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EDUCATION

New York University, Silver School of Social Work May 2018 Master of Social Work | GPA 3.7

University of Bridgeport, College of Public and International Affairs May 2016 Bachelor of Arts in Criminal Justice and Human Security *GPA* | 3.7

Skills: Virtual Telehealth counseling, group facilitation, Therapeutic/Clinical Consultation, Positive Youth Development, Data Collection & reporting, Direct Practice, Court System, Client advocacy, strength based perspective/assessment active listening, boundary setting, crisis intervention, CBT, Mindfulness, case management, verbal and written communication, organization, Microsoft Office, criminal justice knowledge, integrative behavioral health, social emotional learning, AI, adaptability, resource management, coordination, team leadership, management, team building, program implementation, hiring, supervision,

Affiliations: Society for Community Research and Action, *Alpha Phi Sigma National Honor Society for Criminal Justice, Member, Pi Gamma Mu International Honor Society for Social Sciences, Member, Constance McCatherin Silver Fellowship*

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

LMSW CERTIFICATION EFFECTIVE 11/20/2019

Youth Action, YouthBuild New York, N.Y.

March 2022– Present

Director of Programs

- ❑ Directs the strategic operations of the program and implements programmatic and administrative policies and procedures to attain program mission, goals, and objectives for over 35 youth each program year.
- ❑ Makes programmatic and administrative recommendations to the Executive Director in accordance with the agency/program goals and objectives weekly.
- ❑ Provide strategic leadership and oversight of program data collection, compliance and reporting systems in accordance with various grant requirements daily.
- ❑ Supervises the regular provision of program data and performance reports for agency leadership, board of directors and funders.
with various grant requirements.
- ❑ Attends period training and development sessions in order to stay up to date on compliance needs youth programming/trends on-goingly.
- ❑ Works with the Fiscal team and the ED to prepare and monitor the annual program budget and oversees the administration of the program budget bi weekly.
- ❑ Works closely with Executive Director in developing grant proposals, fund development events and program design as needed.
- ❑ Meets with participants who require individual attention to address negative or ineffective attitudes and behaviors and assist with developing a plan to facilitate growth and change.
- ❑ Advocates with human service, health, court, and criminal justice systems to resolve issues facing participants.
- ❑ Develops cooperative working relationships with community partners to expand resources for participants.
- ❑ Ensures the establishment of robust participant follow-up activities including, portfolio development, post program tracking and follow up, periodic contact and alumni engagement.
- ❑ Communicates with ED, management team and Board of Directors on a regular basis to provide program updates, achievements and milestones, and to identify program gaps/challenges.

PM EVALUATION & THERAPY SERVICES Bronx, N.Y.

December 2019– Present

Applied Behavioral Analyst

- ❑ ABA Contractor within the five boroughs in person and virtual platforms.
- ❑ Providing assessment and skills to children on the spectrum and their parents/family to improve their developmental abilities through play therapy and psycho education.
- ❑ Demonstrates knowledge in meeting mandates of DOH and PM Evaluation & Therapy Services when providing services.

Housing Works New York, N.Y.

May 2021– November 2021

Article 31 OMH Therapist

- ❑ Provided treatment to over 40 clients weekly.
- ❑ Was responsible for intake, clinical diagnosis and treatment planning.
- ❑ Adhered to OMH Article 31 regulations.

Center for Court Innovation Bronx, N.Y.

November 2019 – May 2021

Save Our Streets Social Worker

- ❑ Provided clinical/therapeutic services to individuals and groups with a focus of trauma and healing.
- ❑ Implemented alternative therapeutic strategies via virtual platforms.
- ❑ Consulted and supports staff members and works closely with Deputy Director to improve therapeutics within the organization.
- ❑ Attended regular weekly clinical staff /all staff meetings to address issues pertaining to consumers and/or programs in addition to participating in supervision.
- ❑ Maintained Data Collection and timeliness.
- ❑ Creates therapeutic curriculum for over 50 clients receiving therapeutic services through socio emotional learning and psycho education.

Rising Ground Bronx, N.Y.

August 2018 – November 2019

Functional Family Therapist

- Provided in-home therapy services to a caseload of 7 families as required by the program through preventative services .
- Appeared in court in order to testify/advocate for clients and submit court reports.
- Participated in Child Safety Conferences in order to begin engagement and assessment process.
- Attended regular weekly clinical staff /all staff meetings to address issues pertaining to consumers and/or programs in addition to participating in supervision.
- Maintained accurate and complete progress notes on the Clinical Service System (CSS) on the FFT National Website within 48 hours from session time.
- Demonstrated knowledge in entering data in NYS Connections.

