



Mental Health Assessments

The Alabama Institute for Behavioral Health and Research (AIBHR) offers a multitude of general and target-specific mental health assessments that serve a wide range of clinical and legal purposes.

Forensic Mental Health Assessments (Criminal Cases)

There are a number of reasons why the court system would want a mental health assessment performed on a specific person or group of people. In criminal cases the defense may want to present an argument of the defendant being incompetent to stand trial or to present scientifically supported reasoning for a preferred sentence. Prosecutors may wish to demonstrate competency of the defendant and the absence of mental illnesses that would serve to constitute a legal defense claim of insanity. The Judges may want to consider mental health in pre-sentencing considerations.

Divorce & Custody Cases

In divorce court where child custody is involved a mental health assessment with special evaluation of parenting stress and skills competency is useful in determining custody and visitation by the court. Additionally these types of assessments are highly useful for the Guardian ad Litem in such cases when conceptualizing the home conditions of the children they represent in a case. GAL investigation and recommendations can be based on the scientific results of Parental mental health assessments conducted by properly licensed counselors.

SSI & VA Disability Claims

The scars of childhood abuse, sexual assault, combat, and other traumatic

experiences run deep and life-long. Conditions such as Major Depressive Disorder, Generalized Anxiety Disorder, Post-traumatic Stress Disorder, and even addictive behaviors can develop. In many cases there is a co-morbidity of diagnosable conditions that are so severe that they utterly disable to affected individual.

At AIBHR we use the latest psychometric instruments and evaluation techniques to examine and diagnose mental health conditions and the individual's degree of disability caused by their conditions.

These assessments are often very useful for disability attorneys representing clients who have been in the application process for years. These assessments, having been completed by a licensed mental health counselor provide extensive and comprehensive information that outlines not only the diagnosis but the degree of disability and severity of symptoms experienced by the individual. Prognosis is also included in these assessment reports.

What Instruments are used in assessment?

1. A complete Biological, Psychological, and Sociological background and current status review.
2. Minnesota Multi-phasic Personality Inventory (MMPI) 2, 2-RF, and 3 (after October, 2020)
3. Narcissistic Personality Index (NPI)
4. Beck's Depression Inventory (BDI)
5. CAGE Substance Abuse Screening
6. Mood Disorder Inventory (MDI) for Bi-Polar I & II assessment
7. Domestic Violence Inventory (DVI)
8. Columbia Suicide Risk Inventory
9. Homicide Risk Inventory

10. Hamilton Anxiety Rating Scale
11. PTSD Checklist (M and C)
12. Parenting Stress Inventory
13. Parent-Child Relationship Index
14. Life Experience Questionnaire (Trauma)
15. Parental Abduction Risk Assessment

Reliable Professional Reports

AIBHR produces high quality and thorough mental health assessment reports. Each report is written with the readership in mind and the goals of the assessment in central focus. No other mental health clinic or firm offers the level of accuracy and comprehensiveness of AIBHR.

Reliable Professional Testimony

Mr. Duffey, the chief assessments clinician at AIBHR, has over nine years working in law enforcement and forensic settings and is very familiar with the rules of evidence and courtroom procedure for both civil and criminal proceedings. He has over 4,000 hours of assessment training and experience that includes 100 plus hours of direct courtroom testimony.

Many attorneys know that finding a counselor or psychologist willing to testify is very difficult. This is not a problem for Mr. Duffey or AIBHR. He is fully competent and capable of serving as an expert witness or as a professional providing clarification on aspects of his assessments and assessment reports.

High Integrity

AIBHR takes its ethical responsibilities and legal obligations very seriously and maintains a standard/code of conduct that exceeds professional standards and ensures statutory and regulatory compliance at all times. Under no circumstances does it tolerate unethical or legally violative practice behaviors.

Reports and testimony are always based in fact and supported by empirical quantitative and professionally qualitative data. Speculation, assumptions, and unsupported conjecture are never entertained nor included in reporting.

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