

## ***Rebecca Anne Geddes***

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### **Summary**

I have postgraduate training in health psychology, forensic psychology, applied forensic psychology and forensic mental health; advanced training in psychological assessment, and risk assessment/management in forensic mental health. I have experience working within the criminal justice system, conduct offence specific treatment and routinely apply specialised clinical skills to the evaluation and treatment of patients with complex mental health conditions. I assess, treat, and communicate risk to relevant stakeholders, and assist clients to develop protective factors to mitigate against risk. As an expert witness I analyse multiple sources of information to formulate an opinion regarding risk and mitigation and communicate these findings to the Court, and/or statutory agencies.

### **Qualifications**

Graduate Diploma in Forensic Psychology, Swinburne University.  
Graduate Certificate Applied Forensic Psychology, Central Queensland University.  
Graduate Certificate Forensic Mental Health, Griffith University.  
Master of Criminology and Criminal Justice, Griffith University.  
Master of Psychology (Health), Monash University.  
Psychology Honours, Charles Sturt University.  
Bachelor of Social Science (Psychology), University of New England.

### **Employment History**

September 2022 to Present.

COMMUNITY FORENSIC OUTREACH SERVICE (CFOS), Brisbane, QLD.  
**Forensic Psychologist/Senior Mental Health Clinician**  
My role within CFOS is to provide specialist services to forensic and high-risk consumers across the southern and central areas of Queensland as part of the Queensland Forensic Mental Health Service (QFMHS).

June 2014 to Present.

REBECCA SVENNA PSYCHOLOGY / SILVERTON PSYCHOLOGY GROUP,  
Brisbane, QLD  
**Forensic & Health Psychologist**  
I have experience working with those who have experienced acute mental health concerns, trauma, grief, and loss, addictions (substance use, pornography), and relational difficulties. I have also worked with veterans, and their families to improve emotional wellbeing, and psychosocial functioning.

January 2019 to December 2023.

DGM PSYCHOLOGY, Spring Hill, QLD  
**Forensic Psychologist**  
DGM Psychology is a specialised firm of psychologists with forensic treatment and allied assessment expertise. DGM Psychology currently works in partnership

with Queensland Corrective Services and allied statutory agencies. Within this team, we offer timely, quality and evidence-based service. Additional services including psychological and forensic risk assessments.

January 2015 to  
August 2017.

BUTTERFLY KIDS' PSYCHOLOGY, Ipswich, QLD.

**Psychologist**

I provided psychological services to both children and adults at risk of poor psychosocial outcomes due to child safety concerns, family dysfunction and psychosocial maladjustment. This position included working closely with the Department of Education (providing in-school services), and The Department of Child Safety.

January 2014 to  
December 2014.

CHILD PROTECTION COUNSELLING SERVICE, New England Health, NSW.

**Psychologist**

Twelve-month contract to deliver tertiary intervention and case management to children, young people, and their parents/carers in substantiated cases of physical abuse, sexual abuse, emotional abuse, neglect, and domestic violence. Priority was given to families in the Community Services Strengthening Families program, family preservation or restoration initiatives. This position included working collaboratively with The Department of Child Safety.

**Panels/  
Memberships**

Appointed to the Queensland Civil and Administrative Tribunal (QCAT) panel of assessors for Psychologists.

Appointed to the Witness Intermediary Scheme for Qualified Communication Specialists. Supreme District & Land Courts Service. Court Services Queensland.

Fellow, APS College of Forensic Psychologists

Chair, APS College of Forensic Psychologist, QLD Branch.

Member, Australia Psychological Society (APS).

**Publications**

Geddes, R. and Colquhoun, R. (2011) Biopsychosocial considerations in beating addiction. <http://www.emedici.com/>

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