Children's Aid Society

Bronx, N.Y. March 2018 – July 2018

Employment Specialist

- Provided a caseload of 30 at-risk youth with market-relevant skills and education in a safe learning environment; 3-week job readiness training.
- Implemented mindfulness techniques in job readiness skills to reduce stress and other life skills during weekly check ins.
- Provided follow-up services to help youth secure and retain employment; career coaching and assist with resume preparation, job search and filing applications.
- Created and fostered partnerships with employers to promote at-risk youth employment/internship throughout Children's Aid.
- Strengthened the capacity of the community organization to support relevant vocational training and employment opportunities for youth.
- Identified barriers of employment for youth such as, ESL, Substance Abuse, Mental Health and in collaboration with Case Manager make appropriate referrals.

Children's Aid Society

Bronx, N.Y. September 2017 – May 2018

MSW Clinical Intern

- Facilitated individual, group, case management, and crisis intervention services to diverse population of 40 youth ages 16-24, at the Next Generation Center; clinical issues include trauma, loss, and wide range of mental health issues often compounded by developmental disorders.
- Participated in a multi-disciplinary team of social workers, and case managers, teachers, and principals.
- Utilized interventions including, motivational interviewing, cognitive behavioral therapy, and mindfulness with youth who have experienced trauma, and substance abuse issues.

Phipps Neighborhood

Bronx, N.Y. August 2017 – March 2018

ARCHES Mentor

- Case managed 6 youth on probation through partnership with the Department of Probation and received trainings through DYCD.
- Processed referrals and outbound when necessary to a variety of community organizations such as Bronx works. Facilitated agenda planning and coordination of weekly groups for 20 youth based on CBT curriculum.
- Attended various trainings and workshops such as CBT techniques through DYCD.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Bronx, N.Y. March 2017 – August 2017

Development Assistant

- Coordinated corporate engagement days with key partners: Goldman Sachs, Viacom, PIMCO, New York Restoration, & Viking.
- Organized fundraisers to support agency functioning such as KHCC'S "Raise the Roof" spring Fundraiser.
- Applied and received funding to support agency functions and participants such as Winter Wishes, Pinkerton Foundation, Whole Kids Foundation.
- Managed 78 donors during the building event of KHCC's new Garden Park and other in-kind donations and volunteer projects. Integrated and created creative activities for in-kind donors/volunteers to support throughout programming. Ex: Early Childhood and special needs department.
- Promoted KHCC throughout all social media networks.

Kingsbridge Heights Community Center

Bronx, N.Y. September 2016 – May 2017

MSW Intern

- Provided supportive counseling and academic case management to 11 students between the ages 11 and 21.
- Co-facilitated 2 weekly psycho-educational groups for high school and middle school participants.
- Planned and implemented weekly group sessions with social work interns, youth workers (paid staff), and bachelor's level volunteers from local colleges.
- Represented the teen center at monthly youth committee meetings through Bronx Community Board 8 and a monthly food distribution sponsored by the Food Bank at local P.S. 360 for 8 months.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

East Bronx Youth Empowerment

Bronx, N.Y. September 2016 – May 2017

Mentor Volunteer

- Served as a resource, guide, and role model to youth ages 9-15.
- Shaped agendas, exercises, and lesson plans to engage and inspire mentee toward career goals and classroom excellence.
- Submits activity reports and receives constructive feedback regarding mentoring activities and abilities.

United States Congressman Jim Hime's District Office, Bridgeport, C.T.

September 2015 – December 2015

Intern

- Conversated with constituents in Connecticut's fourth district, especially Veterans in regard to VA and followed up on their concerns.
- Entered information and data on Intranet Quorum and assisted in the preparation of casework for Caseworkers in the office.

Teacher's Assistant at the University of Bridgeport, Bridgeport, C.T.

September 2015 - December 2015

Independent Study: Legal Research and Writing

- ❑ Advised and worked closely with freshman and upperclassmen in the entry-level course for Criminal Justice. ❑ Supported students for all exams by creating review sessions and encouraging that they complete in class lessons. Graded and proctored exams and quizzes for the associated Professor of Criminal Justice Professor William Lay, J.D.
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Kings County District Attorney's Office Brooklyn, N.Y.

June 2015 – August 2015

College Intern in Special Victims Bureau

- ❑ Primed numerous cases for trial by ordering defendant criminal history, victim medical records, 911 calls, and arresting officer notes for the Human Trafficking office. Also, transcribed Riker's Island inmate calls for felony cases.
- ❑ Served and filed statements of readiness and discovery by stipulation with defense counsel as well as Brooklyn Criminal Court and Supreme Court.
- ❑ Prepared discovery documents to be turned over to defense counsel, including complaint report, screening sheet, victim and eyewitness statement, grand jury minutes, and other form of evidence.