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EDUCATION

DATES

Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Ph.D. in Interdisciplinary Health Sciences	July 2006 - Present
Smith College School for Social Work, Northampton, Massachusetts, Ph.D. in Social Work	Transferred (06/03 to 12/04)
Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan, Masters of Social Work	April 1992
Hope College, Holland, Michigan, Bachelors of Arts, Psychology & Sociology Composite Major with a Spanish Minor	May 1990

CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE

Licensed Master's of Social Work, Michigan, LMSW ID #: 6801066224	April 1994
Certified Addictions Counselor Level – I, Michigan Certification Board for Addition Professionals, Okemos, Michigan	May 2001
Love & Logic Program Facilitator, The Love and Logic Institute, Colorado, Denver	Spring 2000
School of Social Work Certification, Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, Michigan	April 1992

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor and Field Director: Hope College, Holland, Michigan (July 1, 2002 – Present)

Teaching and maintaining a full academic course load; monitoring field placements; testing the students' knowledge of social work theories and clinical issues; illustrating scholarly growth; advising the social work organization; academically advising students within the department; attending faculty meeting; working and communicating with colleagues; and participating as the Field Director for internships.

Part-time Child & Family Therapist: Private Practice, Holland, Michigan (January 2006 – Present)

Performing initial assessments and ongoing evaluations; preparing behavioral treatment plans; conducting psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and adults utilizing individual, family, ego-psychology and behavioral modalities of treatment as appropriate; diagnosing mental illness; and teaching the Love & Logic parenting techniques.

Part-time Domestic Violence Therapist: The Center for Women in Transition, Holland, Michigan (November 2004 – Present)

Performing initial assessment; preparing behavioral treatment plans and conducting psychotherapy with adult women who are surviving trauma of domestic violence.

Pre-Bridge Instructor: Upward Bound, Hope College, Holland, Michigan (Summer 2005 & Summer 2006)

Teaching the program's pre-bridge course; building a working relationship with students; role modeling; and working and communicating with co-workers.

Part-time Child & Family Therapist: El Centro of Bethany Christian Services, Holland, Michigan (April 2002 – December 2005)

Performing initial assessments and diagnosing mental illnesses; preparing behavioral treatment plans; conducting psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and their families; and completing a doctoral internship for the Smith College School of Social Work in Northampton, Massachusetts.

Visiting Assistant Professor: Hope College, Holland, Michigan (July 2001 – June 2002)

Teaching three different courses; monitoring field placements; working and communicating with colleagues; and advising organizations.

Adjunct Professor: Hope College, Holland, Michigan (August 2000 – May 2001)

Teaching Human Behavior in the Social Environment; working and communicating with colleagues; and meeting students' needs and interests in a reasonable manner.

Child & Family Therapist / Minority Services: Ottawa County Community Mental Health, Holland, Michigan (January 22, 1996 – August 15, 2001)

Performing initial assessments and ongoing evaluations; preparing behavioral treatment plans; conducting psychotherapy with children, adolescents, and adults utilizing individual, group, conjoint, family, psycho-education, ego-psychology and behavioral modalities of treatment as appropriate; diagnosing mental illness; teaching the Love & Logic parenting series; and providing case management services to consumers.

Clinical Case Manager: Van Buren County Community Mental Health, Hartford, Michigan (October 19, 1994 – January 19, 1996)

Implementing a program of services to maintain and/or improve the quality of life of pregnant and/or parenting teens and their baby(ies); working under indirect supervision

functioning as a member of a team; and developing and maintaining effective working relationship with agencies and organizations serving teen youths and families.

Outreach Clinician: Van Buren County Community Mental Health, Hartford, Michigan
(October 19, 1992 – October 19, 1994)

Providing efficient and effective intake, crisis response, and home and community based clinical individual, family, and group services to early youth offenders and their families; completing comprehensive psychosocial assessment; developing individual treatment plans; and ensuring services are documented to all applicable standards.

Probation Officer/Caseworker: St. Joseph County Juvenile Court, Centreville, Michigan (May 27, 1992 – October 15, 1992)

Supervising youth on probation; implementing and monitoring the clients' behavioral contracts; coordinating services for delinquent youth and their parents to provide appropriate treatment and consequences; and writing reports and making recommendations for court hearings.

Part-time Child Guidance Worker: Kalamazoo County Juvenile Home, Kalamazoo, Michigan
(July 1, 1991 – March 1, 1994)

Monitoring and supervising residents; providing a safe environment; admitting and releasing the juveniles; reviewing individuals' files; updating the log; and completing appropriate paperwork.

Student Intern: School Social Worker, Anna Michen Elementary Public School, Fennville, Michigan (September 1991 – April 1992)

Conducting intake interviews; diagnosing and assessing the students' needs; developing and implementing treatment plans; and providing individual and group therapy.

SPECIAL SKILLS: Bilingual (Spanish)