# Background information and therapy approach of James J. Sanders. www.SandersTherapy.com

#### Licensure and Certification

California State Board Licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Lic. # 40061 Nebraska State Board Licensed Mental Health Practitioner and L.P.C. Lic. # 352/121 Colorado State Board of Health Licensed Professional Counselor. Lic. # 2187 National Board Specialist Certification in Clinical Mental Health Counseling. # 33693 National Board Certified Counselor. # 33693

### Education

Masters Degree in Agency Counseling Psychology	
University of Nebraska at Omaha	1985
Bachelors Degree in Psychology, Double Minor in Sociology	and Philoson

Bachelors Degree in Psychology. Double Minor in Sociology and PhilosophyUniversity of Nebraska at Lincoln1982

### **Professional Experience**

Sanders and Associates Counseling Center. Licensed in both California and Nebraska.	1984-Present	
Book Author: <u>I ALREADY AM WHAT I WANT.</u> Lumpkin and Bunkers Publishing Co.	1989	
President of the State of California Association of Marriage	2011-2012	
and Family Therapists. (CAMFT)		
Psychotherapist on Television shows on Bravo and	2012-	
The Learning Channel.		
Expert Witness for Orange County, CA Judicial System.		
Speaker, Adjunct Professor and Consultant:		
Provided to profit and non-profit hospitals, universities, and businesses including		
Creighton University Cardiac Center, Pepperdine University, California Southern		
University, Metropolitan Community College.		
TV/Radio Appearances as Guest Expert:	1985-2018	
Columnist: Omaha Magazine. Wrote "Dear Therapist" Column.	1985-88	
Instructor: Safety and Health Council of the Midlands.	1987-91	
Psychiatric Assistant: U.N. Medical Center Psychiatric Institute.	1983-84	

# **Community Service Volunteer**

Board of Directors, Mary's Shelter. Group home for pregnant teens. 2012-2015		
Knights of Columbus Member. Third degree.	2009-	
Toby's House for Homeless Pregnant Woman, S.J. Capistrano, CA. 2006-2009		
Marriage Preparation Counselor for the Archdiocese of Omaha	1992-95	
President: Omaha Businessmen's Association	1991	
Nebraska State Soccer Team Coach of players under 23 years	1987	
Douglas County Dept. of Health Task Force on Stress Member	1985-90	
Hospice Counseling: Lincoln Nebraska	1981-82	
Big Brother: Omaha Home for Boys	1977-78	
Suicide Hotline Operator for Douglas County, Omaha, NE.	1977-78	

### **Professional Organization Member**

Member, CFO and Past President on Board of Directors of (C.A.M.F.T.) 2004 - California Association of Marriage and	Lifetime member
Family Therapists	
American Counseling Association (A.C.A.)	Lifetime member
International Association of Marriage and Family Counselors	2002-2003
Assoc. of Spiritual Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling	1999-2001
American Association of Specialists in Group Work	1988-2000
American Mental Health Counseling Association	1986-1990

My approach to therapy, counseling or coaching varies depending upon your wants, pace and path. At the end of therapy, it is great to look back and realize what you have achieved. I utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) and other evidence-based techniques to help individuals, couples, and families with relationship troubles and trauma, amongst other presentations. The risk of therapy can be a reflection of a wrong therapist/client fit. The benefits of growth can be exponential to you, your children and/or your legacy. I want to make our relationship a safe place for you to discover the goodness that is already within you just by the nature of being human.

Ask me anything anytime. I really appreciate your honest feedback.

Thank you,

James Sanders, LMFT