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EDUCATION

B.A., Social Work (with High Honors), University of Texas at Austin 12/2004
M.A., Social Work, University of Texas at Austin 05/2006
Postgraduate Fellowship in the Department of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry
Yale University School of Medicine, Child Study Center 07/2008-07/2010

CAREER/ACADEMIC APPOINTMENTS

Research Assistant, Center of Social Work Research, Austin, TX, 2003-2005

- Conducted and transcribed interviews with Katrina evacuees, (Project: Parallel Strengths and Weaknesses of Civil Society and the State)
- Created chronological timelines using extensive qualitative interviews, providing summaries of impoverished families experiences over a 18 month period, (Project: Welfare Reform and Children (WRAC))
- Acted as interviewer and trainer, helping with data management and coordination, (Project: Texas Child Care Market Rate Survey)
- Completed coding of qualitative interviews and data entering in Access database, (Project: Study of the Experiences of Non- Custodial Fathers)

Bachelor's Level Student Intern, Austin Area Urban League, Austin, TX, 2004-2005

- Conducted activities, supervised, and interacted with youth in adjudicated program
- Assisted and connected clients in utilizing community resources
- Conducted entry exams for adults interested in AAUL programs
- Performed outreach in prisons, schools, and community events in English and Spanish

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Master's Level Student Intern, Hogar de Cristo, Valparaíso, Chile, 2006

Site 1: Posada de la Esperanza/Shelter of Hope

- Conducted individual, group counseling, and crisis intervention with women and children in a homeless shelter
- Conducted educational sessions on preventing sexual abuse to minors, improving parenting skills, and adjusting to life changes
- Created and implemented program evaluations that led to improvements within the homeless shelter for women and children

Site 2: Casa Tragón

- Conducted individual, group, family counseling, and crisis intervention with women and children in a domestic violence shelter
- Participated in weekly team meetings to review family treatment, progress, and potential applicants to the shelter
- Provided translated program evaluation findings, cycle of violence theory, and evidence based research for program developments

Aftercare Counselor, McLennan County Juvenile Center, Waco, TX, 2006-2008

- Acted as Program Manager for youth in residential treatment centers transitioning to their community
- Collaborated with juvenile justice, residential treatment centers, schools, and social service agencies to better serve children and families
- Conducted parenting sessions, individual counseling, family sessions, and crisis intervention

**Postgraduate Associate Social Work Fellow, Yale University School of Medicine
New Haven, CT, 2008-2009**

- Collaborated with juvenile justice, residential treatment centers, schools, and social service agencies to better serve children and families
- Conducted parent sessions, individual counseling, family sessions, and crisis intervention in in-home settings in order to prevent psychiatric hospitalizations
- Participated fully in multidisciplinary Fellowship activities including seminars and intensive clinical supervision designed to advance direct practice competency, professionalism and leadership in the field of Clinical Social Work

**IICAPS Clinician, Yale University Child Study Center Outpatient Clinical Services
New Haven, CT, 2009-2010**

IICAPS is an intensive, home-based psychotherapeutic program for children with serious emotional disturbance. There are two specialized groups within IICAPS that work with adolescents in the juvenile justice system and children with serious medical and emotional problems; I held cases within both of these specialized programs in addition to regular IICAPS cases.

- Collaborate with multi-disciplinary teams to coordinate care to better serve children, youth, and families
- Conducted intensive, in-home therapy with children, youth, and families considered at high risk for psychiatric hospitalization, placement in juvenile detention, residential treatment centers, and/or hospitalization for non-adherence to medical treatment
- Completed assessments, case planning, discharge planning and linkage to traditional outpatient services
- Provided a variety of treatment modalities including crisis intervention, individual and family therapy, play therapy, couples counseling, parent guidance and education, brief psychotherapy, psychoeducation

Bilingual Mental Health Professional, Community Services Group

Lancaster, PA, 2010-2011

- Provided psychotherapy to young children, adolescents, adults, and older adults in an outpatient setting
- Treated clients across the lifespan using a variety of treatment modalities include play therapy, art therapy, family therapy, individual and couples counseling, individualized to meet each client's needs
- Collaborated closely with psychiatrist and other service providers to better address client's mental health needs as a whole
- Completed comprehensive assessments, case planning, linkage to services, and discharge planning

Counselor III, Greater Philadelphia Health Actions, Philadelphia, PA, 2011

- Worked in close consultation with primary care physicians to assess client's need for behavioral health services, crisis intervention, screening clients in order to make appropriate referrals
- Provided psychotherapy to children, youth, adults, and older adults addressing medical, behavioral, and mental health concerns
- Support clients with ongoing care coordination needs
- Completed comprehensive assessments, case planning, linkage to services, and discharge planning

Spanish Linguist (per-diem), American Translator Services/ AECOM

PA, NH, OR 2011-2012

- Provided accurate translation of verbal and written information
- Collaborated with project manager to facilitate access to needed translation
- Adhered to strict limits of confidentiality

Private Practice, Outpatient Clinician, Saenz Therapeutic Care, PLLC, McAllen, TX, 2012-present

