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## **EDUCATION**

Master of Social Work, December 2000 – TULANE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK, New Orleans, LA

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology December 1998 – UNIVERSITY OF NEW ORLEANS, New Orleans, LA

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Adjunct Instructor** **05/2021-present**  
***Tulane University School of Social Work, New Orleans, LA***  
Social Work 7331: Advanced Integrated Clinical and Community Practices I  
Social Work 7345: Psychopathology and DSM V

**Clinical Consultant** **08/2017-present**  
***Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, Day Reporting Center, New Orleans, LA***  
Provides direct clinical services to formerly incarcerated persons. Teaches two classes to reduce recidivism and reintegration: Parenting Classes for Women and IOP Matrix. Provides supervision to Interns in Social Work and Counseling programs from major universities.

**Co-Founder/Clinical Director** **08/2013-present**  
***Innovative Approaches Counseling Center, Laplace, LA***  
Provides Mental Health Service within a private office setting. Counsels individuals, families, or groups regarding psychological or emotional problems using evaluative techniques and cognitive therapy. Develops and implements treatment plans and provides direct clinical services and crisis counseling. Assists consumers in coping with behavioral, mental and emotional problems that interfere with their daily lives.

**LCSW Supervisor** **10/2010-07/2015**  
***Access Health Louisiana, Luling, LA***  
Provided Behavioral Health Services within a health clinic setting. Conducted initial intake interviews including psychosocial assessment and diagnosis. Collaborated with internal and external providers to develop and maintain optimal treatment plans towards client's goals. Managed a caseload of 75+ clients. Used evidence based assessment tools to monitor a client's progress. Completed documentation and billing using Electronic Health Records. Provided clinical consultation to staff and interns. Provided support to Behavioral Health Director in completing annual evaluations, attendance reporting and other administrative duties. Created

annual Behavioral Health Symposium to ensure staff received continuing education. Created peer review to enhance compliance with clinical standards and recognize exceptional staff members.

**Manager, Behavioral Health Programs**

**10/2008-10/2010**

***Daughters of Charity Services of New Orleans, New Orleans, LA***

Provided clinical supervision of two programs: counseling in schools and clinical services in health centers. Supervised a staff of over ten professionals including Psychiatrists, Psychologists, LCSWs, and LPCs. Provided direct clinical services to children, adolescents, and their families. Trained staff in the use of electronic health records and assured compliance. Member of the internal Quality Assurance Committee and assisted with the creation of policy and procedure manual. Provided supervision to Interns in Social Work and Counseling programs from major universities. Assisted with grant writing, monitoring, and reporting. Created team-building workshops and acted as part of a team to increase employee morale.

**Consultant**

**06/2008-10/2010**

***Gulf Coast Case Management, New Orleans, LA***

Provided clinical consultation to case managers on staff. Collaborated with grant writers to identify and pursue potential sources of funding. Provided clinical guidance in program development and creation of policies.

**Licensed Clinical Social Worker**

**11/2006-10/2008**

***Catholic Charities, New Orleans, LA***

Provided services in distinct two programs, Crescent House and PACE. Primarily responsible for providing psychosocial assessment and treatment of clients. At Crescent House services were provided to survivors of Sexual Abuse and Domestic Violence. Educated community organizations and schools about services and sexual violence. Provided training for staff in the areas of effective communication and treatment of survivors of sexual violence. While at PACE services were limited to a geriatric population. Served on the interdisciplinary team of providers to create treatment plans addressing comprehensive needs. A member of the Quality Assurance/ Performance Improvement Committee. Assisted the Marketing Department in creating community awareness of the program and its services. Provided intake assessments including financial counseling. Performed LOCET and MDS assessments as per state guidelines. Provided end-of-life counseling to PACE participants and their families.

**Hospital Social Worker**

**01/2000-11/2006**

***Medical Center of Louisiana at New Orleans, New Orleans, LA***

Provided needs assessment and case management of clients for the purposes of Discharge planning. Provided crisis counseling and grief counseling to patients and their families. Provided 24-hour crisis intervention services as a member of the On-Call team. Worked as part of a disease-specific interdisciplinary team to create optimal health outcomes. Created a GSW

to LCSW licensure study group to assist MSW with obtaining licensure. Preceptor to new employees within the Case Management Department.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

"We've Come Too Far To Stop Now!! Overcoming Emotional Exhaustion To Keep Fighting Racism" Oral Presentation. Louisiana State University School of Social Work Annual Conference, Virtual, April 15, 2021.

"From the Real Housewives to 13 Reasons Why: Using Pop Culture in Therapy" Oral Presentation. Mental Health America Annual Conference 2020 (proposal accepted conference rescheduled to June 2021)

"Microtrauma: Treatment Approaches for Trauma with a Little "t". Oral Presentation. NASW Louisiana Annual Conference. (proposal accepted conference rescheduled to June 2021)

"The Ethical Responsibility of Diagnosing." Oral Presentation, NASW Louisiana Conference, March 15, 2018. NASW Baton Rouge, February 8, 2019.

"Private Practice 101: Merging Your Clinical Skills with a Business Mindset." Oral Presentation, Innovative Approaches Counseling Center. Multiple Dates (February 15, 2018; April 4, 2018)

"Postpartum Depression: What We Know, What We Think, How We Can Help." Oral Presentation, NASW Houma, February 17, 2017.

"Unpacking Our Bags: Exercises in Forgiveness." Oral Presentation, NASW Lafayette, June 10, 2016.

## **LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

- LCSW-BACS LA License # 6505
- MDS and LOCET Certified
- LOCUS and CALOCUS Certified
- Parent Management Training Certified
- Moral Reconciliation Therapy Trained
- Client-Centered Play Therapy Trained
- Motivational Interviewing Trained
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Trained (certification pending)
- Triple P Positive Parenting Program Certified