

AT A GLANCE

Licensed Social Worker with certifications in Motivational Interviewing, QPR Suicide Prevention, Red Cross Instructor and Child Passenger Safety Technician.
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South Bend, Indiana

EDUCATION



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Masters of Social Work
2020



INDIANA UNIVERSITY
Bachelors of Science in
Elementary Education
2003

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OBJECTIVE

To provide guidance as students seek to handle and cope with stress, and the high demands of student life.

EXPERIENCE

REGIONAL SUPERVISOR; LIFELINE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

(April 2019 to Current)

- Supervisor Bachelor's and high school level field staff
- Provide weekly supervision to field staff
- Maintain compliance with documentation
- Build and maintain relationships with other child services workers
- Train, coach, and supervised up to 16 staff from new hires to seasoned employees in both clinical and non clinical job skills
- Maintained database tracking for paperwork deadlines, and staff caseloads
- Teaching Red Cross CPR/AED/First Aid and car seat safety to staff state wide
- Developed and continue to maintain 11 foster parent training and support group in 3 different regions of Indiana.
- Develop trainings for foster parent support groups and staff continuing education
- Presented trainings and facilitate group sessions with foster parents and staff

THERAPIST; CORNERSTONE FAMILY THERAPY, LLC.

(November 2020 to Current)

- Assess client's needs and goals for treatment
- Work with parents of youth to determine goals, and plans to address those goals
- Individualize treatment for 15 clients
- Document client sessions within required time frame

INTERNSHIP; LIFELINE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

(August 2019 to May 2020)

- Developed and implemented foster parent training and support group services
- Implemented policies and strategies that met Department of Child Services criteria and wrote a handbook for the groups covering all aspects including clinical and programming
- Researched and Developed trainings on Boundaries, The 5 Love Languages, Trauma Informed Parenting, 40 Developmental Assets, Self Care, Attachment & Reactive Attachment Disorder, Parenting Thru Difficult Times and Grief
- Set up, plan and coordinate physical in person groups including food, child care workers, location, set up, and follow up with foster parents
- Directed staff who assisted with child care, training, and secondary therapists for larger groups

SKILLS

- Motivational Interviewing
- Experience with mindfulness
- Treatment planning
- Staying calm during crisis
- Building rapport
- Timely, accurate, and detailed documentation
- Creative objective and intervention planning
- Ability to work independently
- Strong interpersonal skills including flexibility, communication and patience
- Pending EMDR training; Signed up for May and August training

- Completed follow up with foster parents including certificate completion, sending surveys and communicating with licensing agencies

STAFF COACH; LIFELINE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

(October 2017 to April 2019)

- Shadowing bachelor's and high school degree leveled field staff
- Coach new and existing staff in job skills, time management, report writing, and scheduling
- Provide Red Cross training and car seat training to all staff
- Create resource centers in regional offices
- Reading supervised visitation notes
- Assisting staff with treatment plans, monthly reports and other documentation

FAMILY CONSULTANT; LIFELINE YOUTH & FAMILY SERVICES

(September 2012 to October 2017)

- Provide continuity in client relationships
- Provide services outlined from referral sources
- Maintain case files
- Provide accurate, non-biased reports on family and individual progress
- Provide detailed records on time spent and interactions with clients
- Maintained a high case load of clients for both supervised visitations and case management
- Worked with clients ages 3 to 70+ on coping skills, community resources, home management, parenting, understanding trauma, and motivational interviewing

SUPERVISOR OF VOLUNTEERS; CASA OFFICE OF ST. JOSEPH COUNTY

(June 2007 to September 2012)

- Recruited and trained volunteers for the CASA Program
- Provided support for volunteers who advocated for the best interest of abused and neglected children
- Initiated and maintained professional relationships with numerous service providers in the South Bend area
- Maintained case files and information on each child assigned
- Kept detailed records of volunteers' hours spent during each month as well as looking over detailed monthly reports and court reports
- Supervised volunteers in their advocacy of over 125 children
- Created and maintained CASA promotional literature such as brochures, bookmarks and fliers
- Maintained CASA website
- Attended, coordinated and facilitated meetings with service providers and Volunteers
- Attended court, kept notes on every case on the docket and updated tracking to keep CASA records current

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Work Experience

Lifeline Youth and Family Services
Lafayette, IN

September 2020-Present

Regional Supervisor

- Provide supervision to staff to assist with providing outstanding services to children and families.
- Review treatment plans and visit logs to ensure adequate and clear documentation of services.
- Maintain consistent and clear communication with stakeholders to guarantee positive interactions.
- Developed Region 5's Foster Parent Support Group and served as the Group Coordinator.

Indiana Department of Child Services
Lafayette, IN

August 2017-September 2020

Family Case Manager

- Communicate with families to develop a case plan for reunification, guardianship, or adoption
- Submit referrals to service providers and conduct Child/Family Team Meetings to ensure families are meeting goals
- Maintain consistent and clear communication with service providers and stakeholders to ensure quality services are provided to families
- Taught new and experience worker trainings with the goal of teaching best practice and current DCS policy
- Supervise new cohort members throughout the cohort training to provide the members with support and clear expectations.

Illinois State University Childcare Center
Normal, IL

August 2015-May 2017

Teacher Assistant

- Assisted teachers with daily activities
- Monitored play and encouraged developmentally appropriate activities

The Caring Place
Urbana, IL

September 2011-June 2016

September 2006-June 2008

Head Teacher (Infant-12 year olds)

- Maintained a safe environment while encouraging activities that promote development
- Completed assessments following the ASQ & ASQSE format
- Created and implemented lesson plans that focused on child development
- Taught two students per semester from the University of Illinois's Early Childhood Education program

Carle Arrow Ambulance
Urbana, IL

March 2013-September 2015

EMT-Basic

- Completed patient assessment, assessed vitals, and ensured quality patient care
- Assisted Paramedic with ALS calls

Cunningham Children's Home

June 2008-August 2011

Urbana, IL

Milieu Counselor

- Directly worked with clients with mental and/or behavioral disorders
- Supervised family visits and supplied after care for clients
- Supervised a team of four staff members and conducted weekly meetings to ensure team collaboration

Education

Indiana Wesleyan University

January 2021-Ongoing

Marion, IN.

MBA Program

Illinois State University

August 2015-May 2017

Normal, IL

Master's Degree in Human Development and Family Studies

University of Illinois

August 2006-May 2008

Champaign-Urbana, IL

Bachelor's Degree in Psychology and Political Science