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EDUCATION

M.S.W. George Warren Brown School of Social Work, Washington University, St Louis, MO 2000

B.A. University Of Washington, Psychology, Seattle, WA 1997

PROFESSIONAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

- Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, LW 00009381 WA
- Certified Clinical Transplant Social Worker, CCTSW
- Certified Clinical Supervisor
- Certificate in Crisis Intervention.
- Certified Spanish medical Interpreter and translator

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2014 – Present Lecturer- Field Faculty. University of Washington, School of Social Work, Seattle, WA

Teach Introduction to Field Education courses to MSW students preparing for field placement. Responsible for placement and liaison to MSW students and field education sites. Assist in the recruitment and development of new field education sites. Participate in the training and instruction of MSW students and field Instructors. Participate in the coordination of practicum seminars and orientation of incoming MSW students. Participate in curriculum development and instruction of field education courses. Serve as a resource and linkage between the School and practicum sites. Assist in the development of field education learning contracts, monitor review and approve practice experience and quarterly evaluations of MSW students. Work closely with students and field instructors to integrate classroom learning and practice experience. Serve as a consultant to students, field instructors and community partners.

Clinical Experience

2014 – Present Grief Counselor Seattle Children’s Hospital/Journey Program, Seattle, WA. Provide grief and bereavement counseling services to families. Facilitate support groups locally and in Eastern Washington for bereaved parents and siblings.

2014 – Present Clinical Consultant Seattle Children’s Hospital/Patient Navigation Program Provide clinical consultation and support to the Patient Navigators around role, scope of practice and boundaries.

2003 - 2014 Bilingual Senior Medical Social Worker Seattle Children’s Hospital. Seattle, WA Conducted psychosocial assessments and heart transplant evaluations; provided crisis intervention, adjustment to illness, grief and loss support, bilingual and bicultural support to Latino patients and families. Assisted Latino patients and families in understanding medical recommendations and options. Facilitated communication between medical providers and families and advocated for culturally competent care. As a member of multiple interdisciplinary and multidisciplinary medical teams, provided consultation and education to staff regarding patient/family psychosocial issues, needs, barriers and best cultural practices. Served as a liaison and consultant between medical staff, community agencies, patients and families. Provided outreach services to Latino families for the Journey program and Prenatal Clinic. Clinical consultant to the Seattle Children’s Patient Navigation and the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Programs.

2001 - 2003 Medical Social Worker. Virginia Mason Medical Center. Seattle, WA Completed psychosocial assessments, coordinated discharge plans to ensure a safe discharge to adult family homes, skilled nursing facilities, home health, and comfort/hospice care, provided crisis intervention and supportive counseling to patients and families. Served as a liaison and advocate between medical staff, community agencies, patients and families.

2000 - 2003 Medical Social Worker, Per Diem: TCU. Swedish Medical Center/Ballard Completed psychosocial assessments and discharge planning, provided crisis intervention and supportive counseling to patients and families. Served as a member of an interdisciplinary team and provided consultation to staff regarding patient/family behavioral issues.

1999 - 2000 Social Work Intern Barnes Jewish Hospital, St Louis, MO Inpatient/Outpatient Hematology/Oncology. Completed advanced MSW field placement

1999 – 1999 Social Work Intern. La Clinica, St Louis, MO Community Health Clinic.
Completed first semester of second year MSW field placement

1998 - 1999 Social Work Intern Barnes Jewish Hospital, St Louis, MO
Inpatient General Medicine and Surgical Services. Completed first year MSW field placement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1991 – 1999 Graduate Student Insurance Accountant/Consultant. University of Washington

1990 – 1991 Network System Analyst. Safeco Insurance. Seattle WA

1986 – 1990 Online Services Coordinator. First Interstate Bank. Tukwila, WA

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

2016 – Present Lead for the In-Person Field Instructor's Training, FIT

2016 – Present Lead for the Extended Degree MSW Program

2016 – Present Field Lead for the Multigenerational concentration

2016 – Present MSW Extended Degree Program Scholarship Committee member

2015 – Present MSW Faculty Advisor: Mentor for 13 1st & 2nd year MSW students

2014 – Present Admissions Committee member

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

2015 Guest lecturer for SocW 405 SocW510 and SocW511

2011 Conducted an In-Service for hospital interpreters: "The need for good boundaries."
Seattle Children's Hospital.

2010 Presented on Cultural Practices with Latino Families at Brown Bag. Seattle Children's
Hospital.

2009 Guest Presenter during Chief Residents' Grand Rounds: "The offer of help: will it provide
relief or more trouble for the family?" Seattle Children's Hospital.

2003-2009 Presented during Nursing orientation: "Working with Hispanic Families, a Social
Worker's perspective." Seattle Children's Hospital.

2004 Guest presenter during SPACE: Seminars and Practice in the Ambulatory Care
Environments; "Cultural Practices with Latino Families."

MEDIA

2013 Television KUNS Univision, featured Social Worker, Seattle Children's television Special "Historias del Corazon, Stories from the Heart."

2013 Television KUNS Univision. Interview: Seattle Children's television Special "Salud, Mente, y Espirito: Health, Mind & Spirit."

2012 Developed, produced and directed an educational video for Seattle Children's Hospital in Spanish "Los Padres son la Clave, Parents are the Key."

AWARDS AND HONORS

2008 Nominated for the OBCC, Odessa Brown Community Clinic, Diversity Award

2002 Social Worker of the month

2000 Hispanic Scholarship Recipient

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Society for Transplant Social Workers, STSW

National Association of Social Workers, NASW