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CARF Surveyor. Brenda is an active [CARF](#) surveyor in the areas of Behavioral Health (BH) and Children and Youth Services (CYS). As an Admin and Program surveyor, she participates in three to four surveys per year. Locations include the U.S. and Canada as well as in VA facilities. Brenda has consistently attended the annual BH/CYS/OTP Surveyor Conference and Regional Training. In the last two years, Brenda completed an average of 32 CARF CEUs per year, to include required courses on confidentiality and security.

Management. Initial management experience was obtained as a Preload Supervisor for [United Parcel Service](#) (UPS). After obtaining her first master's degree, Brenda supervised mental health case managers and therapists at the [Rappahannock Area Community Services Board](#) (RACSB) in Fredericksburg, Virginia (a [CARF](#)-accredited organization). The next management position was as the Program Supervisor for Mental Health Services at Lincoln General Hospital (LGH), a JCAHO-accredited organization. (LGH is now known as [Bryan Medical Center West](#).) In this position, Brenda supervised a multidisciplinary staff in the Adult Psychiatric Program, Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Services (CAPS), and Eating Disorders Program. The programs included outpatient, partial hospitalization, and inpatient services. Brenda's responsibilities included developing the Eating Disorders Program and serving on various hospital committees, to include the Grievance Committee. In all management positions, typical responsibilities have included: development and review of policies and procedures; hiring, orientation, training, disciplinary action, and termination of staff; employee and consumer satisfaction surveys; strategic planning; fiscal planning; and risk management. Publications include *Bottom Line Benefits: Building Economic Success Through Stronger Families (A Business Agenda)*.

Clinical. Brenda has 30 years of experience as a therapist in the behavioral health field and is dually credentialed (i.e., LIMHP and LADC). She is also nationally certified as a [Master Addiction Counselor](#) (MAC) as well as an [EMDR Level II](#) therapist. Brenda has provided clinical services in all levels of care in mental health and substance abuse facilities (i.e., outpatient, intensive outpatient, day treatment, partial hospitalization, short-term residential, and inpatient). Previous employment has been at several organizations mentioned previously (e.g., RACSB, the Independence Center, and CMHC) as well as Rivendell Psychiatric Center (Seward, Nebraska). Brenda is a Nebraska [Registered Service Provider](#) for substance evaluations and treatment (adults and juveniles), and a [Registered Service Provider](#) for the Behavioral Mental Health.

Leadership. Brenda is a member of the EMDR International Association ([EMDRIA](#)) and serves on the EMDRIA [Board of Directors](#). Her 4-year term began in January 2014. She is past Chair of the EMDRIA [Membership Committee](#) and past Chair of the EMDRIA Public Practice & Diversity Subcommittee. Since March 2014, Brenda has served on the Board of Directors for the Family Violence Council. In addition, Brenda is an active member of the [Justice Behavioral Health Committee](#) (JBHC) and the [JBHC Provider Subcommittee](#).

Research. Brenda was a Collaborating Investigator in the [DSM-5 Field Trials](#) in Routine Clinical Practice (RCP) from 2011 to 2012. The study site was the [Community Mental Health Center \(CMHC\)](#). The Field Trials were sponsored by the American Psychiatric Association (APA) and were completed on February 29, 2012. The DSM-5 was released in May 2013 at the APA annual convention. Brenda was also a Field Reviewer for *The ASAM Criteria* which was published in October 2013. From 1988-1989, Brenda was a Research Associate at the [Institute of Medicine \(IOM\)](#), [National Academy of Sciences](#) in Washington, DC. In addition to working with notable experts in the behavioral health field, Brenda had the opportunity to conduct archival research at the [Library of Congress](#) and the [National Institute of Mental Health \(NIMH\)](#). The resulting study report, "Research on Children & Adolescents with Mental, Behavioral & Developmental Disorders" was published by the National Academy Press. While a graduate student in the [Master of Forensic Science \(MFS\)](#) program at Nebraska Wesleyan University, Brenda was the Principal Investigator for a study focusing on the correlation of substance abuse, domestic abuse, and criminal history. The study sites were the [Independence Center](#) and Counseling Center ([Men's Domestic Abuse Group](#)) at BryanLGH Medical Center West. The results of her findings were published in several issues of *The Correctional Psychologist*.

Military Service and Consulting. While on active duty in the [U.S. Navy](#), Brenda was first assigned to the Naval Military Personnel Command (NMPC) in Washington, D.C. During this time, she authored several training manuals (e.g., NMPC-42 Class "A" School Assignments Detailer's Manual"). For one year, Brenda was assigned collateral duty as a consultant to SYSCON Corporation. The project was to write the user's manual for the new computer system, Support Programs for Incentives, Retention, and Training Assignments (SPIRIT). SPIRIT is an automated management information system which provides an interactive capability for assignment to various Navy programs. Brenda's next duty station was at the Pentagon in Washington, D.C. She served in the Surface Warfare Division of the Chief of Naval Operations (OP-321 and OP-32). Responsibilities included: Administrative Assistant; Assistant Security Manager; and Equal Employment Opportunity (EEO) Representative.

Academic. Brenda was employed as an Adjunct Instructor in the Human Services Department at [Southeast Community College \(SCC; Lincoln campus\)](#) for 18 years. She developed and taught classes related to mental illness, addictions, assessment, domestic abuse, child abuse, and adult survivors of childhood sexual abuse. Brenda was also an Adjunct Instructor in the Psychology Department at the [College of Saint Mary \(CSM; Lincoln campus\)](#) for 7 years. She taught a combined total of 27 different courses and 163 sections (i.e., classes).

Grant Writing, Review, Administration, and Implementation. Brenda's experience includes serving on the Grant Review Committee for the Community Child Abuse Prevention Council (CCAPC; Lincoln, Nebraska) and the Maternal and Child Health Grant Review Committee for the Nebraska Department of Health. She was awarded a grant from the Student-Faculty Collaborative Research Fund at Nebraska Wesleyan University for her final graduate research project in the Forensic Science program. Most recently, Brenda served on the leadership committee for a grant awarded by the Office of Violence Against Women (U.S. Department of Justice) and administered by the [Vera Institute of Justice](#). This was a collaborative project of five community behavioral health organizations. For more information, refer to the [Collaboration Charter](#).