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### **Education**

**Master of Social Work**, Salem State College, Salem, MA, 2004, *Suma Cum Laude*

**Bachelor of Arts in Social Work**, George Fox University, Newberg, OR, 2001, *Magna Cum Laude*

### **Trainings, Certifications, and Awards**

Personal Safety Training November 2014, 16 hours

Oregon Play Therapy Institute Trainings 2011, 2012

Parent-Child Interactive Therapy (PCIT)

Trauma Informed Therapy

Collaborative Problem Solving (CPS)

Motivational Interviewing (MI)

Phi Alpha Honors Society of Social Workers (Inaugurated May 2004)

Graduate Research Assistant (Salem State University, 2003-2004)

Social Work Student of the Year (George Fox University, 2001)

### **Work Experience**

#### **George Fox University, Newberg, OR**

*School of Social Work Field Director, August 2017 – Present*

- Oversees and maintains the MSW and BSW field education program with the School of Social Work.
- Maintains and develops partnerships with community organizations to establish field internships.
- Nurtures relationships through training and engagement with agency field supervisors.
- Supervises, trains, and oversees MSW and BSW Field Faculty in their work with students and agencies both in the field seminar classroom and within the agency setting.
- Oversees the placement of students into internships and provides oversight and guidance for changes needing to be made in placements for agency or student led reasoning.
- Monitors MSW and BSW students in field placements, maintains field education program policies, coordinates the annual BSW student Field Fair, oversees accurate and appropriate maintenance of student field files of internship hours and paperwork.
- Focuses on providing consistent and professional communication with all parties involved in the field placement program. Empowers Social Work students to advocate for themselves and to utilize skills learned in the classroom in the field setting.

*BSW Field Director, August 2014 – August 2017*

- Oversees and maintains the BSW field education program with the School of Social Work.
- Maintains and develops partnerships with community organizations to establish field internships.
- Nurtures relationships with field supervisors and field liaisons within the field program.
- Nurtures relationships through training and engagement with agency field supervisors
- Supervises, trains, and oversees MSW and BSW Field Faculty in their work with students and agencies both in the field seminar classroom and within the agency setting.
- Oversees the placement of students into internships and provides oversight and guidance for changes needing to be made in placements for agency or student led reasoning.
- Monitors BSW students in field placements, maintains field education program policies, coordinates the annual BSW student Field Fair, oversees accurate and appropriate maintenance of student field files of internship hours and paperwork. Focuses on providing consistent and professional communication with all parties involved in the field placement program. Empowers Social Work students to advocate for themselves and to utilize skills learned in the classroom in the field setting.

*Assistant Professor of Social Work, August 2013 – July 2014*

- Courses taught (BSW):  
Introduction to Social Welfare, Practice I: Micro Level Social Work, Practice II: Social Work with Groups and Families, Practice III: Macro Level Social Work, Field Practicum 475 (Junior Level) Social Work, Field Practicum 476.477 (Senior Level), Social Work Senior Seminar, Foundations of Social Work Practice, Social Work with Children,
- Develops professional relationships with students and provide ongoing mentorship for their work within the program, in different realms of their life, and professional choices for post-graduation options.

*Adjunct Professor, September 2009 – July 2013*

- Courses Taught (BSW): Diversity Issues in Social Work Practice, Introduction to Social Welfare, Field Practicum 475, 476, 477 (Junior and Senior year), Faculty Field Liaison for Field Placements, Foundations of Social Work Practice.

**Lutheran Community Service, McMinnville, OR**

*Child and Family Play Therapist, November 2009 – August 2013*

- Provided long term and short-term mental health counseling for children, adolescents, and families.
- Specialized in the use of play therapy.

- Focused work on children who have a history of trauma and abuse, mostly sexual abuse.
- Utilized Narrative, CBT, Attachment Theory, and Trauma Informed therapeutic interventions within play therapy with children and families.
- Utilized techniques and interventions based in CPS and MI trainings.
- Worked in collaboration with county program to provide PCIT. Worked continually towards completion of hours for LCSW licensure within the state of Oregon.

