EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON, Seattle, Washington

Masters of Social Work, June 2010

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, Orlando, Florida Bachelor of Arts Degree, Liberal Studies 12/99

WORK EXPERIENCE

DSHS-CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION, Seattle, WA

December 2014- Current Supervisor- King West Adolescent Unit. Supervised a unit of up to seven CFWS, FRS, and FTC social workers serving up to 95 adolescent clients and their families. This unit also serves young adults participating in the Extended Foster Care program until age 21. Participated in all aspects of dependency and juvenile offender court proceedings including trial testimony, mediation, dependency review hearings, return on warrant hearings etc. Conducted monthly comprehensive case consultations on each case in the unit with the assigned social worker. Ensured social workers' practice followed applicable laws and organizational policy and procedures. Coached social workers on the importance of effectively developing, implementing, and monitoring education plans to attain positive global outcomes for clients. Served as the Sexually Aggressive

DSHS-CHILDREN'S ADMINISTRATION, Seattle, WA

August 2009- December 2014 Social Worker III- King West Adolescent Unit. Responsible for all aspects of case management for adolescent youth in the foster care system and their families. Conducted family safety assessments while assessing client needs and developing culturally appropriate, family-specific service plans. Case management performed with focus on permanency, safety, and well-being. Prepared youth for aging out of care by ensuring they had a plan regarding education, housing, finance, and employment. Advocated for youth and families when needed to ensure that needs were met and appropriate services were offered. Prepared court documentation in timely manner and testified in court in various types of hearings on a regular basis. Maintained case documentation including assessments, service plans, progress notes, termination summaries etc. in a clear, concise, and

HEADSPROUT, Seattle, Washington

objective manner.

July 2006- August 2009 Implementation Specialist- Responsible for ensuring successful implementation of Headsprout Early Reading at school districts throughout the United States. Worked with first time Headsprout users and set up a timeline for implementation based on the school's specific setting and resources. Performed on-site professional development in-services and/or remote (conference call) in-services for school district staff. Worked alongside educators to make data driven decisions while using Headsprout Early Reading. Worked with teachers, schools and districts to assist in obtaining and summarizing student outcome data and working within Headsprout to assist in evaluating usage data and its relationship to student outcomes.

Youth Committee Chair for the King West, Indian Child Welfare, and White Center Offices.

YWCA, Renton, Washington

February 2006- July 2006 Case Manager- Responsible for providing ongoing case management to families placed in YWCA's Family Self-Sufficiency program. Assisted clients fulfill their potential in the areas of life skills, employment and

FREE & CLEAR, Seattle, Washington

August 2005- July 2006

Tobacco Treatment Specialist- Responsible for providing client-focused behavior change services to support clients' process to quit tobacco use while meeting established performance expectations.

CHILDREN'S HOME SOCIETY, Orlando, Florida

education to stabilize their housing situations.

November 2004 – June 2005

Dependency Case Manager- Conducted child safety assessments while assessing client needs and developing culturally appropriate, family-specific service plans to address family needs. Prepared court reports, made recommendations and testified in court. Provided support to children, caregivers and family members

to ensure stable placement. Coordinated cases with supervisor, team members, providers, and attorneys as needed. Developed and maintained case and program documentation including assessments, treatment plans, progress notes, termination summaries.

INTERVENTION SERVICES INC, Maitland, Florida December 2000- June 2003, & July 2004- June 2005 Board Certified Associate Behavior Analyst- Responsible for providing behavior analysis interventions to children with moderate to severe problem behaviors in school and home settings. Position entailed assessing behaviors, developing and implementing behavioral programs, monitoring and modifying behavior programs, producing progress reports that summarize treatment and data, and handling crisis management and intervention., advised parents and teachers on problem-solving and behavior management strategies.

INTERVENTION SERVICES INCORPORATED, Maitland, Florida January 2000 – December 2000 Mentor- Responsible for serving as a role model for disadvantaged youth. Position included teaching social and leisure skills, planning goals, developing reinforcement contingencies to encourage positive behaviors, evaluating progress and goal-setting.

INTERNSHIP

CHILD WELFARE TRAINING & ADVANCEMENT PROGRAM Seattle, WA June 2008- August 2010 Intern- Shadowed multiple units at the King West Office including: CPS, CFWS Adolescent, Placement Group Care, and Intake. Participated in various trainings including: permanency, mental health, substance abuse, CPS investigations, racial disproportionality, and sexual abuse. Hands-on experience included the supervision of visits between parents and their children and helping conduct CPS interviews.

VOLUNTEER & COMMUNITY **EXPERIENCE**

BIG BROTHERS AND BIG SISTERS OF KING COUNTY, Seattle, WA

October 2003- May 2004

Big Brother-Responsible for serving as a role model for disadvantaged youth. Position included teaching social and leisure skills, planning goals, developing reinforcement contingencies to encourage positive behaviors, evaluating progress and goal-setting.

DOWNTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER, Seattle, WA

October 2003- June 2004

Drop-in Center Assistant- Responsible for assisting the in the daily operations of the drop-in center for mentally ill homeless adults.

LEGAL COUNSEL FOR YOUTH & CHILDREN, Seattle, WA

April 20, 2018

Trainer- Developed and presented a training on adolescent-focused child welfare sponsored by Legal Counsel Youth and Children for defense attorneys and assistant attorney generals as part of a continuing legal education (CLE) training.

COURT IMPROVEMENT TRAINING ACADEMY, Spokane, WA

May 8, 2018

Trainer- Developed and presented a joint training with the Mockingbird Society foster care alumni and staff on adolescent child welfare and aging out of the foster care system at the 2018 Children's Justice Conference.

