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EXPERIENCE

01/2008- Current Northwest MO Psychiatric Rehab Center St. Joseph, MO
Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Assess, rehabilitate, and provide services to clients in the forensic mental health system. Complete initial and annual Social Assessments, prepare Integrated Risk Assessments, and compile documentation required for client advancement within the institutional system. Serve as a member of an Inter-disciplinary treatment team; attend treatment review meetings, develop treatment goals and interventions, participate in clinical case review meetings. Co-facilitate treatment groups, prepare patients for community reintegration, develop discharge plans, maintain contact with community support systems, and connect clients with resources. Coordinate the Competency Restoration program.

05/2011-Current Northwest MO Children's Advocacy Center St. Joseph, MO
Therapist

Provide trauma-focused counseling services to children and families. Assist with offender prosecution.

08/2010 – Current Missouri Western State University St. Joseph, MO
Adjunct Professor

Provide instruction to students enrolled in the Human Behavior and the Social Environment course. Prepare lectures and presentations that summarize the content of the assigned text books, facilitate class discussion about social work topics, administer exams, grade coursework, and provide feedback to students.

09/2007-01/2008 5th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office St. Joseph, MO
Juvenile Officer II – Community Engagement Coordinator

Managed the Restorative Justice and the Court Appointed Special Advocate programs and provided services to Victims of Juvenile Crime. Delegated tasks to full and part-time program assistants, managed program budgets. Coordinated the Community Justice Committee program; recruited volunteers, organized volunteer training, and facilitated committee meetings. Connected juvenile offenders and their families with local resources; provided education about the juvenile justice system. Created victim awareness and enhanced offender accountability by facilitating groups, assisting juveniles with writing formal apology letters, preparing victim impact panels, and facilitating victim/offender mediations. Advocated for victims of juvenile crime, attended court with or on behalf of victims. Managed Court Appointed Special Advocate Program; recruited and provided training opportunities for volunteers, assigned volunteers to formally processed child abuse/neglect cases, assisted volunteers with preparing for Court hearings and completing other volunteer duties as required.

06/2006-09/2007

5th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office

St. Joseph, MO

Juvenile Officer I – Victim Services Coordinator

Enhanced existing Restorative Justice Programs in the Victim Services Department, coordinated and facilitated Community Justice Committee meetings, recruited new committee members, and organized volunteer training. Connected juvenile offenders and families with local resources. Educated families about the Juvenile Court process by co-facilitating the Juvenile Orientation Program. Educated juvenile offenders about the ripple effects of crime. Created victim awareness and enhanced offender accountability while facilitating groups, assisting juveniles with writing formal apology letters, preparing victim impact panels, and facilitating victim/offender mediations. Advocated for victims of juvenile crime by notifying them of their rights, attending staff meetings, and providing input on cases with identified victims. Attended Court with or on behalf of crime victims, assisted victims with presenting information to the Court and with receiving financial compensation.

09/2002-06/2006

5th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office

St. Joseph, MO

Juvenile Officer I – Child Abuse/Neglect Unit

Processed child abuse/neglect referrals, assisted the Children's Division with investigations and monitored compliance on adjudicated cases, connected children and families with local resources and participated in both intra-agency staff meetings and multidisciplinary team meetings. Advocated for foster children in team meetings and in Juvenile Court hearings, assisted the Children's Division with family treatment plan development, monitored the well-being of foster children through monthly home visits, and spoke at CASA volunteer and foster parent training.

05/2001-09/2002

5th Judicial Circuit Juvenile Office

St. Joseph, MO

Juvenile Officer I – Intake Unit

Processed delinquency, status offense, and child abuse/neglect referrals, connected children and families to community agencies and programs, participated in Juvenile Court hearings and drafted legal documentation, conducted on-site drug screening, recruited community service sites, and coordinated community service projects for youth.

01/2001-05/2001

YWCA

St. Joseph, MO

Social Work Intern

Developed skills as a generalist practitioner. Co-facilitated support groups, developed community network, participated in community committees, advocated for victims of domestic violence and sexual assault, and acquired basic grant writing skills.

EDUCATION

May 2001

Missouri Western State College

St. Joseph, MO

Bachelor's Degree in Social Work

Magna Cum Laude – 3.8 GPA

Dean's List, President's Honor Roll

Henry Pilgrim Social Work Honors Award 2001

December 2006

University of Missouri

Columbia, MO

Master's Degree in Social Work

4.0 GPA

