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**E D U C A T I O N**

**Doctorate in Social Work,** University of St. Catherine and University of St. Thomas.

Graduate Candidate May 2019

**Master of Science in Social Work,** University of Louisville, Kent School of Social Work,

Mental Health Concentration, May 1998

**Bachelor of Science,** Major in Psychology with Tennessee State Teacher Certification, Lee University, Cleveland, TN, 1987

**T E A C H I N G I N T E R E S T S**

Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Mental Health, Case Management, Policy, Direct Practice, Community Practice, Research, Administration in Social Work, core curriculum and electives.

**P R O F E S S I O N A L E X P E R I E N C E**

**The Cove,** Waco, TX, Co-Founder **2016-present**

* Created a Non-profit called the Cove that is designed to serve unaccompanied homeless youth in Waco, TX. Developed programming, implemented a fundraising strategy that is sustainable, hired qualified executive director and staff to launch the program. <http://thecovewaco.org>

**Waco Independent School District,** Waco, TX, Homeless Liaison **2009-present**

* Identifies all students who are eligible for McKinney Vento services and ensures that students and families are aware of the key provisions of McKinney Vento legislation. Provides community referrals, assists families as they transition from hotels and shelters to permanent housing. Provides crisis intervention to students in crisis and runaway situations. Develop community resources and partnerships to improve quality of life for students and families who are experiencing homelessness.

**Lexington County Mental Health,** Irmo SC, PRS Supervisor **2007-2009**

* Supervised five Therapeutic Rehabilitation Programs and Case Management Services Lexington County. Provided individual and group therapy. Worked with adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders. Crisis interventions, assessments, and referrals were routine. Competencies include treating anxiety, depression, personality disorders, anger management and impulse control, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Clinical interventions included the use of motivational interviewing and other cognitive behavioral techniques. Knowledgeable of pharmacological treatments.

**Ascension Hospice,** Irmo, SC, Clinical Social Worker **2005- 2007**

* Provided Psychosocial Assessments to patients requesting Hospice care and in home counseling and support to families dealing with anticipated grief and bereavement of a loved one.

**Seven Counties Services, Inc*.*** Louisville, KY, Clinical Social Worker ***1998- 2005***

* Supervised a Therapeutic Rehabilitation Program and Case Management Services for Rural Division. Provided individual and group therapy. Worked with adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders. Crisis interventions, assessments, and referrals were routine. Competencies include treating anxiety, depression, personality disorders, anger management and impulse control, bipolar disorder, and schizophrenia. Clinical interventions included the use of motivational interviewing and other cognitive behavioral techniques. Knowledgeable of pharmacological treatments.

**Adoption and Home Study Specialists,** Louisville, KY, Home Study Specialist **2003- 2004**

* Worked as a Licensed Clinical Social Worker writing post placement reports for families who completed international or domestic adoption. Assisted families with understanding the process of bonding and attachment. Provided information to families regarding the adoption finalization process depending on the type of adoption they chose and legal concerns. Evaluated each family based on legal requirements of the state or country where the adopted child was born and provided recommendations based upon Home Study results. Assisted families with accessing supportive treatment modalities for intellectual/emotional deficits when present.

**New Beginnings Counseling and Education,** Louisville, KY, Social Worker  ***2001- 2003***

* Facilitated anger management and substance abuse group for persons’ court ordered for treatment. Participants included DUI offenders, domestic violence perpetrators, and persons on probation and parole***.*** Utilized Rational Emotive Behavior Therapy and Motivational Interviewing

**Seven Counties Services, Inc*.*** Louisville, KY, Clinical Case Manager ***1995- 1998***

* Provided community based services to adults with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness (SPMI) and co-occurring substance use disorders. Competencies include assessment of resources, social capital, and strengths. Knowledgeable of community services and resources and available entitlements (SSI, SSDI). Knowledgeable of pharmacological treatments. Certified at Level I and II Case Management in Kentucky.

***Atlanta Union Mission,*** Atlanta, GA, Daycare Director ***1993- 1995***

* Supervised day to day operations of a licensed day care specializing in the care of homeless children ages birth to 12. Worked closely with the clinical team regarding the needs and progress of the children enrolled in the residential program.

***Hiwassee Mental Health Center***, Cleveland, TN, Program Supervisor ***1989- 1993***

* Supervised a Day Treatment Program for children ages two – five who are at risk and/or victims of sexual abuse and/or physical abuse. Performed intake assessments and worked closely with the staff psychiatrist regarding the treatment plan for each child. Taught parenting classes on going to parents referred by Department of Social Services or the local Courts. Provided individual and group therapy. Specialized in Play therapy. Supervised teachers and support staff and provided assistance with explosive behavior issues. Physical restraints and behavior modification techniques were routine. Often worked with the Courts as an expert witness in the prosecution of abuse cases.
* Worked with the local Department for Social Services as a multidisciplinary team member for both the S.A.I.T. (Sex Abuse Investigative Team) and C.A.I.T. (Child Abuse Investigative Team) these teams screened every referral made to the Department and made a joint decision regarding the disposition of each case.