*Program Coordinator Family Stabilization Specialist (FSS) Services, March 2013 - August 2013*

- Worked to develop and implement program to meet needs of children and families experiencing significant mental health issues causing disrupted home and school placement. Program provided intensive home-based family support services with contracts set up through Oregon Health Program Insurance (OHP) at the county level. Supervised service provider within this program.
- Worked in conjunction with County Mental Health to manage referrals, intake, billing, and quality of service.
- Supervised FSS social workers in oversight of case assignment, weekly supervision, and collaboration with community partners.

*Program Coordinator In-home Safety and Reunification Services (ISRS), October 2010 – August 2013*

- Provided supervision and management of ISRS program, which offers intensive home-based services to families involved with Child Protective Services (CPS) to decrease number of children in foster care.
- Attended monthly staff meetings with CPS caseworkers and supervisors to discuss caseloads, case-plans, family progress and current barriers to services.
- Completed monthly reports and billing, management of referrals, extensions, and termination of services.
- Provided weekly supervision to ISRS workers and led team meetings on monthly basis.

*Parent Education Program Coordinator, November 2009 – August 2013*

- Taught parenting classes with the use of Make Parenting A Pleasure evidence based parent education curriculum.
- Management of program included scheduling classes, oversight of parent educators, training of parent educators, and work with community partners to grow the program, number of classes offered, and increase diversity of location and time.
- Provided supervision and management of Parent Educators.

**Family Continuity Programs, Inc. Beverly, MA**

*Family Therapist, January 2005 – May 2008*

- Provided strength-based, home based, short-term family therapy.
- Provided crisis prevention, treatment planning, DSM-IV Diagnostic Evaluations.

- Collaborated with providers, networking to ensure families/individuals obtained needed and appropriate services and goods, and advocating within greater state systems for the client's rights and needs.
- Received referrals for services through the Massachusetts Department of Social Services and MassHealth State Health Services.

### **Center for Family Development, Health and Education Services, Beverly, MA**

*Mental Health Therapist, May 2004 – Aug. 2004*

*Mental Health Therapist - Internship, May 2003- May 2004*

- Provided individual therapy services to children, adults, and families.
- Collaborated with schools and advocated for special education services and appropriate IEP plans for children.
- Completed DSM-IV Diagnostic Evaluations and treatment planning.
- Collaborated with community agencies and programs to provide support for families and individuals.

### **Family Continuity Programs, Inc., Beverly, MA**

*Community Support Case Manager, September 2001- May 2003*

- Worked with adults, adolescents, and children experiencing mental health issues referred by MassHealth due to continuous or numerous psychiatric hospitalizations.
- Empowered individuals through developing community supports and obtaining services from outside agencies and resources.
- Provided home based and community based services.

*Family Support Team, BSW Counselor, September 2001 – May 2003*

- Provided intensive, short-term, home based and community based services for families following a child's discharge from a psychiatric hospitalization.
- Developed safety plans, therapeutic family services (provided by master's level clinician), community support services, and mental health services.

### **Research and Presentations**

*Presentation: Understanding and supporting the grief process and needs of children. August 2016*

- Presentation for C.S.Lewis Academy Staff, Teachers, and Community Members.
- Discussed the grief process for children in response to sudden peer death.
- Identified interventions and supports needed to facilitate health coping, processing, and understanding of death.
- Presented resources with the community and in print for children to utilize in processing grief.
- Guided adults in use of open-ended questions and seeking feelings in discussions with children.

*Presentation: Providing trauma informed care within relief nursery classrooms. January 2014*

- Provided presentation and training for staff, interns and volunteers at A Family Place, a relief nursery in McMinnville, OR, which provides therapeutic classroom experience and home visits to the most at-risk children within Yamhill County.
- Presentation covered trauma, effect of trauma on brain development, appropriate interventions and supportive classroom activities and services for children who have experienced trauma.

*Research: Identifying the Needs and Concerns of a Homeless Population, 2003-2004*

Salem State College Master of Social Work Thesis

- Worked with other students to identify the unmet needs of a homeless community in Revere, MA.
- Met with families in their hotel rooms to obtain first-hand accounts of their homeless experiences, needs, and concerns.
- Presented research findings as a final thesis presentation and paper to the Salem State College Social Work Community.