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Education

University of Southern California

Master of Social Work

Department: Adults & Healthy Aging; Option: Military Social Work

Los Angeles, CA
August 2016 – May 2018

University of Southern California Immersion

Military and Veterans Policy and Practice

Washington, D.C.
March 2017

Wesleyan University

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Middletown, CT
September 2011 – May 2015

Relevant Experience

Olive Crest

Adoption Promotion and Support Services Adoption Therapist

Glendale, CA
June 2023 – July 2024

- Provided in-home, in-office, and telehealth adoption-focused therapy for individuals and families, addressing core adoption issues to enhance permanency and stabilize child placement.
- Initiated and completed DMH paperwork, including assessments, treatment plans, and progress documentation.
- Contributed therapeutic input and collaborated with other team members for assessment and planning.
- Attended and participated in supervision and APSS treatment team meetings.

Cortica

Behavioral Interventionist

Glendale, CA
January 2022 – May 2023

- Provide individualized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to children who have been diagnosed with autism.
- Utilize ABA to assist in clients' behavior and increase skills relating to language, communication, social settings, play settings, and daily living skills.
- Collect, record, and summarize data on observable client behavior.
- Assist with caregiver training in line with client's individualized treatment.

Pyles and Associates: ABA Services

Behavioral Therapist

Glendale, CA
June 2021 – December 2021

- Provide individualized Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) to children and adults who have been diagnosed with autism.
- Utilize ABA to help make changes in clients' behavior and increase skills relating to language, communication, social settings, play settings, and daily living skills.
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AdoptHelp, Inc.

Case Worker/Legal Assistant

Woodland Hills, CA
August 2018 – April 2021

- Foster organic matches between birth mothers and adoptive families
- Case management and emotional support for birth mothers and adoptive families
- Knowledgeable about adoption laws and procedures in multiple states
- Communicate with third-party adoption professions
- Collaborate with lead attorney to prepare legal documents
- Conduct background checks and medical records requests
- Seminar speech for prospective adoptive families

- Provide editing suggestions for adoptive families' profiles

Keck Medical Center of USC Department of Neurology

Los Angeles, CA

Social Work Intern

September 2017 – May 2018

- Provide therapy in a medical clinic setting for individuals with neurological disorders
- Collaborate with neurologists, nurses, and other social workers to provide integrated care for each patient
- Attend regular supervision, neurology department meetings, and monthly Deep Brain Stimulation meetings

Ocean Park Community Center (OPCC)

Santa Monica, CA

HOME Team Clinical Intern

September 2016 – April 2017

- Conduct home visits, completes DMH bio-psycho-social assessments, and provides therapy for previously homeless individuals with mental illnesses
- Collaborate with clients to complete treatment plans; utilize Exym to document clinical notes following each session
- Design and facilitates weekly art and music group, Expressions, for individuals with mental illnesses
- Attend and participates in weekly team meetings and monthly agency-wide case conferences

Creative Care, Inc.

Malibu, CA

Resident Advisor

March 2016 – August 2016

- Assist with progress notes and detox protocols for clients with substance abuse problems and mental illnesses
- Administer Urine Analysis and assure proper logging and transferring of sample
- Conduct searches on residential quarters and inspect residential client housekeeping duties
- Oversee recreational activities and transports clients to meetings, appointments, or other functions

Vets Advocacy, Inc.,

Los Angeles, CA

Assistant

July 2015 – April 2016

- Research and write documents to influence policy
- Collaborate with team to draft a Master Plan for the redesign of the West Los Angeles VA campus
- Attend events and meetings regarding implementation of the Master Plan

Child and Family Development Center – Providence Saint John's

Santa Monica, CA

Therapeutic Teaching Assistant

June 2013 – July 2017

- Assist teachers at day treatment setting for preschool-aged children with developmental disabilities or emotional challenges
- Facilitate play and positive interactions for children in classroom and on playground
- Introduce children to basic swimming, using water tubes and inflatable arm bands, and teach children how to be safe in and around a pool

Veterans Administration

Los Angeles, CA

Volunteer

August 2015 – June 2016

- Support grant submission and current research for Psychosocial Rehabilitation and Recovery Center
- Attend grand rounds and clinical sessions
- Aid in clerical work and organization of research materials

The Launch Station - Occupational therapy center for children

Santa Monica, CA

Volunteer

June 2014 – January 2015

- Worked with therapists in facilitating play
- Managed reception and clerical work

Other Work Experience

K Chocolatier

Malibu, CA

Salesperson

January 2013 – June 2014

- Maintained clean and stocked storefront

- Assisted customers with samples and gift packaging
- Collected inventory and communicated with owner to relay sales

Miscellaneous

Wesleyan Alumni Admission Volunteer (WAAV)

Interviewer

Los Angeles, CA
September 2015 – January 2016

- Conduct prospective student interviews
- Submit interview reports for each applicant

Phi Alpha Honor Society

November 2017 - Present

Psi Chi - The International Honor Society in Psychology

May 2014 – Present

Skills

Software: Proficient in Microsoft Office, proficient in EndNote, proficient in Sibelius

Languages: Beginner in American Sign Language, beginning Italian, beginning Spanish

Trainings

Problem Solving Therapy (PST), Motivational Interviewing (MI), Military Clinical Skills Training

Presentations

Adoption – Presented for the social workers of the USC Department of Neurology

March 15, 2018

Interests

Music: Proficient in piano, flute, piccolo, and saxophone