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PROFESSIONAL SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE:

- 1985-
to date
(full time)* Private practice of clinical social work; Specializations: Family and Couple Therapy, Brief Therapy, Group Therapy, Pastoral Counseling, Therapy with Adults and Adolescents, Posttraumatic Stress Disorder, and Domestic Violence.
- 1989-
to date* Adjunct Faculty, Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA
- 1991-
to date* Consultant and Senior Social Worker, Children's Bureau of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA
- 1991-
to date* Social Work/Mental Health Services Provider, numerous managed care companies
- 1994-
to date* President, Co-founding Member, and Co-facilitator, No-Abuse Coalition, LLC (facilitators of batterer intervention groups), New Orleans, LA
- 1996-
2005* Co-founding Member and first Co-facilitator, Domestic Violence Collaboration Project of South Louisiana, a monthly collaborative project of Battered Women's Programs and Batterer Intervention Programs
- 1986-
1990* Part-time Contract Clinical Social Worker, Associated Catholic Charities of St. Charles Parish, Hahnville, LA. Social Work Duties: Individual, family and group treatment
- 1982-
1985
(full time)* Psychotherapist and Director of Lakeview Satellite, Institute for Human Understanding, New Orleans, LA
- 1980-
1982
(full time)* Clinical Social Worker and Family Therapist, St. Bernard Group Home for Boys, Meraux, LA.
- Sept 1975-
Aug 1978
(full time)* Social Worker and Family Worker, Hope Haven Boys Home, Associated Catholic Charities of New Orleans, Marrero, Louisiana

PROFESSIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS:

- *Maintained a full-time private practice of clinical social work, including individual, couple, family, and group psychotherapy (24 years)
- *Supervised numerous social work interns as well as MSW social workers working toward their licensure (23 years)
- *Taught all levels of individual, group, family, and community social work classes (beginning, advanced, doctoral), plus taught electives in domestic violence and spirituality to MSW students at the Tulane School of Social Work (20 years)
- *Developed and led a coalition of licensed mental health professionals to run batterer intervention groups, following the Duluth model (15 years)
- *Led an Orientation Group for entry into local batterer intervention groups (6 years)
- *Led a weekly case consultation group for the staff of Children's Bureau of New Orleans (18 years)
- *Co-led Survive, a support group for families who had lost a loved one to violence (at Children's Bureau of New Orleans) (9 years)
- *Presented at numerous continuing education workshops on domestic violence, spirituality, Bowenian theory and application, ethics, and couple therapy
- *Established and ran a satellite office of a pastoral counseling center (3 years)
- *Worked with adolescent boys and their families in residential treatment centers (5 years)

CREDENTIALS:

- *Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW), State of Louisiana
- *Board Certified Diplomate (BCD) in Clinical Social Work (national)
- * Board Approved Supervisor (BAS) for master's level social workers, State of Louisiana
- *Ordained Baptist Minister, by St. Charles Avenue Baptist Church, New Orleans, LA

EDUCATION:

- 1979 Master of Social Work (MSW), Tulane University, School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA
- 1975 Master of Divinity (M. Div.), with major in social work, Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, KY
- 1970 Bachelor of Science (B.S.), with Honors in Psychology, Tulane University; New Orleans, LA

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATION:

Salloum, A. Garside, L. W., Irwin, C. L., Anderson, A. D., and Francois, A. H. (2009). Grief and trauma group therapy with children after Hurricane Katrina. *Social Work with Groups*. 32:1, 64-79.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS:

- 06/19/09 "Social Work Ethics," In-service Workshop, Children's Bureau of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.
- 4/22/09 "An Overview of Intimate Partner Violence"; New Orleans area United States Coast Guard; contact—Kelli Deluca, Ph. D., Family Advocacy, New Orleans, LA.
- 3/19/09 "Batterer Intervention Systems Research" (Summary of the findings of Edward Gondolf's CDC sponsored 4-site, year evaluation of Duluth-type batterer intervention programs); New Orleans Domestic Violence Advisory Committee, Dalmer Blanchard, Chair, New Orleans, LA.
- 1/21/09 "Clergy Wellness" East Jefferson Clergy Association, , Metairie, LA.
- 3/16/07 "Project LAST: Elementary Age Grief and Trauma Intervention Model," co-led with Laura Garside, MSW, GSW and Anita Francois, LCSW; National Association of Social Workers—Louisiana Chapter, Baton Rouge, LA.
- 05/12/06 "Social Work Ethics," In-service Workshop, Children's Bureau of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA.
- 11/11/05 "Turning Traps into Opportunities: Improving Your Clinical Work with Couples," Sponsored by the Louisiana Association of Clinical Social Workers (formerly Louisiana Private Practice Association), Baton Rouge, LA

