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EDUCATION

Dual Masters Degree Program between Austin Presbyterian Theological Seminary and University of Texas at Austin School of Social Work

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT AUSTIN SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK
Master of Science in Social Work
Concentration in Clinical Social Work

AUSTIN PRESBYTERIAN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
Master of Divinity

UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT SAN ANTONIO
Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

3/2010 – Present **Seton Hospitals**
Social Worker

- Provide assessment, social services and counseling to patients, their families and staff in relation to social, psychological, financial and family situations including discharge planning as needed.
- Interprets and communicates necessary information regarding patients and families including social history information to staff and physicians. Coordinates planning, makes recommendations and facilitates decision-making concerning individual patient care plans especially regarding the home situation.
- Initiates and conducts educational programs for all levels of staff relating to issues such as alcoholism, coping with disability, death and dying, self-esteem and child abuse. Develops departmental projects in specialty areas such as Neonatal unit, Stroke Team, Orthopedics, Day Care.
- Develops and maintains good working relationships with outside community health and social agencies and reaches out to the community to develop new resources for meeting patient needs. Conducts training programs with outside organizations regarding health and wellness.
- Makes home visits to patients when necessary for adequate follow-up. Participates in on-call and weekend rotations for the department.

2009-2010 **The Samaritan Center for Pastoral Care and Counseling**
Therapist (under supervision/Fonda Lathem, LCSW) Austin, TX

- Psychosocial assessments
- Substance abuse and suicidal assessments
- Counseling for individuals, families, and couples
- Crises interventions with families and individuals
- Community services location and referral for client's

2006-12/09 **Burke Center for Youth Child Placing and Adoption** **Austin, TX**
Clinical Director

- Supervised clinical and support staff in five offices throughout the state
- Coordinated with interdisciplinary treatment team to establish permanency for youth
- Conduct trainings on topics relevant to treatment in foster care
- Perform pre and post-placement home studies with foster families
- Conduct trainings on topics relevant to residential foster care
- Conduct individual, group, and family therapy
- Discharge/Transitional planning for aging out foster children
- Community services location and referral for client's
- Implemented the agencies first adoption program/licensing

2006-12/09 **Burke Center for Youth Residential Treatment Center** **Austin, TX**
Group Counselor

- Co-lead two groups with teenage clients at Residential Treatment Center
- Part of treatment team that makes decisions addressing treatment interventions, progress, and placement.

2005-2006 **Rock United Methodist Church** **Cedar Park, TX**
M.DIV. Intern

- Pastoral care and counseling for youth and adult population
- Crises interventions with families and individuals
- Community services location and referral for client's

2005-2006 **Berkley United Methodist Church** **Austin, TX**
Student Associate Pastor

- Pastoral care and counseling for youth and adult population
- Crises interventions with families and individuals
- Community services location and referral for client's

2002-2005 **J-K Construction** **Fredericksburg, TX**
Co-Owner

- Residential construction, new and remodel
- Developed new clients
- Continued to develop working rapport with all clients
- Developed and presented bids to clients
- Managed construction crews in the building or remodeling of residential homes
- Responsible for the budget, receivables and payables for all business activities
- Responsible for all aspects of running a small business

1999-2002 **Excel Charter School** **Durango, CO**
Teacher

- Social Studies Teacher, grades 9-12

- Aided in developing IEPs and ARDs for students
- Managed at-risk student population
- Lead extended (1 week or longer) outdoor educational trips with students and parents
- Counseled and lead youth on extended wilderness recovery/treatment situations
- Part of placement team with residential students
- As part of placement team made decisions on residential students appropriateness of placement and any safety plans that were necessary to maintain safety of all children at facility

1996-1999 **McNair Middle School**

San Antonio, TX

Teacher/Coach

- Social Studies Teacher, grades 6-8
- Aided in developing IEPs and ARDs for students
- Coached Football, Basketball, Track

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Member, National Association of Social Workers

CERTIFICATIONS

Certificate in Crisis Intervention, Certified Trainer, CPI Incorporated
 Texas Teacher's Certification – Social Studies Composite 6-12th grades