

Michael Pezzullo, MA, LMFT

West Hollywood, CA / 347.886.3710 / pezzullo.psychotherapy@gmail.com

Psychotherapist specializing in LGBTQ+ affirmative therapy, trauma, substance use and high-conflict divorce.

Clinical Experience:

Private Practice, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist April '19 - Present
West Hollywood, CA

- Provide psychotherapy to clients in person at my West Hollywood, CA office and virtually throughout California.
- Treat individuals and couples using psychodynamic, CBT, DBT, narrative, attachment-focused and internal family systems approaches.
- Utilize attachment-focused EMDR (AF-EMDR) treating both single-incident and complex trauma.
- Certified in Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy (KAP) to treat treatment-resistant mood disorders and trauma.

The Camden Center, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist May '21 - Present
Beverly Hills, CA

- Treating substance use and co-occurring psychiatric disorders at an intensive outpatient level of care.
- Primary therapist on EOS clinical team providing affirmative psychotherapy to clients who identify as LGBTQIA+.
- Providing treatment for “chem-sex”—the addictive process of using substances to heighten & augment sexual arousal.

Impulse Group, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist June '21 - Jan '23
Hollywood, CA

- Created and facilitated gay men’s weekly process group, sponsored by AIDS Health Foundation.
- Group participants provided the opportunity to process issues pertinent to the LGBTQ community such as isolation, shame, sex and relationships, external or internalized homophobia, substance use issues and HIV status.
- Group provided a corrective emotional experience where participants feel heard, understood and accepted.

La Fuente Hollywood Treatment Center, Licensed Marriage & Family Therapist September '19 - April '21
Hollywood, CA

- Provided LGBTQ-affirmative treatment to clients presenting with substance use disorders at both residential and outpatient levels of care.
- Served as primary therapist to residential and outpatient clients, providing both individual and family therapy sessions.
- Facilitated daily therapy groups, with topics including DBT skills, relapse prevention and trauma.
- Coordinated psychiatric services and utilization reviews to ensure clients receive sufficient, individualized treatment.

Evolve Treatment, Associate Marriage & Family Therapist April '19 - September '19
Bel Air, CA

- Treated adolescents (ages 12-17) at both partial hospitalization and intensive outpatient levels of care.
- Treated high-conflict families using structural family therapy and strategic approaches.
- Provided parent coaching, couples counseling and divorce coaching.
- Treatment focus includes primarily dual-diagnosis treatment, including substance use and mood disorders.
- Ran a variety of psychotherapy groups, including process-oriented, dialectical behavioral therapy and psycho-education.
- Completed certificates in Trauma-Focused CBT & Mandated Reporter professional training.

Early Childhood Development Associates, Associate Marriage & Family Therapist Jan '19 - Present
West Hollywood, CA

- Facilitating attachment parenting class with infants 18 to 24 months to foster secure relationships with their primary caregivers.
- Co-leading a “preschool prep” workshop, working with children 3-4 years old who exhibit attention deficit disorders.
- Co-leading a behavioral group with children 5-7 years old who struggle with generalized and social anxiety disorders.
- Providing psycho-education sessions to parents, aiding their understanding of their child's psycho-biological development.

Center For Healthy Sex, Associate Marriage & Family Therapist Dec '18 - May '19
Westwood, CA

- Co-led evening process group for men in recovery from sex addiction, sexual compulsivity, and love addiction.
- Received extensive training in human sexuality, sexual dysfunction, sex addiction and co-occurring substance abuse.
- Provided short-term psychotherapy to clients experiencing a variety of sexual disorders & sexual health concerns.

Michael Pezzullo, MA, LMFT

West Hollywood, CA / 347.886.3710 / pezzullo.psychotherapy@gmail.com

Psychotherapist specializing in LGBTQ+ affirmative therapy, trauma, substance use and high-conflict divorce.

Valley Community Counseling Clinic, Trainee Psychotherapist
North Hollywood, CA

Sept '17 - March '19

- Provided long-term psychotherapy to individuals and couples as a Marriage & Family Therapist trainee.
- Gained experience treating clients presenting with mood, personality and substance use disorders.
- Trained to practice within scope of CAAMFT legal and ethical standards.
- Received extensive experience conducting intakes and writing clinical assessments.
- Received specialized education on object-relations focused psychoanalytic psychotherapy.
- Learned how to incorporate psychoanalytic psychotherapy with modern psychotherapeutic techniques.

Leadership/Certifications:

Group Psychotherapy Association of Los Angeles
Board Member

Ketamine Assisted Psychotherapy (KAP)
Journey Clinical

Attachment-Focused EMDR Certification
Parnell Institute

Antioch University
Adjunct Professor

Weho Times
Contributing Columnist

'Speaking Out' Documentary
Trauma expert contributing therapist

AAMPH (LGBTQ+ Addiction Professionals)
Contributing Speaker

Education:

Antioch University
Los Angeles, CA

M.A. Clinical Psychology

Graduated December 2018

New York University:
New York, NY

B.A. Media & Communication
Minor: Psychology

Graduated May 2012