents: A school-based program. *Cultic Studies Journal*.

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Baker, A.J.L. (2007). *Adult children of parental alienation syndrome: Breaking the ties that bind*. New York: W.W. Norton.

Baker, A.J.L. & Darnall, D. (2007). A construct study of the eight symptoms of severe parental alienation syndrome: A survey of parental experiences. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage*, 47(1), 55-75.

Baker, A.J.L. (2007). Knowledge and attitudes about the parental alienation syndrome: A survey of custody evaluators. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 35(1), 1-20.

Baker, A.J.L. (2006). The power of stories: Stories about power: Why therapists and clients should read stories about the parental alienation syndrome. *American Journal of Family Therapy*, 34(3), 191-203.

Baker, A.J.L. (2006). Patterns of parental alienation: A qualitative research study. *American Journal of*

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Baker, A.J.L., & Darnall, D. (2006). Behaviors and strategies of parental alienation: A survey of parental experiences. *Journal of Divorce and Remarriage, 45 (1/2), 97-124.*

Baker, A.J.L. (2005). The long-term effects of parental alienation on adult children: A qualitative research study. *American Journal of Family Therapy, 33(4), 289-302.*

Baker, A.J.L. (2005). The cult of parenthood: A Qualitative study of parental alienation. *Cultic Studies Review, volume 4, no.1.*

PUBLICATIONS: *On Topics Related to Child Welfare, Parent Involvement, Child Development*

Baker, A.J.L., Schneiderman, M. & Pelcovitz, D. (in press). Do evidence-based and effective programs for abused and traumatized children address the issue of psychological maltreatment: A survey of program developers . *To appear in APSAC Advisor.*

Baker, A.J.L., Brassard, M.R., Schneiderman, Donnelly, L.J., & Bahl, A. (in press). How well do evidence-based universal parenting programs teach parents about psychological maltreatment?: A program review. *To appear in Child Abuse & Neglect.*

Baker, A.J.L., Schneiderman, M., & Brassard, M.R. (in press). What works in preventing psychological maltreatment. *To appear in P. Curtis and G. Alexander (Eds.), What works in child welfare.* Washington, DC: Child Welfare League of America.

Voisine, S., & Baker, A.J.L. (in press). Do universal parenting programs discourage parents from using corporal punishment: A program review. *To appear in Families in Society.*

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Baker, A.J.L. (2009). Adult recall of childhood psychological abuse: Definitional strategies and challenges. *Children and Youth Services Review, 31(7), 703-714.*

Baker, A.J.L. and Charvat, B. (2008). *Child welfare research methods.* NY: Columbia University Press.

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Baker, A.J.L., Ashare, C., & Charvat, B. (2009). Substance use and dependency disorders in adolescent

girls in group living programs: Prevalence and associations with milieu factors. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 26(1), 42-47.

Baker, A.J.L., Fullmore, D., & Collins, J. (2008). A survey of mental health service provision in New York State residential treatment centers. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 25(4), 337-357.

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Baker, A.J.L., Gries, L., Schneiderman, M., Parker, R., Archer, M., & Friedrich, W. (2008). Children with problematic sexualized behaviors in the child welfare system. *Child welfare*, 87, 5-27.

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stay in residential treatment. *Child Welfare*, 84, 363-386.

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Baker, A.J.L., Piotrkowski, C., & Mincer, C. (2003). Behavioral predictors of psychiatric emergency in a child welfare residential treatment center. *Residential Treatment for Children and Youth*, 21, 51-70.

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Baker, A.J.L., Schneiderman, M., & Parker, R. (2001). A survey of problematic sexualized behaviors of children in the New York City Child Welfare System. *Journal of Child Sexual Abuse*, 10, 67-80.

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MEDIA REPORTS/INTERVIEWS on Parental Alienation:

NBC 4.2, Chuck Scarborough (April 15, 2011)

HLN, Joy Behar Show (February, 2011)

WABC channel 7 Good Morning America (December 24, 2009)

WABC channel 7, Viewpoint New York, (October 18, 2009)

WPIX channel 11, Help Me Howard Tips segment (October 2, 2009).

