

MARY J. VENRICK MS LSW LPC

Mary J. Venrick is a Board Member for the Counselor, Social Worker, Marriage Family Therapist Board and serves in that capacity as a member of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee (CPSC). Mary was appointed by the governor to the Board in October of 2009. In her tenure, she has served as elected chair of the Counselor Professional Standards Committee from 2010-2012 and has also served as Board Chair from 2012-2014. Presently she serves as an investigative liaison for CPSC and is a member of the Continuing Education Committee.

Mary graduated with a bachelor's degree in Liberal Arts in 1982 from Urbana University and in 1987 graduated with a master's degree (MS) in Mental Health Counseling from Wright State University. In 1999 she completed additional counseling education courses at University of Dayton. She recently retired after a span of 32 years in the counseling field. She was employed as a therapist for Wellspring (formerly Family Service Agency) for the last 24 years of her career. During this time she facilitated individual and group counseling for troubled adolescents at a residential treatment center, and facilitated school groups from elementary age to high school age for various mental health issues. Mary has also provided individual and family counseling to children, adolescents and adults at the agency, including the developmentally disabled adults. Mary was instrumental in organizing and generating donations for the very first play therapy room at the agency. She is also a member of Association for Play Therapy. Mary has applied play therapy techniques to provide a stability and healthy resolution to children. Her specialty is trauma. Mary is certified in Trauma Focused-Cognitive Behavioral Therapy. She is also certified in Pet Therapy and for the past 16 years has blended two trained Labrador Retrievers into the therapy sessions. Mary has in the past served on Child Abuse Education Committee and Salvation Army Developmentally Disabled Committee. Since retirement she is currently volunteers her time as a member of the Clark County Human Trafficking Task Force. She lives in Springfield with her family.