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Experience

River City Mental Health Clinic Saint Paul, MN

2/2006 to present

Psychotherapist in a group private practice

- Conduct individual, couple, and group psychotherapy.

Minnesota Veterans Home Minneapolis, MN

Employed 7/2003-present

Social Worker, Sr. Long- term care nursing home.

- Working to meet psychosocial need of geriatric population with chronic medical problems, mental illness, and or dementia.
- Co-created and facilitate a spouses' caregiver support group and a spouses' bereavement support group.
- End of life care/planning and support for residents and their families in a skilled nursing facility.
- Member of an interdisciplinary team to make clinical decisions for residents, careplanning, and leading family care conferences.
- Work closely with Nurse Manager and Nurse Practitioner to problem solve mental health and behavioral issues on the unit, advocate and resource development to residents and families.
- Served on strategic planning committee to improve resident dining experience.

Wilder Foundation-Concordia Arms Apartments Maplewood, MN

MSW student internship 9/2002-4/2003

Social Work Intern Senior housing apartment building.

- Worked in a low income senior housing hi-rise to assist residents with meeting their psychosocial needs and families of residents to obtain resources, county benefits, and services.
- Created and facilitated a grief and loss support group for residents.
- Conducted individual therapy with residents focusing on bereavement topics including complicated grief.
- Organized a caregiver presentation for residents and their families.
- Created a community resource book to be given to new residents upon arrival.

HOPE Adoption and Family Services, International Stillwater, MN

MSW student internship 9/2001-5/2002

Social Work Intern Adoption agency.

- Interviewed, assessed, conducted training, and completed homestudies for prospective parents for various types of adoptions.
- Worked within a team to lead two day trainings for prospective adoptive parents, including trans-racial parenting and parenting children with special needs.
- Presented training on attachment theory, attachment issues and how to build attachment with adopted children.
- Coordinated and facilitated prospective adoptive parent orientations.
- Revised and updated curriculum and updated manual for the Minnesota Public/Private Adoption Initiative.
- Conceptualized and wrote two grants for the agency to develop new programs.

Redeemer Residence Minneapolis, MN

Employed 8/1998-8/1999 Part- time

Pet Assisted Therapy Coordinator Long-term care nursing home.

- Individual and group therapy utilizing dogs, cats, birds, and guinea pigs.
- Worked with nursing home staff to incorporate use of animals into daily structure.
- Worked with administration to explore Eden Alternative or an alternative plan.

Education

Masters Degree, Social Work

Degree completed May, 2003

University of Minnesota St. Paul, MN

- Mental health and aging concentration

Bachelor of Arts, Psychology

Degree completed May, 1995

University of Minnesota Twin Cities, MN

License

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW)

MN Board of Social Work

License Number 16475

Memberships

NASW member

Presentations

- 15th Annual NASW –Minnesota Chapter Conference in 2005.
- 14th Annual NASW –Minnesota Chapter Conference in 2004.

- Rainbow Families Annual Conference. Workshop presenter at annual conferences about international adoption, adoption issues, blended families, and co-parenting.