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**Brief Biographical Sketch, part one:**

**KATHLEEN SCIACCA, M.A., is a forerunner in the development of treatment methods, program development and comprehensive services for Mental Illness, Drug Addiction, and Alcoholism (MIDAA)®. She has been developing treatment interventions and services for dual and multiple disorders since 1984, when there were no program models available and little attention was given to this population as a priority. Her programs have been replicated across New York State, Alaska, Tennessee, North Carolina, in Louisiana, Connecticut and Michigan, Washington DC, Dallas, TX, and by numerous other states, agencies, and communities, across the country and internationally. Present work (2002) includes: Georgia state-wide, and Tehama County, CA.**

**Ms. Sciacca is a national consultant, lecturer, keynote speaker, and workshop leader.**

**Ms. Sciacca is former Director of the MICAA Training Site for Program and Staff Development, (1984-1991) New York State-wide for the New York State Office of Mental Health. She has guest lectured in colleges and universities. She is the author of the "MIDAA Service Manual," articles, book chapters and producer of the training video "Integrated Treatment for MIDAA." Her work has been reviewed by TIME magazine and included in Who's Who of American Women.**

**She participated with a panel of experts in developing the consensus report: SAMHSA's Best Practice Guidelines for Co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders.**

**Kathleen Sciacca, M.A. provides consulting, education and training seminars for treatment and program development for MIDAA, including severe, persistent mental illness, and HIV . Training seminars are developed for all disciplines in the mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice. HIV and homeless services systems.**

**Ms. Sciacca teaches phase by phase treatment interventions from "denial" to "recovery" and includes the following pertinent topics:  
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**differentiating various profiles; etiology and interaction effects; comprehensive assessment; readiness/motivation measures; outcome criteria; engagement strategies; treatment planning. Program materials include: screening, engagement, readiness scales, assessment, outcome criteria, data collection.**

**She is a teacher and trainer of Motivational Interviewing theory and skill building. Certificate as trainer from Miller and Rollnick.**

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**As Trainer and Program Developer:**

**1993-2002: Motivational Interviewing (MI ): Nine years providing one/ two/three day seminars, on-going training, and workshops in theory and skill building practice. Example: on-going –Washington, DC, Georgia; Example: seminars -New York City and Detroit Depts. of Health; Baltimore MH systems; US Navy; IAPSRs; Sponsor of 3-day seminars. Numerous agencies & conferences. \*Certificate as trainer of MI by Miller and Rollnick, 1995. Current Member of the MI Network of Trainers Steering Committee, 1998-**

**1984-2002: Dual Diagnosis of co-occurring MIDAA. Eighteen years developing treatment interventions; service programs and materials; curriculum and cross-training. Director of MICA Training Site for Program and Staff Development NY Statewide, NYSOMH 1984-1991; Executive Director, Sciacca Comprehensive Service Development for MIDAA, 1990-2002. National/International Consultant. Cross-Training and program implementation Statewide: Alaska, Tennessee, North Carolina, Louisiana, New York, Connecticut & Michigan counties, Dallas, TX, Washington, DC, Italy, Sweden, Canada. Present: Georgia state-wide, & Tehama County, CA. On-going training includes program and clinical tools and dual diagnosis treatment and motivational interviewing; Conducts seminars, workshops, keynotes; in-services, within mental health, substance abuse, criminal justice, HIV and homeless services systems. Developed model programs for families and self-help programs for clients. Guest Lecturer: Columbia Univ., Hunter Coll., Course Buffalo Univ. Owner Dual Diagnosis websites, listserv and program directory.**

**1972-1977-2002: Trainer of professional group leadership and group process. Theme-Centered Interaction (TCI) founder Ruth C. Cohn. Administrator and Trainer for the Workshop Institute for Living-Learning (WILL). Instructor TCI Course at Queens College. \*Certificate as Trainer WILL-TCI.**

**As Treatment Provider:**

**1977-1984: Bronx Lebanon Hospital (South Bronx) Outpatient Drug/Alcohol treatment clinic. Provided individual counseling/therapy. Program included methadone maintenance. Developed pre-employment programs.**

1984-1998: 1984-1991: New York State Office of MH. As MA psychologist, provided individual and group therapy for persons with major mental illness with and without  
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substance disorders, and for Axis II personality disorders. Developed first treatment interventions for dual disorders. Provided dual disorder treatment interventions and services. Private practice for individual psychotherapy – 1998.

**Professional Projects/Activities:** Participated in developing consensus report: SAMHSA/CMHS Best Practice Guidelines for Co-occurring psychiatric and substance disorders/Clinical Standards and Workforce Competencies 1998. Developed curriculum addendum to the report.

**Education:** MA psychology New School University, 1980. All but Dissertation (ABD) New School University 1984. BS, psychology State University of NY-Empire State 1976.

**Professional training;** Psychotherapy Institutes; Substance Disorders; Certificates: Motivational Interviewing; Clinical hypnosis; TCI Group process group leading.

\*Associate Member American Psychological Association. 1983-present.

\*Professional work has been reviewed by TIME magazine, various articles and journals, TV news programs and documentaries, and educational documentary films. Included in Who's Who of American Women. In Science, etc.

\*Contributor to Manisses: Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Weekly and Mental Health Weekly.

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