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OBJECTIVE

Opportunity to utilize skills and education in human relations

EDUCATION

Licensed Mental Health Counselor (License number MH 7598)

Master of Science in Mental Health Counseling

Nova Southeastern University, Gainesville, Florida (August 2000)

EXPERIENCE

07/05 to present

Village Counseling Center, Gainesville, Florida

Title: *Lead Comprehensive Assessor*

Provide an in-depth, detailed assessment of the child's emotional, social, behavioral, and developmental functioning within the home, school, and community, including direct observation of the child in those settings. Also responsible for referring a child or adult family member directly to a Baker Act receiving facility when that intensive level of crisis intervention is needed.

01/04 to 04/05

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Lake City, Florida

Title: *Outpatient Therapist*

Provided individual, family, and group counseling to adults, adolescents, and children with a variety of mental health issues. Performed clinical assessments with accurate diagnosis and GAF/CGAS. Developed treatment plans consistent with assessment data and clinical pathways. Clinical documentation of services provided. Facilitated continuity of care within the agency and community for assigned clients.

10/02 to 12/03

Gateway Regional Medical Center, Granite City, Illinois

Title: *Inpatient Therapist*

Providing individual, group, and family counseling to children, adolescents, and adults in an inpatient setting. Assessing the psychosocial needs of consumers and conducting mental status exams. Determining the eligibility for resources in the community and acting as liaison with agencies to provide services upon discharge. Contribute to the development and structure of the new Behavioral Health Services unit. Providing crisis management to maintain a safe and stable environment to the patients. Facilitating outpatient groups and assessments as needed.

08/00 to 09/02

University of Florida/Healthy Families, Gainesville, Florida

Title: *Mental Health Counselor/Assessment Counselor Supervisor*

Providing individual, group, and family counseling, as well as crisis management to adolescent and adult consumers. Compiling data to assist in credentialing and continued grant funding. Facilitating staff and community in-services related to the challenges faced by high need

families. Acting as supervisor for assessment team that included interns and staff.

08/99 to 08/00

University of Florida/Healthy Families, Gainesville, Florida

Title: *Assessment Counselor*

Screening referrals to determine families in need, interviewing and assessing families to determine eligibility for ongoing, intensive home visiting services, maintaining regular communication with community agencies and providers, participating in continuing education training, providing in-services on related topics to staff, and assisting with data collection and ongoing program evaluation and development. Providing in-home counseling to families in the program.

08/97 to 08/99

Meridian Behavioral Healthcare, Gainesville, Florida

Title: *Children's Case Manager*

Reviewing and assessing the total needs of SED children and adolescents, integrating those needs with other Center programs, appropriate community agencies, schools, and the Court system. Conducting psychosocial evaluations and developing and implementing plans for rehabilitation of the child and family. Serving as client advocate, consultant, and liaison with a wide variety of community agencies to ensure continuity of care.

11/96 to 08/97

Henderson Mental Health Center, Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Title: *Outpatient Case Manager*

Providing crisis intervention to a caseload of 83 adult mental health consumers. Linking and referring consumers to various social services within the community. Assessing client needs and mental status on a monthly basis. Advocating for client rights within the legal system.

09/95 to 06/96

Northside Mental Health Center, Tampa, Florida

Title: *Adult Case Manager / Forensic Liaison*

Assessing, monitoring, advocating, linking, and referring a caseload of 57 adult chronic mentally ill consumers. Active involvement on the Hillsborough County Forensic Task Force, serving as a representative for Northside Mental Health Center.

09/95 to 06/96

The Crisis Center of Hillsborough County, Tampa, Florida

Title: *Crisis Intervention Specialist / Rape Counselor*

Offering crisis intervention services focusing on mental health and social issues, assessing severity of incoming calls and formulating quick and positive action plans. Supervising and evaluating volunteers and interns as well as compiling statistical data.

INTERNSHIPS

09/99 to 07/00

Eastside Community Practice, Gainesville, Florida

Nova Southeastern University

Provided social services and mental health counseling, with a focus on grief issues, to consumers of ECP, including geriatric clients and clients with long-term illnesses.