The Agenda with Steve Paikin TVO (June 12, 2009)
One-on-One with Steve Aduvato Channel CN8 (May 2, 2008)

PRINT

New England Psychologist on-line magazine (March, 2011)
AP story by David Crary which appeared on October 2nd 2010
Citylife magazine (January 2010)
U.S. News and World report (October 30, 2009 internet)
The Daily News (June 24, 2009)
Social Work Today (Nov 2008).
Balance Magazine (Fall, 2008)
New York Times parenting column by Mike Winerip (September 24, 2007)
San Antonio Express-News (April 2007)

RADIO

GGTK 970 AM Louisville KY with Stan Frager (October 12, 2008)
CJAD 800 AM in Toronto with Peter Anthony Holder (September 30, 2008)
KJLL 1330 AM in Tucson AZ (August 2008)
WVNJ 1190 AM with Sam Greenfield in Teaneck NJ (August 2008)
WNIX 1330 AM in Greenville MS with David Lush (June 25, 2008)
WJMN 94.5 FM in Boston MA The Ramiro and Pebbles Morning Show (June 25 2008)
KQRS 92.5 FM in Minneapolis, MN (June 9 2008)
WBZ 1030 AM with Jordan Marsh in Boston, MA (June 8, 2008)
WFLO 95.7 FM with Eliot Irving Fort Lauderdale, FL (May 30, 2008)
WZNZ 1460 AM with Ed Banker Jacksonville FL (May 9, 2008)
Nationally syndicated Doug Stephan's Good Day (May 2, 2008)
WLPO 1220 Am with Don Zukowski, Illinois (taped May 1, 08)
Nationally syndicated Your Time with Kim show (April 30, 2008)
KFKA 1310 AM Colorado, AM Colorado, (April 16 2008)
Nationally syndicated Michael Dresser Show (April 15, 2008)
KOIT 96.5 FM San Francisco, California, Armin Brott (April 20, 2008)
WOCM FM 98.1 Ocean City Maryland, Bulldog and the Rude Awakening Show (April 15 2008)
WILS 1320 AM Lansing, Michigan, Jack Ebling show, (April 11, 2008)
KMET 1490 Los Angeles, CA (November 15 2007)
Radio Sandy Springs 1620 AM Georgia, Parent's Rule (June 07)
Dads on the Air Australia (June 4, 2007)
WSBR 750 AM Atlanta, Georgia, Suzi Marsh, (April 30, 2007)

MEDIA REPORTS/INTERVIEWS on Parent Involvement in their Children's Education:

The Journal News (April 2004)
American School Board Journal (September 2001)
The Washington Post (January 2001)
Scholastic Parent and Child Magazine (December/January 1998)
WCBS FM Radio (October 1997)
WFAN AM Radio (October 1997)
Women's World Magazine (September 1997)
The New Jersey Star Ledger (September 1997)
The Tulsa World (September 1997)

Kentucky Jewish Post (September 1997)
Miami Herald (September 4, 1997)
The New Jersey Home News and Tribune. (September 1997)
WTTG TV, Washington DC (September 1997)
Fox Family Channel TV, national (August 1997)
Broward Jewish Journal (August 1997)

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2001** **Adjunct Professor**, Fordham University Graduate School of Social Service, doctoral class in research issues in child welfare.
- 1990** **Adjunct Professor**, New School for Social Research, New York: Graduate class in early social development.
- 1988** **Instructor** at Teachers College, Columbia University, New York: Graduate class in Research Methods
- 1987** **Teaching Assistant**, Barnard College, New York: Undergraduate Statistics class.
- 1985** **Instructor**, Teachers College, Columbia University, New York: Doctoral program colloquium.
- 1980** **Teaching Assistant**, Barnard College, New York: Five undergraduate courses in Psychology of Cognition and Perception

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