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Edward L. Zuckerman, PhD, found his life's passion while working as a psychiatric aide at New York's Bellevue Hospital in the 1960s. He earned his doctorate in clinical psychology at the University of Pittsburgh and worked in community mental health while gaining his license. He has worked with adults with developmental disabilities as well as those with severe alcohol addiction, acted as liaison with state hospitals, and taught undergraduates, as well as maintaining an independent practice in general clinical psychology for many years. He now lives with his family in rural western Pennsylvania, with horses, ducks, geese, chickens, and lots of mud and trees. There, he consults and creates worthwhile practice tools for clinicians.

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