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EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, The University of Akron, Akron, OH.

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, The University of Akron, Akron, OH.

LICENSURE

Independently Licensed Social Worker (LISW), State of Ohio 2019

Licensed Social Worker (LSW), State of Ohio 2016

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

July 2019- Present

Director of Residential Services

CHC Addiction Services aka

Community Health Center

380 S. Portage Path, Akron, OH

Residential Treatment Program for Men with co-occurring disorders; substance abuse and mental health.

Overseeing a staff of 25 – working with men who are struggling with addictions, dual-diagnoses, and mental health symptoms at a high-risk, 3.5 ASAM level of care. Utilizing both, Macro and Micro social work practices, to increase support from the community, as well as guide those struggling with addiction, learn a new way of life in recovery. While utilizing evidence-based educational and practice modalities with the goal to increase education for staff and positive outcomes for men in recovery.

July 2016 - Present

Mental Health/ Chemical Dependency Counselor

Coordinator Touchstone Program for Women with co-occurring disorders – substance abuse

Community Health Center

838 Coburn, Akron, OH

and mental health

Mental Health / Chemical Dependency Counselor – working with clients who are struggling with addictions, dual-diagnoses, and mental health stressors. Utilizing social work practices, such as Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing, and strengths perspective, to increase a stronger level of functioning. Working with individuals, as well as groups, on coping skills, women’s empowerment, anger management, relapse prevention, AoD education, and mindfulness skills.

August 2015-May 2016

Summit County Children Services

Case Worker – Intern

264 S. Arlington, Akron, OH

Intake services, Ongoing services, Legal department, Court Appearances, Family Team Meetings, Team Decision Meetings, Semi-Annual Reviews, Juvenile Rule 6 meetings, Home visits (alone and shadowing), SACWIS training, CAPMIS training, Activity Log, Family Interaction Center monitoring, Safety Assessment/ Investigation activity logs and implementation, Safety Plans, Care Center, Medical compliancy mandates, Foster care, Independent Living, Human Trafficking training, Disproportionality training, Risk factors in Child Welfare Training, Historical Trauma and Evidence-Based Treatment Strategies training , and Research in the Quality Improvement department.

January 2014-May 2015

Victim Assistance Program

Crisis Advocate Intern and Volunteer

150 Furnace, Akron, OH

Training in Akron Police Department’s procedures, reports, and policies. Crisis intervention for families who lost loved ones through homicide, accidental, or other ways. Advocacy of victims of all crimes, such as domestic violence, homicide, harassment, burglary, suicide, traffic fatalities, infant deaths, assault, sexual assault, human trafficking, and suicide. Court advocacy; working with families who will need to give testimony, jury advocates, and victims of domestic violence who will see their perpetrator in court. Worked with the Domestic Relations courts, including procedures, training in temporary and permanent protection orders. Implemented a process for the advocates; to be more efficient in their processes. Volunteered at 2 of the Victim Assistance Program Mardi Gras Events.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

August 2016 – Present

The University of Akron

Part-time Instructor

School of Social Work

Akron, OH

Research I, II, Social Work Undergraduate Students

Program Evaluation, Social Work Masters Students

Field Liaison 2018-Present

Taught Research I for Undergraduate Bachelor of Social Work students. Managed a class of 25 students. Instruct students on Research I, which introduces students to the logic of scientific inquiry, the research process and the relationship between research and social work practice. Provide students with the knowledge to critically evaluate existing social work research, to guide them to understand the principles of process of evaluating practices; and to consider research issues regarding values and ethics within a social work frame of reference.

August 2014-May 2016**The University of Akron****Graduate Assistant/ Instructor****School of Social Work****Akron, OH**

Assisted numerous professors in Research I, Practice Skills I, and Practice Skills Lab I, and worked directly with students to guide them on Research and Practice Skills. Taught Research I independently. Research I – Support Professor Dr. McCollister in classroom and grading. With increased support for the research process; APA guidelines, skills and abilities in research through social work practices. Social work Practice I and Skills Lab for Practice I. Support instructor Ms. Sette and Mr. Davis. Guiding students on social work practice skills, such as communicating, active listening, to ensure better outcomes in their field working with clients.

EDUCATION AND RESEARCH PRACTICES**August 2014-May 2016****The University of Akron****School of Social Work, Akron, OH**

Foundation, theories, human behavior, systems, social work policies, and the value of research practices. Concentration, Micro, crisis intervention, research, theories, micro, mezzo, and macro interventions and practices. Psychopathology, DSM-V diagnosis, licensure preparation courses.

August 2009-December 2013**The University of Akron****Developmental and Industrial Psychology Department**

Areas of concentration; psychological tests and measures, developmental psychology, sociology, criminology, intro to legal practices, psychology of hate, abnormal psychology, research methods, psychology of small group behavior, industrial/organizational psychology, human relations, death and dying, diversity in American society, psychology and the legal system, and psychology of hate.

August 2011-December 2013

The University of Akron Psychology Department

Undergraduate Research Assistant

Supported Professor, Dr. Bisconti and Doctoral Student Ms. Walker in the research department. Implementing participants, from a research study, into SPSS, collecting, organizing and maintaining data from the participants. Organized the input and specificity of the data into SPSS.

The research study was approved by the IRB and the research conducted is a cross-sectional study to investigate the intersectionality of ageism, sexism, and racism in college-aged women, middle-aged women, and older women.

Supported Professor, Dr. Wessell and Doctoral Student Mr. Dinh, in the Industrial / Organizational Psychology department. Managed Human Participant Research database, conducted numerous experiments with undergraduate students. Collected data to support the STEM research project for multiple studies throughout the country.

The research study was approved by the IRB and the research conducted is to evaluate graduate student teaching performances outcomes, from an undergraduate students perspective, through a positive, negative, or a neutral independent variable.

Supported Dr. Wessell through translation / dictation of voice recordings of a focus group. The research study was approved by the IRB and was to gather information on what defines an ally for the LGBT community.

CERTIFICATIONS AND TRAININGS

American Sign Language

Advocacy skills in Crime Victims training - 40 hours Victim Assistance Academy Training

Ohio Victims Compensation Training

Intensive training- Crisis interventions, homicide, rape, domestic violence, medical examiner, crime scene, death notifications, and Akron Children's Care Center.

Disproportionality training Summit County Children Services (SCCS)

Trauma Informed Therapist

SACWIS and CAPMIS training, HIPPA

Human Trafficking

EMDR - Eye Movement Desensitization reprocessing training

Certified as a National Victims Advocate - Training VAP Academy

MI trained – Motivational Interviewing intervention

Memberships

National Association of Social Workers

Phi Alpha – National Social Work Honor Society

Secretary for Masters of Social Work Student Organization

Psi Chi – The International Psychology Honor Society

Phi Sigma Alpha - The Buchtel Arts and Science Collegiate Honor Society

Golden Key International Honor Society

UAkron Signers – American Sign Language Member

TIFCC- Member of the Summit County Trauma-informed Care Coalition