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This practical career guide is the first book written specifically for professional counselors on how to provide services to the family court system, a growing and lucrative field of practice. Written by a professional counselor with over 20 years of experience, it discusses the roles of counselors in family court and provides step-by-step guidelines on how to expand one's counseling practice to include family forensic services. It describes how to enter the field, build a successful practice, and how to work effectively as a custody evaluator, mediator, or case manager with attorneys and judge
