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CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

Independent Clinical Social Worker, Rhode Island

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EDUCATION

Master of Science, Social Work

1996, Rhode Island College, Providence, RI

Bachelor of Science, Social Work

1986, Salve Regina University, Newport, RI

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Full Time Lecturer

Salve Regina University, Newport Rhode Island

Fall 2023- Current

- Teach three courses per semester, including foundational and advanced topics in social work, policy, and practice.
- Instruct and mentor students in Junior Seminar, guiding their academic and professional development as they transition to Senior Seminar.
- Lead Senior Seminar, supporting students in their final field placements, integrating theory with practice, and preparing them for professional roles.
- Provide academic advising and career mentorship to students pursuing careers in social work and related fields.
- Incorporate current research, case studies, and multimedia resources to enhance student learning and engagement.
- Collaborate with colleagues on curriculum development and assessment to ensure program alignment with accreditation standards.
- Engage with community organizations and field agencies to strengthen students' experiential learning opportunities and professional networks.
- Participate in departmental meetings, committees, and initiatives to support the growth and success of the Social Work program.

LICSW/Psychotherapist

Private Practice

September 2016 – current

- Complete strength based, culturally competent, and individualized intakes and assessments.
- Conduct therapeutic, individual, and family therapy sessions, utilizing various techniques including Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Brief Solution Based Therapy, Internal Family Systems Therapy and mentoring.
- Create client centered treatment plans.
- All treatment approaches emphasize a mindful presence, compassion for oneself and strategies to cultivate acceptance, healing and inner peace.
- Work closely with Psychiatrists for medication management, Psychologists for testing, and school personnel to assess and augment academic/social functioning.

Adjunct Professor of Social Work

Salve Regina University, Newport Rhode Island

August 2016 to Spring 2023

- Responsible for the presentation and teaching of social work courses - SWK 120 and SWK 399 - to illustrate the integration of academic knowledge with direct social work practice.
- Charged with course development, specifically SWK 399, "Social Work In Schools".
- Revise and maintain course syllabi with alignment to the Council on Social Work Education's (CSWE) Educational Policy and Accreditation Standards (EPAS).

- Collaborate with the social work faculty to ensure course curriculum meets mission of Social Work Department.
- Assess student learning needs and collaborate with the Office of Disabilities Services to ensure classroom instruction meets federal and school standards.
- Communicate with Student Success Advisors if students are in danger of failure and collaborate to develop an improvement plan to support student needs and success.
- Provide in the moment support and refer students in crisis to the university's counseling department.
- Attend department functions to develop relationships with community partners and students.
- Guest Lecturer at the University of Southern California and Roger Williams University.

Field/ Social Work Internship Instructor

Salve Regina University, Newport Rhode Island

September 2014-2019

Rhode Island College, Providence Rhode Island

- Provide on-site teaching to social work students to assist with applying their academic knowledge to practice with clients.
- Develop student learning contracts to meet the Council on Social Work Education's learning standards.
- Communicate with academic faculty to provide progress on student learning.
- Complete semester field evaluations to record student learning progress and opportunities for continued professional growth.

PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

School Based Clinical Social Worker

Bristol / Warren School District, Bristol, RI

August 2015 – June 2023

- Assess student social, emotional, and behavioral skills, to identify student strengths and weaknesses.
- Provide individual and group, school based, therapy for students experiencing psychological and developmental difficulties.
- Plan positive behavioral interventions. This includes: SST support, RTI goals, IEP goals, Functional Behavioral Assessments and Behavior Intervention Plans to facilitate success in school environment.
- Conduct risk assessments in crises to determine the appropriate level of care.
- Provide crisis intervention for students and families as well as debriefing for school staff.
- Lead weekly social skills and anxiety management groups.
- Connect parents with community-based services and social services i.e. Medicaid, SSI, services related to homelessness, domestic violence, and immigration.
- Consult with classroom teams to support student adjustment and participation in school.
- Collaborate with classroom teams and school staff to build a positive classroom and school community.
- Provide in-service education to school personnel on a variety of topics including: identifying child abuse/neglect, social, emotional, and behavioral development, behavioral intervention strategies, the impact of poverty on young children, etc.
- Consult and collaborate with community agencies and other mental health professionals to provide resources to students and families.
- Coordinated Bristol Warren School District Administration partnering with Roger Williams University to create a pilot program that gives Education Majors experience with middle school students and increase support of social and emotional learning.
- Demonstrate knowledge of district, state, and federal policies including due process guidelines and child abuse/neglect reporting.
- Maintain records in a manner consistent with school and district practices.
- Maintains high standards of ethical behavior, upholds the ethical standards of the social work profession and confidentiality of student information.