- Provide a variety of treatment modalities including crisis intervention, individual and family therapy, play therapy, couples counseling, parent guidance and education, brief psychotherapy, psychoeducation
- Provide psychotherapy addressing medical, behavioral, and mental health concerns in children, youth, adults, and older adults
- Collaborate closely with psychiatrist and other service providers to better address client's mental health needs as a whole
- Completed comprehensive assessments, case planning, linkage to services, and discharge planning
- Forensic Social Work providing mental health and forensic services for domestic violence, trauma, asylum, immigration, and child custody

ADMINISTRATIVE POSITIONS: N/A

BOARD CERTIFICATIONS

Previously licensed in CT and PA Board of Social Work Examiners, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, 55131, Licensed Clinical Social Worker Supervisor

State of Oregon Board of Licensed Social Workers, L12452, Licensed Clinical Social Worker

PROFESSIONAL HONORS AND RECOGNITION

Dean's Ambassador for the University of Texas at Austin, School of Social Work

University Honors Fall 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, Spring 2001, 2002, 2003

College Scholar 2002, 2003, 2004

Recognized for Academic Achievements and awarded the Spirit and Leadership Award, Gateway Program

GRANT HISTORY: N/A

LECTURES, COURSES, WEB-BASED EDUCATION: N/A

PROFESSIONAL SERVICE: N/A

PEER REVIEW/GRANT STUDY SECTIONS: N/A

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PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATION:

National Alliance for Mental Illness(NAMI), 2021

National Association of Social Workers, 2021

National Organization of Forensic Social Work, 2021

PUBLIC SERVICE

Physicians for Human Rights, 04/2021

Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, Rules Committee Member, 03/2021

Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners, Board Member, 01/2021

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Waco Board Member, 10/2006-05/2008

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Consumer and Families Committee,
10/2006-05/2008

National Alliance on Mental Illness, Public Education and Awareness Committee,
10/2006-05/2008

University of Texas at Arlington, Bachelors Level Field Instructor Supervisor,
07/2007-12/2007

Baylor University, Masters Level Field Instructor Supervisor, 01/2008-05/2008

South Texas College, Field Instructor Supervisor, 2014

University of Texas Pan American, Field Instructor Supervisor, 2014-2015

University of Texas at Austin, Mentor, 2015-2016

University of Texas Rio Grande Valley, Field Instructor Supervisor, 2015-2017

University of Hawaii at West Oahu, Mentor, 2016

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, Board Member, 2021

PRESENTATIONS

Anger Management, Professional Childcare Training of South Texas
Edinburg, TX, January, 2014
To Engage or Disengage

Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention, University of Texas Rio Grande Valley
Edinburg, TX, March 2016
Breaking the Silence

2016 Sexual Assault Awareness and Prevention Conference, Angels of Love
Edinburg, TX, March and April 2016
Ethnically and Culturally Sensitive Treatment

Trauma and Immigrant Children, The Young Center for Immigrant Children's Rights
Harlingen, TX, April 2016
Child Traumatic Stress, Impact, Treatment, Healing

Clinical Social Work in the Healthcare Professional Field
Harlingen, TX, February 2016
Role of a Clinical Social Worker

ADDITIONAL TRAINING

Wraparound Training Certification, 2007

Yale Child Study Center, Autism Program Annual Summer Institute, July 2008

Trauma Informed Care Specialist, 2014

Strong Star Training Network Provider, 2018

3rd Binational Conference Mexico-United States, 2018

Understanding the Role of Experts in Immigration Proceedings Involving Victims of Battering, 2018

Testifying as an Expert Witness: Understanding the Role of Experts and Different Legal Arenas, 2018

Working Together: What Attorneys and DVSA Experts Can and Should Expect From One Another, 2018

Re-framing Woman Battering as Coercive Control: Expert Testimony and Case Presentation, 2018

When Domestic Violence & Sexual Assault Advocates Provide Expert Testimony on Behalf of the Defense, 2018

National Organization of Forensic Social, Forensic Social Work Certificate Program, 2019

Reducing Bias in Decision Making, 2019

The Emerging Practice of Forensic Social Work in Parent Representation Defense Cases, 2019

Psychological Evaluations and the Forensic Social Worker: The Ethics of Relevance, Reliability and Interdisciplinary Communication, 2019

Ethical Considerations for Outsource Providers in Family Court, 2019

Integrating Social Work Ethics into an Educational Framework: Developing Future Practitioners in Defense Based Forensic Social Work, 2019

Forensic Mental Health Evaluation for Asylum Seekers, 2019

Social work and Attorney Collaborations to Minimize Domestic Violence Survivor's Post-Traumatic Symptoms and Enable Effective Participation in Family Law Litigation, 2019

National Organization of Forensic Social, Advanced Forensic Social Work Certificate Program, Webinar format 2020

Forensic Assessment of Children, Webinar format 2021

University of Michigan Asylum Collaborative, Evaluating Survivors of Torture and Other Human Rights Violations, Webinar format 2021

LANGUAGES: Proficient in English and Spanish

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BIBLIOGRAPHY: N/A

PAPERS IN PRESS: N/A