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EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, 1994

University of Iowa, Iowa City, IA

Advanced Standing, Family Centered Services

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, 1991

Goshen College, Goshen, IN

PROFESSIONAL CREDENTIALS

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)

Washington State Department of Health, Awarded August 2003

Mental Health Professional (MHP)

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Awarded June 2002

Child Mental Health Specialist (CMHS)

Washington State Department of Social and Health Services, Awarded June 2002

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Visiting Clinical Assistant Professor, Field Placement Advisor

University of Southern California, School of Social Work, Virtual Academic Center Northwest Region

September 2013 – Present

Collaborate with the Northwest Regional Field Team, USC MSW students and regional social service agencies to coordinate and develop field education opportunities.

Medical Social Worker

Hospice of the Northwest, Mount Vernon, WA

June 2004 – August 2013

Conducted comprehensive psychosocial assessments, care planning and ongoing support for individuals and families facing end of life.

Medical Social Worker – On Call

Skagit Valley Hospital, Mount Vernon, WA

July 2004 – February 2005

Provided inpatient and emergency department counseling, crisis intervention and resource referral. Conducted risk assessments and arranged for voluntary and involuntary psychiatric hospitalizations.

Program Supervisor for Children's Extended Care, Smokey Point

Compass Health, Arlington, WA

July 2002 – May 2004

Provided clinical leadership and supervision to eight therapists, reviewed all clinician documentation. Supervised all aspects of clinic operations including, hiring, training, evaluation, developing and monitoring budget, policies and procedures.

Mental Health Therapist, Clinician II

Compass Health, Arlington, WA

September 2001 – July 2002

Provided individual and family therapy and case management to children and their families in outpatient and community settings.

Director of Alumni and Parent Relations

Goshen College, Goshen, IN

August 1997 - July 2001

Developed and implemented the alumni and parent programs, and supervised three office support staff.

Social Worker/Family Therapist

Oaklawn Psychiatric Center Inc., Goshen IN

July 1995 - August 1997

Provided individual, group and family therapy for adolescents and their families in a residential treatment setting.

Social Worker

Lutheran Social Service, Oklahoma City, OK

October 1994 - July 1995

Supervised placements of children ages 0-9 in emergency foster care; recruited and licensed prospective foster care families.

Counselor

Life Improvement Center, Oklahoma City, OK

August 1994 - October 1994,

Provided individual and group counseling for recovering addicts.

Youth and Family Counselor, Field Placement,

United Action for Youth, Iowa City, IA

August 1993 - May 1994

Provided individual, family and group counseling for adolescents and teen parents.

Youth Service Worker

Tanager Place, Cedar Rapids, IA

September 1991 - May 1994,

Provided direct care to adolescent males in a therapeutic residential environment.

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Council on Social Work Education APM Meeting - Continuing Education

Dallas, Texas 2013

- *A Field Education, Evidenced-Based, Internship Model for MSW Interns in Schools*
- *Optimizing Student Learning in Field Supervision using Myers Briggs Type*
- *A Radical Change in Field Education: Virtual Field Practicum Before Agency Placement*

Agency Field Instructor

Eastern Washington University School of Social Work

2009 – 2010

Agency Preceptor

Eastern Washington University School of Social Work

2012 – 2013

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Member of the Hospice of the Northwest (HNW) Performance Improvement Project for Skilled Nursing Facilities in Skagit & Snohomish Counties, 2012 - 2013
- Chairperson for HNW Communication Committee, 2010 - 2013
- Member of Admissions Committee, Hospice of the Northwest, 2009 – 2010
- Member of the Smokey Point Child Protective Team, Child Protective Services, Washington State DSHS, 2002 - 2004
- Advising Council Member for Retired Senior Volunteer Program, Elkhart Co. YWCA, Elkhart, IN 2000 - 2001
- Search Committee Member for Director of Admissions and Assistant Professor of Communications, Goshen College, Goshen, IN 1998
- Member of the Goshen College Assessment Committee, Goshen, IN 1997 - 2001

CULTURAL & COMMUNITY SERVICE ACTIVITIES

- Mentor/Tutor, 21st Century Scholar Program, Goshen High School/Goshen College 1999 – 2000
- Mentor to ALANA (African, Latino, Asian, and Native American) student, Goshen College, 1997 - 2000
- Teacher's Assistant, Goshen College Study Service Term in Puerto Viejo, Costa Rica, September – December 1988

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

1991 – Present

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

2013

Society for Social Work Leadership in Health Care (SSWLHC)

2013

PRESENTATIONS

Dying With Dignity: Social Work in End of Life Care

University of Southern California Colloquium Presentation, February 2014

NASW Standards for Palliative and End of Life Care: Self Care & Awareness

Hospice of the Northwest Medical Social Workers, 2013

NASW Standards for Palliative and End of Life Care: Assessment

Hospice of the Northwest Medical Social Workers, 2012

HealthWise Electronic Medical Records Clinical Documentation

Hospice of the Northwest Counselors, 2012

Professional Boundaries in Hospice Care

Right at Home, In-home Health Caregiving Agency, 2011

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Skagit Hospice Volunteer Education Training, 2010

Suncoast Electronic Medical Records Clinical Documentation

Skagit Hospice Clinical Counselors, 2010

The Role of the Hospice Social Worker

Skagit Hospice Volunteer Education Training, 2007

Medicare Hospice Benefit – Skagit Valley Hospice Services

Department of Social & Human Services, Home & Community Services, 2009