***Hiwassee Mental Health Center,*** *Cleveland, TN, Case Manager* ***1987-1989***

* Provided case management services to SPMI Adults and Children being discharged from local inpatient psychiatric hospitals. Worked as a liaison with the State Hospital to ensure a continuum of care for clients being discharged from the hospital and referred to Community Mental Health. Provided intake assessments, individual and group therapy, and crisis intervention for a case load of fifty adults and children.

**T E A C H I N G E X P E R I E N C E**

* Field Faculty, Baylor University. Field Instructor for 21 students between Fall 2010 – present.
* Adjunct Faculty, Baylor University, “Groups (practice)”, “Administration in Social Work”, Fall 2015 – present.
* Adjunct Faculty, Tarleton State University, “Community Practice”, “Poverty in Waco” elective, Fall 2013-Spring 2015.
* Adjunct Faculty, University of South Carolina, “Mental Health”, “Human Behavior in the Social Environment, Fall 2006-Spring 2009.
* Guest Lecturer, Kent School of Social Work, “Psychopathology”, *Differential Diagnoses and Treatment of Persons with Severe and Persistent Mental Illness,* Spring Semester*,* 1999.
* Lecturer, Cleveland State Community College, “Nursing”, Lectured once per semester, *Overview of Mental Health Treatment*, Fall 1988 through Spring 1993.

**P R E S E N T A T I O N S**

* National Association for Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference. “Community Collaboration and Homeless Youth.” Orlando, FL. Fall 2016
* Texas Homeless Network Conference. “Unaccompanied Youth at risk for Human Trafficking.” Austin, TX. Fall 2016
* National Association for Homeless Children and Youth (NAEHCY) Conference.

“Unaccompanied Youth and Drop Out Prevention.” Phoenix, AZ. Fall 2015.

* Texas Homeless Network Conference. “Creating Community Collaborations to Assist Homeless Families.” Corpus Christi, TX. Fall 2015.
* National Alliance for Ending Homelessness (NAEH). “School and Community Partnerships to Support Homeless Youth.” San Diego, CA. Winter 2014.
* Invited Presentation, “Homeless Families and McKinney Vento Legislation,” Education Alliance, Waco, TX Fall 2012
* Invited Presentation, “Homeless Families and McKinney Vento Legislation,” City of Waco Regional Conference, Waco, TX Fall 2012
* Invited Presentation “Hospice Care and the Church,” In-service training for Columbia area Ministerial Association, Columbia, SC, Fall 2006
* Invited Presentation “Psychosocial Rehabilitation and the Recovery Model,” In-service training for SMI and Rural Division of Seven Counties Services, Inc., Louisville, KY, 2005
* Invited Presentation “MCAS Training” (Multnomah Community Assessment Scale) In-service training for SMI and Rural Division of Seven Counties Services, Inc., Louisville, KY 2004
* Invited Presentation, Trainer for Kentucky State Case Management Conference, Frankfort, KY, Fall 2000
* Peer Reviewed Presentation “Know the Code,” National Association of Case Management Conference, Orlando, FL, Fall 1997.
* Invited Presentation “Case Management Code of Ethics,” In-service SMI Division of Seven Counties Services, Inc. Louisville, KY, Fall 1997

**L I C E N S E S & C E R T I F I C A T I O N**

* Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Texas Board of Social Work
* Certified Psychosocial Rehab Practitioner, IAPSRS 1999
* Tennessee State Teaching Certification (Secondary) 1987
* Completed Kentucky State Domestic Violence Certification Training, Frankfort, KY 2000

**S E R V I C E**

* Board Member and former Board President of Heart of Texas Homeless Coalition, Waco, TX 2010 – Present
* Co-founder of The Cove
* Heart of Texas Human Trafficking Coalition, Waco, TX Executive Board Member 2014- present.
* City of Waco Poverty Solutions Steering Committee and Prosper Waco, TX 2011 – present.
* Board Member of Pack of Hope, Waco, TX 2010-Present
* Consultant for the Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation in Kentucky 2000-2005; helped re-write, update, and condense the State training manual for Case Managers
* Board member of Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries 1999-2005
* Pro Bono social work services, Fern Creek/Highview United Ministries, 1999-2005

**R E F E R E N C E S**

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