

# RESUME

**BARRY LESSIN, M.Ed., CAADC**  
**Licensed Psychologist**  
**Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor**

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS:

- Substance use disorder psychologist and public health advocate with a career spanning over forty years as a clinician, administrator, educator and researcher.
- Co-founder of Families for Sensible Drug Policy, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering families to increase access to effective substance use disorder treatment and reduce the harmful consequences of oppressive drug policies.
- Developed and implemented the one of the first intensive outpatient addiction treatment programs in a managed care setting in Southeastern Pennsylvania
- Coordinated data collection and analyzed results for a pioneering federally-funded nationwide research study on multiple substance abuse.
- Developed and directed an outpatient center for an large urban psychiatric hospital
- Organizational consultant, corporate trainer and program developer for corporate clients, including a Fortune 100 company
- Published author on the integration of behavioral healthcare service delivery in managed care environments

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

### **Private Psychological Practice**

1717 Swede Road, Suite 108  
Blue Bell, PA 19422

June 1987 to present

### **Site Director**

Penn-Friends Behavioral Health Services  
Fort Washington Office  
Fort Washington, PA 19034

July 1999 to Jan 2002

### **Director, Substance Abuse Services**

Penn Recovery Systems, Media, PA

July 1988 to Nov 1989

### **Director, Substance Abuse Services**

The Counseling Program of Pa. Hospital  
Philadelphia, PA

Oct 1985 to Aug 1987

**Director, Drug and Alcohol Services  
Psychotherapist/Clinical Supervisor**  
PATH, Inc., Philadelphia, PA

Sept 1984 to Oct 1985  
Jan 1979 to Sept 1984

**Psychologist**  
Eagleview Hospital, Eagleview, PA

June 1975 to Jan 1979

### LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS:

Pennsylvania Licensed Psychologist, License # PS-005657  
Pennsylvania Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor, certificate# 0415

### EDUCATION/TRAINING:

**Graduate:** Temple University  
M.Ed., School Psychology, 1986  
  
Pennsylvania State University  
M.Ed., Counselor Education, 1975

**Clinical Internship:** Child Psychiatry Center, Phila, PA, 1987-1988

**Undergraduate:** Pennsylvania State University  
B.S., Psychology, 1974

### PUBLICATIONS:

Ascher, M., and Lessin, Barry (2015, March 11) [Family Survival Skills for Early Recovery](http://www.thefix.com/content/family-survival-skills-early-recovery)  
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Lessin, B. & Bern, D. (1997). **Providers as Partners: The Integrated Employee Assistance Program**. Keynote Press: Toronto

Lessin, B. (1988). The HMO Client: Working within the HMO system to provide effective EAP services. **Employee Assistance Quarterly**, 4(2), 61-73.

#### COMMUNITY SERVICE:

**Families for Sensible Drug Policy (FSDP):** Co-founder of this global coalition of families, professionals, organizations and drug policy reform advocates who view substance use as human rights and public health issues. FSDP brings diverse communities together to empower families to advocate to reduce the harmful consequences of oppressive drug policies and increase access to effective substance use disorder treatment.

#### PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS:

Pennsylvania Psychological Association