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SOCIAL SERVICE EXPERIENCE

Manager. [You Are A Star](#), Chicago, Illinois

May 2015 to present

- Provide inspiring, uplifting entertainment and workshops for at-risk youth, encouraging them to reach for their dreams
- Create and edit scripts and workshop materials
- Co-direct multi-media performances
- Prepare and edit materials to create online presence for additional educational opportunities
- Coordinate grant-writing and other development opportunities

Clinical Psychotherapy Private Practice. [Re-Visioning Your Life](#), Chicago, Illinois

August 1996 to present

- Provide spiritual, culturally-sensitive psychotherapy
- Offer teen, family and couples counseling with a focus on multi-cultural issues (bi-racial couples; multi-cultural blended families; cross-racial adoptions; teen sexuality)
- Address LGBTQIA family issues

School Social Worker. Acero Charter School Network, Chicago, Illinois

August 2019 to January 2022

- Provided direct and indirect (collaboration/consultation) social work services to special education students in several multi-racial charter network high schools
- Supervised MSW student intern; reviewed Individual Education Plans, social work reports, student notes
- Created annual Individual Education Plans, initial evaluation and triennial re-evaluation social work reports, and annual 504 plan reviews for special education students
- Participated in Garcia High School Anti-Racism Committee; led professional development workshops

Service Manager. Hands To Help Ministries, Chicago, Illinois

September 2018 to December 2020

- Guided the work of the outreach worker and clinical volunteers working with the homeless or those at risk of being homeless in the Irving Park neighborhood
- Supervised primary outreach worker supervision and community volunteers
- Assumed primary responsibility to develop and implement strategies to grow the financial resources of Hands to Help Ministries' program in coordination with Hands to Help Ministries' board of directors (e.g., grant opportunities, faith-based giving, increasing individuals donors)
- Prepared bi-monthly payroll; regular and annual reports for donor organizations

College Counselor. Chicago Waldorf School, Chicago, Illinois

November 2016 to June 2018 (Interim from November 2016 to June 2017)

- Provided individual guidance support to high school seniors and families with college and scholarship applications; assisted 9-12 grade post-secondary planning process
- Organized College Night, Mock Admissions, and Financial Aid presentations
- Coordinated standardized testing
- Met with college and other program reps
- Inclusion and Diversity Committee (IDC)

Educational Support/Counselor. Chicago Waldorf School, Chicago, Illinois

August 2011 to June 2015

- Provided educational support for high school students with educational accommodations
- Taught and implemented study skills development
- Provided administrative/faculty support and consultation
- Acted as liaison with Chicago Public Schools and other private school learning specialists

Social Worker. Howard Area Community Center, Chicago, Illinois

October 2005 to December 2008 (contract hire through May 2009)

- Social worker for after-school program in two elementary schools in racially diverse Rogers Park neighborhood
- Provided student assessment, individual and group counseling with third to sixth grade students
- Created assertiveness training curriculum; anger management, social adjustment with students
- Supervised BSW/MSW interns
- Offered staff, parent consultation

Guidance Counselor. Notre Dame High School for Girls, Chicago, Illinois

August 1994 to June 2005

- Personal and academic counseling; college/career, individual, group counseling
- Learning Resource Center coordinator
- Special needs evaluation/staffings
- Discipline board
- Testing administration
- Technology Curriculum Task Force, club moderator, blood drive coordinator; various committees

Teacher/Therapist. Victor C. Neumann School, Chicago, Illinois

June 1992 to August 1994

- Taught ED/BD teenagers in private therapeutic day school
- Developed/adapted curriculum
- Provided staff consultation
- Prepared annual IEPs, incident reports

School Social Worker. Lawrence Hall Youth Services, Chicago, Illinois

September 1991 to February 1992

- Counseled BD junior high/high school youth in individual and group settings
- Coordinated intake of new students
- Outreach worker/liaison with CBOE and suburban special education districts

Counselor/Intake Coordinator. Center for Addictive Problems, Chicago, Illinois

September 1982 to August 1986

- Counseled 40-50 opiate-addicted and drug-free adults
- Reorganized intake process
- Developed and led orientation groups
- Trained new staff
- Bookkeeping, secretarial and cashier duties

RELATED VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Hearthland Health Centers Board of Directors (2022-present). Chicago, Illinois.

Protect Rogers Park (2017-2020). Chicago, Illinois

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church Antiracism Ministry (2013-present). Chicago, Illinois.

Another Pebble Antiracism Ministry (2008-present). Chicago, Illinois

MCSELCA Antiracism Team (2004-2020, *co-chair* 2007-2020). Chicago, Illinois

NASW-IL Committee on Diversity & Cultural Competence (2005-2009, 2015-2018, *chair* 2016-2018). Chicago, Illinois.

Inclusion and Diversity Committee (2011-2015; 2016-18); **SEED Project** (2013-2015).
Chicago Waldorf School, Chicago, Illinois.

Teachers of Experiential and Adventure Methodologies (TEAM) Conference Committee
(1998 - 2013). Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, Illinois

ACTIVITIES

- Illinois Licensed Clinical Social Worker (License #149-008973)
- Certified School Social Worker (Type 73)
- National Association of Social Workers-Illinois chapter
- **Benedictine Oblate** (St Scholastica Monastery, Chicago)

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, (3.91 GPA), Loyola University School of Social Work, Chicago, Illinois.

Bachelor of Arts, Magna cum laude (3.5 GPA), Blackburn College*, Carlinville, Illinois.

Major: Psychology (3.7 GPA in major)

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