- Engage parents and families in their student's learning and acting as an ambassador for the school in the community.
- Attend and participate in school events outside of regular school hours.

Social Services Coordinator

St Joseph Health Center, Providence, RI

June 2002 – August 2015

- Performed assessments of client's social-emotional development, screening for disabilities, delays, and Behavioral Health issues in this urban health center serving a diverse and indigent population.
- Provided Individual and Family Counseling to children with learning, behavioral, and psychosocial issues.
- Assisted community schools with crisis management by assessing student risk/safety and determining appropriate level of care.
- Partnered with Bradley Children's Hospital and the Rhode Island Department of Health on the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration's LAUNCH Grant (Linking Actions for Unmet Needs in Children's Health), performing LAUNCH Triage Assessments and linking pediatric patients to clinical activities that promote social-emotional health.
- Facilitated "Incredible Years", parenting groups, and support groups for adolescents, cultivating social skills, self esteem and management of anxiety.
- Facilitated (with assistance of an interpreter) a women's group, providing clinical support to woman struggling with acculturation issues.
- Provided advocacy services to children and families to promote positive working relationships with parents, students, teachers, and other community-based support services.
- Ensured the appropriateness of school based supportive services and accommodations in collaboration with Providence Community Schools on 504 and IEP Plans.
- Provided linkage to community-based services such as Solutions Cedar, Early Intervention, Headstart, FCCP, The Home Visiting Program, WIC, Health Source RI, Department of Children and Families, and local Behavioral Health agencies.
- Supervised BSW students from Rhode Island College and Salve Regina University.
- Management of Social Work staff, including hiring, orientation, and ongoing clinical supervision.
- Management of Social Work Department salary and budget. Weekly statistical reporting to the Finance Department and Administrative Director.
- Development and implementation of written record of practice, policies and procedures.

LICSW/Psychotherapist

Yestermorrow Family Medicine, East Greenwich, RI

February 2013 – 2016

- Provided short- and long-term Psychotherapy to adults as a sub-contractor in this holistic medical practice.
- Areas of specialty include; treatment of Adjustment, Mood, Anxiety, and Eating Disorders.
- Treatment approaches emphasize a mindful presence, compassion for oneself and strategies to cultivate acceptance, healing and inner peace.

LICSW/Psychotherapist

Counseling Connections Inc., North Kingstown, RI

February 2010 – May 2013

- Provided short- and long-term Psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and adults, as a sub-contractor in this private clinical practice.
- Areas of specialty include treatment of Adjustment, Mood, Anxiety Disorders as well as Learning Disabilities.
- Treatment approaches emphasize a mindful presence, compassion for oneself and strategies to cultivate acceptance, healing and inner peace.

Clinical Social Worker

St. Antoine's Residence, North Smithfield, RI

August 2001 – June 2002

- Completed quarterly and annual assessments as regulated by the Federal Government.
- Administered Mental Status exams.
- Provided counseling to residents and families who were coping with end-of-life issues.
- Linked residents to supportive community resources facilitating a smooth discharge to home.
- Advocated for residents by ensuring quality of care.

Clinical Social Worker

Landmark Hospital, Woonsocket, RI

September 1996 – October 2001

- Comprised social histories, psychosocial assessments and individual care plans.
- Facilitated weekly Family/Resident Conference.
- Conducted quarterly in-service on Resident's Rights/Confidentiality.
- Co-chaired Ethics Committee.
- Performed case manager functions, including: developing measurable goals for residents, collecting data, documenting and analyzing goals as related to quality assurance.
- Provided counseling and discharge planning.

Director of Social Services

Summit Medical Center, Providence, RI

November 1998 – August 2000

- Responsible for intakes, assessments, treatment plans and discharge planning.
- Counseled patients and families.
- Partnered with Hospice providers to counsel patients and families coping with terminal illness.

Director of Social Services

Tavares Pediatric Center, Providence, RI

May 1990 – May 1996

- Member of a multidisciplinary team tasked with developing and then monitoring an IEP process for students requiring Special Education services.
- Completed psycho-social assessments, treatment plans, and referrals, as indicated by residents
- Provided individual and family counseling. Coordinated respite services. Facilitated grief and bereavement groups.

Mentor

Child and Family Services, Newport, RI

September 1987 – November 1998

- Taught independent living skills to adolescents in DCYF custody.
- Facilitated adolescent groups on Sexuality, Self-Esteem, and Substance Abuse.