

# RYAN WEXELBLATT, LCSW, CAS

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## DIRECTOR/CLINICIAN

*Staff Training ✦ Program Development/Management ✦ Leadership*

A dedicated, passionate Clinician and Director highly regarded for overseeing direct service, outreach, counseling and general support to clients. Record success in the implementation and promotion of specialized programs, events and strategies related to social cognitive skill development and executive function coaching. Decisive leader with in-depth expertise across administration, staff training, public speaking, program development, and more. Exceptional training and academic qualifications, including a Master of Social Service from Bryn Mawr College.

### SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

- Utilize forward-thinking approach to help students diagnosed with neurodevelopmental challenges to become successful, independent learners.
- Certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Youth from the Beck Institute.
- Extensive training in executive functioning support strategies.
- Certificate of Completion for Social Thinking Clinical Training Level 1 (highest level available).
- Speaker at national and regional conferences on ADHD, social learning, executive functioning and related topics.
- Designed and facilitate custom-tailored and highly effective social learning programs for boys who are diagnosed with ADHD, and learning differences.
- Implemented best practices to direct a summer travel camp to help students diagnosed with ADHD and learning differences improve their executive functioning and social cognitive skills, with the program at full enrollment first year of inception.

### CORE COMPETENCIES

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| ▪ Social Cognitive Skill Development | ▪ Parent Training              | ▪ Academic Administration |
| ▪ Curriculum Development             | ▪ Public Speaking              | ▪ Student Support         |
| ▪ Executive Function Coaching        | ▪ Continuing Education         | ▪ Faculty Training        |
| ▪ Transition Planning                | ▪ Individual and Group Therapy | ▪ Operations Management   |

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### **Ride the Wave Counseling/Summer Trip Camp ✦ Bryn Mawr, PA and Linwood, NJ ✦ 2014 – Present** **Managing Director**

- Delivering superb service to students and young adults diagnosed with ADHD, learning differences and social anxiety.
- Design and facilitate outstanding social cognitive skill building programs based on Social Thinking® methodology, with programs including “Guy Stuff”, “How to Hang Out” and “Lego Social Thinking groups”.
- Provide specialized individual therapy to students ages 7-22 and their families, with treatment modality focusing on consistently improving self-regulation, executive functioning and social cognitive skills.
- Align with student’s schools and provide extensive clinical consultation to prescribing physicians.
- Direct an 8-week summer travel program designed to help students diagnosed with ADHD and learning differences improve their executive functioning and social cognitive skills, with the program at the full enrollment first year of inception.
- Present at national, regional and local conferences as well as parent support groups to promote the organizations’ vision and continuously engage in related advocacy.
- Ride the Wave Counseling formerly called *Center for ADHD*

#### **Y.A.L.E. School Philadelphia ✦ Philadelphia, PA ✦ 2016 – 2017** **Admissions/Clinician**

- Conducted a comprehensive review of prospective applicants for admission, coordinating sharing of information with sending school districts and providing tours to prospective families.
- Developed and taught weekly Skill Development Classes to students in grades 1-8 who present with severe behavioral/emotional dysregulation and designed a unique curriculum for classes utilizing the Social Thinking and Zones of Regulation methodologies.
- Consulted directly with School Director and Behavior Specialists on clinical matters.

**Y.A.L.E. School Philadelphia - Continued**

- Reviewed numerous prospective admissions files and coordinated family visits to school while under heavy workloads.
- Provided the best possible individual counseling to students as well as “push-in” social cognitive and self-regulation skill development, and communicated clearly with student’s families and outside service providers around clinical issues.

**Social Village at Princeton Speech-Language and Learning ✦ Princeton, NJ ✦ 2015 – 2016****Director**

- Excelled as Director of the social-recreational program for students ages 8-19 who present with social learning needs (Asperger’s Syndrome, ADHD, and higher-independence Autism Spectrum diagnoses).
- Improved methods to provide parent trainings on sexuality education and relationship skills, including facilitation of “Guy Stuff” program for middle and high school students.
- Created programming and oversaw budgeting, marketing, website content and staff supervision to deliver the best possible student outcomes and guarantee organizational success.
- Trained a diverse array of program staff to help support students’ social cognitive skills, emotional regulation skills, and executive function skill development.

**Ryan Wexelblatt Consulting ✦ Narberth, PA ✦ 2013 – 2015****Independent Contractor**

- Provided custom individual and group therapy through Spectra Support Services (Broomall, PA) to undergraduate students and college-age young adults who presented with autism spectrum diagnoses
- Demonstrated attentiveness and professionalism in handling group topics, including sexuality and relationship education, social cognitive and executive function skill development.
- Managed all Behavior Specialist services to individuals through the Pennsylvania Adult Autism Waiver.
- Sought for consultation around program development to Terri Rossman, Director of Princeton Speech-Language and Learning on development of Social Village program and Katz Shamitz, Director of Skills for Living Program in Norwood, Massachusetts.