- 11/15/03 “Moving Past Trauma: Posttraumatic Stress Disorder Workshop” Presented commentary and case application; Sponsored by the YWCA, New Orleans, LA.
- 10/17/03 “Domestic Violence Panel: Effects on Children, Same-Sex DV, and Perpetrators”; Presented on Perpetrators, co-presenters were Dale Standifer, LCSW and Julie Fitch; Sponsored by Louisiana Private Practice Association, New Orleans, LA.
- 6/13/03 “Bowen Family Systems: A Road Map for Brief and Long-Term Therapy;” Sponsored by the Center for Lifelong Learning, Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA.
- 6/12/02 “Spirituality and Social Work Practice;” Sponsored by the Center for Lifelong Learning, Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA.
- 5/15/98 “Guidelines for Working with Men Who Are Abusive;” Presented workshop with other members of the No-Abuse Coalition; Sponsored by the No-Abuse Coalition, LLC, New Orleans, LA.

SELECTED TRAININGS:

- 08/20/2009
(3 Contact Hrs) “Resilient Caregiver: Covering Vicarious Trauma” (Led by Charles Figley, PhD) & “Handling Cases with Recantations” (Led by Kate Bartholomew, JD); Sponsored by the Child Care Advocacy Center and Jefferson Parish Public School System, New Orleans, LA.
- 06/24-28/2009
(23.75 Contact Hrs) “AFTA 31ST Annual Meeting: Systemic Responses to Recovery and Disaster and Widespread Trauma.” Led by Multiple Presenters, Sponsored by the American Family Therapy Academy, conducted in New Orleans, LA.
- 06/23/2009
(5 Contact Hrs) “Community Practice and Programs: The Heart and Soul of Effective Collaborations.” Led by Gonzalo Bacigalupe, EdD, MPH and Peter Fraenkel, PhD, Sponsored by the Tulane School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA.
- 06/24-28/2009
(23.75 Contact Hrs) “AFTA 31ST Annual Meeting: Systemic Responses to Recovery and Disaster and Widespread Trauma.” Led by Multiple Presenters, Sponsored by the American Family Therapy Academy, conducted in New Orleans, LA.
- 05/27/2009
(6 Contact Hrs) “Differentiating Uses of Violence in Families: Toward Improving Family Court Custody Determinations.” Led by Judge Susan

Carbon, Loretta Frederick, JD, Janet Johnston, PhD, and Ellen Pence, PhD; Sponsored by the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, New Orleans, LA.

03/19/2009
(4.5 Contact Hrs)

“Best Practices in Disaster Mental Health and Resilience: What is, What Could Be!” Led by Multiple Presenters, Sponsored by the Tulane School of Social Work, Institute for Psychosocial Health. New Orleans, LA.

01/09/2009
(6 Contact Hrs)

“Prolonged Exposure Therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD).” Sponsored by the Cross Country Education, conducted in New Orleans, LA

10/04-05/2008
(9 Contact Hrs)

“Reversing Panic Attacks.” Led by Belleruth Naparstek, LISW, Sponsored by the Association for Humanistic Psychology, conducted in New Orleans, LA.

03/27-29/2008
(15 Contact Hrs)

“Narrative Therapy” (12 hours) Led by Michael White and Ethical Dilemmas (3 hours); Sponsored by the Texas Association for Marriage and Family Therapy, conducted in Galveston, TX.

11/09-11/2006
(24 Contact Hrs)

“Parent Coordinator: Texas Model for Collaborative Systems,” Led by Lynelle C. Yingling, Ph. D., LMFT, Gay Cox, JD; Sponsored by the Houston-Galveston Institute, Houston, TX.

1/26-27/2001
(13 Contact Hrs)

“Creating a Process of Change for Men Who Batter,” (Advanced Training for facilitators of Duluth Model Batterer Intervention Groups for Men), Led by Radhia Jaaber, MA (National Trainer of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN), Sponsored by the No-Abuse Coalition, LLC, New Orleans, LA.

3/5-6/1999
(13 Contact Hrs)

“Issues of Women Who Are Battered,” led by Lynn Holland, MA, LPC and Dale Standifer, BCSW; Sponsored by the No-Abuse Coalition, LLC, Metairie, LA.

7/12-13/1996
(14 Contact Hrs)

“Power and Control: Tactics of Men Who Batter,” (Initial training for facilitators of Duluth Model Batterer Intervention Groups for Men), Led by Radhia Jaaber, MA (National Trainer of the Domestic Abuse Intervention Project, Duluth, MN), Sponsored by the No-Abuse Coalition, LLC, New Orleans, LA.