

Mary Beth Harris

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Licensed Clinical Social Worker focused on children, youth, and families with expertise in adolescent mothers.

Biography

MARY BETH HARRIS, a licensed clinical social worker, teaches in the Families and Children concentration, as well as in the foundation year practice sequence.

For more than 20 years, Harris was a clinical social worker with families and children in the border region of Mexico and West Texas. As a clinical administrator and family therapist, she worked with child sexual abuse and domestic violence victims, and served as an assessment trainer in the family court systems of West Texas, New Mexico and Oklahoma.

More recently, Harris developed a school-based group intervention for adolescent mothers designed to support high school graduation and economic self-sufficiency. She has conducted several effectiveness studies of the program and co-authored the book Taking Charge: A School-Based Life Skills Program for Adolescent Mothers, which includes the treatment manual for the program. Harris is also co-editor with Cynthia Franklin and Paula Allen-Meares of School Services Sourcebook, a comprehensive resource for school social workers and mental health practitioners.

Industry Expertise

Education/Learning, Health and Wellness, Mental Health Care, Writing and Editing, Health Care - Services, Health Care - Providers

Areas of Expertise

Social Work, Social Work Education, Child Sexual Abuse Victims, Domestic Violence Victims, Adolescence

Education

University of Texas
Ph.D.

University of Washington
M.S.W.

Scarritt College
B.A.

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