

Debra L. Stout, Psy.D. (Clinical Psychology)

Many years ago Debra Stout left a lucrative, 15 year management career in the Southern California teen retail clothing industry to earn her Doctorate degree in Psychology. She has since established herself as an advocate for those in need in Orange County. Dr. Stout specializes in all aspects of community development work with an emphasis in the areas of positive youth development and resiliency as well as homelessness issues and collaboration. She strongly advocates approaches that involve youth and college students in all levels and steps of the prevention and intervention process in our communities. In many ways, Dr. Stout mentors in her college aged young adults exactly what she has done for herself. In 2018 Debbie was honored by California State Assembly member Sharon Quirk-Silva as a 2018 Woman of Distinction for her work in the community. In 2011, Debbie was honored to receive State Senator Lou Correa's "Women Making a Difference" award. In 2007, Debbie received the first annual Linda Kearns "Prevention in the Community" Award from the Orange County Substance Abuse Prevention network.

Dr. Stout spent over 6 years working for the Orange County Department of Education's alcohol, tobacco and other drug use and violence prevention programs. In that capacity, Debbie coordinated a nationally acclaimed gang prevention and intervention program in conjunction with the Boys and Girls Club of Westminster. Dr. Stout is currently the Executive Director of the Fullerton Collaborative. She is also involved in DoctorS Nonprofit Consulting, a company she co-founded with her husband Dr. Dallas Stout in 2004. As a consultant to the OC Department of Education, she assisted in the development of the O.C. Safe from the Start Coalition facilitator manual as well as their "train the trainer" programs. Since 2006 Debbie has been a member of the faculty at California State University Fullerton where she teaches courses in both the graduate program in Counseling and the undergraduate department of Child & Adolescent Studies. In late 2018, the University of the Rockies, where she taught since 2011, merged with Ashford University. She is now an Associate Online Faculty Member of Ashford's College of Doctoral Studies where she teaches a variety of Doctoral courses in Psychology.

Dr. Stout has professionally demonstrated her experience & research interests at local, statewide, and International conferences including the International Conference on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma, as well as the Los Angeles County Psychological Association. Debbie has been interviewed on local T.V. and radio shows. She has completed clinical internships at F.A.C.E.S., Inc. (Fullerton), The Child and Family Guidance Center (Azusa), The Garden Grove School District, and LDS Family Services (Fountain Valley). She completed her Pre-Doc and Post-Doc Internships for ultimate licensure as a Psychologist with the Orange County Health Care Agency, Children and Youth Services division.

Dr. Stout has served on a variety of Countywide and local Board of Directors including the Violence Prevention Coalition of Orange County (where she served as Co-Chair from 2002-2010), the OC Substance Abuse Prevention Network, the Woman's Club of Fullerton, and the MOMS Club of Fullerton East, as well as the Advisory Boards of La Calle, Inc. and the O.C. Safe from the Start Coalition. In 2008 she was appointed to a 4 year term on the OC United Way's Community Impact Council where she helped to decide how millions of dollars were spent in the County.

Dr. Stout earned an A.A. Degree from Fullerton City College in Business Management, with honors. Debbie earned her B.S. Degree from California State University Fullerton in Human Services, Cum Laude, and her Masters degree in Clinical Psychology from Azusa Pacific University. She also earned her Doctorate in Clinical Psychology at APU where she graduated with special recognition for her work with children and their families. Dr. Stout's areas of interest include academic motivation, childhood incest, self- mutilation, and eating disorders.