

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE for Olivia Charge

M Prof Psych, Grad Dip of FDRP, Grad Dip Psych (Adv), Grad Dip Psych, Assoc Deg PP, Grad Dip Crim, B SPath

Registered Psychologist and Family Dispute Resolution Practitioner (FDRP)

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

I obtained a Graduate Diploma Psychology and Masters Professional Psychology from the University of New England. My fourth year in psychology, also completed at University of New England, allowed me to focus my research thesis on the area of emergency service personnel and frontline workers unintentionally self-medicating with alcohol to avoid depression. I also have an Associate Degree in Policing and Graduate Diploma in Criminology from Charles Sturt University and a Bachelor of Speech Pathology from University of Newcastle. I have recently attained a Graduate Diploma of Family Dispute Resolution Practice (FDRP) through the College of Law.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

After obtaining my psychology qualifications, I worked within Department of Justice and Communities as a psychologist within Corrective Service, NSW. In this role, I delivered both individual and group treatment to male offenders with a variety of offending behaviours. This work took place in city and rural settings, as well as forensic environments. As part of this role, I also conducted assessments for the Courts (including pre-sentence reports) and the Parole Board. I have been formally trained in gold standards of risk assessment measures for general, violent, and sexual offending. In addition to my core work with clients, I also wrote treatment reports for the Serious Offender Review Council and State Parole Authority.

In Mid 2021, I accepted a role in a local private practice to expand my experience with assessment, treatment work to include working with children, teens and families. My role as an accredited FDRP, I have mediated matters relating to children and property.

Prior to studying psychology, I worked as a NSW Police Detective specialising in child protection in remote Aboriginal communities. I also developed and delivered a trauma-informed training program to support personnel in the Australian Defence Force who were victims of sexual misconduct.

ACCREDITATION

- Member of the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts
- Member of the Family Law Pathways Network