**Camp Sequoia Programs, LLC ✦ Narberth, PA ✦ 2010 – 2014****Managing Director**

- Built unique summer- and school-year programs for students who present with social learning and emotional regulation needs, with client population including students diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger’s Syndrome, learning differences and higher-independence autism spectrum diagnoses.
- Exceeded all expectations, with client base and retention increased each year of operation serving over 150 families annually.
- Managed all facets of business operations including logistical management, program/curricula development, budgeting, communications, and staffing, as well as creating admissions process and facilitating all admissions assessments.
- Supervised a multitude of clinical staff, created training for clinical staff, and provided expansive training to social educators.
- Hired, trained and supervised high-performance program staff consisting of educators, graduate and undergraduate students. Provided staff evaluations as well as ongoing staff training and evaluation.
- Align with state standards in building program curricula around Zones of Regulation and Social Thinking frameworks and facilitated Social Thinking groups and sexuality education groups.

**Hill Top Preparatory School ✦ Bryn Mawr, PA ✦ 2008 – 2011****High School Clinician/Hill Top Summer Camp Director**

- Provided individual and group counseling on weekly basis and originated a group counseling curriculum based on cognitive needs of each student group which delivered superb outcomes.
- Worked collaboratively with student’s funding sources and referring school districts to maintain program excellence.
- Significantly increased school’s summer revenue stream through successful enrollment in summer program as Founder and Director of Hill Top Summer Day Camp Program.
- Innovated on procedures to handle all aspects of summer program operations including admissions, logistics, budgeting, program development, staffing and communications.
- Presented at professional conferences, prospective family open houses and professional open houses, building productive relationships to expand networking and academic opportunities.

**Y.A.L.E. School † Cherry Hill, NJ † 2004 – 2008**

**Clinician/Certified School Social Worker**

- Conducted crisis assessment and consulted with student’s mental health providers in a high-stress environment.
- Facilitated a number of IEP meetings and annual review meetings and designed social-emotional IEP goals.

**EDUCATION**

**Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA - Master of Social Service – Clinical Social Work**

**Temple University, Philadelphia, PA - Bachelor of Arts – Communication**

**Certifications:**

New Jersey Licensed Clinical Social Worker (License Number: 44SC05776500)

Pennsylvania Licensed Clinical Social Worker (License Number: CW020076)

New Jersey Department of Education School Social Work Certification

Certified Autism Specialist

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- Resources for Human Services/Fairmount Behavioral Health, Paid Presenter 2018
- CHADD International Conference on ADHD, Speaker 2017-Present
- Gwynedd Mercy University Autism Conference, Speaker 2016-Present
- Social Thinking® Global Providers Conference, Speaker 2017
- Florida Center for Autism and Related Disorders Conference, Speaker 2017
- CHADD (Elkins Park, Chester County, Long Island, MetroWest chapters), Speaker 2011-Present
- Autism Society National Conference, Speaker 2016
- National Sex Educators Conference, Speaker 2015
- Princeton Speech-Language and Learning, Speaker 2016
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit, Speaker 2015
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Community on Secondary Transition Conference, Speaker 2015
- National Adoption Center, Volunteer Speaker 2009-Present
- American Camp Association, Speaker 2009-2013
- Jewish Learning Venture Inclusion Conference, Speaker 2012-2013
- Woodlynde School, Speaker 2012
- North Penn School District Parents Special Education Council, Speaker 2013

**ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS**

<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS</b>	Microsoft Office Suite, WordPress website builder
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Certificate in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy for Youth from the Beck Institute</li> <li>▪ Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program Level 1 Certificate of Completion (highest level of training available)</li> <li>▪ Executive Function Skill Training with Sarah Ward, CCC-SLP of Cognitive Connections</li> <li>▪ New Jersey School Social Worker certification</li> <li>▪ Training in treating child/adolescent anxiety from Temple University Child &amp; Teen Anxiety Clinic</li> <li>▪ Sexuality and Asperger’s Syndrome Advanced Training with Dr. Isabelle Henault</li> <li>▪ Zones of Regulation training with Leah Kuypers</li> <li>▪ Pennsylvania Act 126 Training</li> <li>▪</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Children and Adults with ADHD (CHADD)</li> <li>▪ American Psychological Association Unit 51 (Study of Men &amp; Masculinity)</li> <li>▪ Specialist of Schools</li> </ul>
<b>VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE</b>	<p>Buxmont CHADD Professional Advisory Board Member, 2016-Present</p> <p>ASCEND, Board of Directors 2012-2013 / ADHD Aware, Board of Directors 2012-2013</p>