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EXPERIENCE

SUMMARY:

Dynamic communicator who is highly effective at assessing client needs, developing a therapy plan and providing empathetic counseling for specific population of adolescents to young adults. Specialties in substance abuse and child/family psychosocial dynamic issues.

Clinician in Private Practice

(2002 – Present)

Caseload of 4-6 patients (Individual, couples and family counseling)

Professional Speaker/Workshop Leader

Gave talks and workshops promoting health and wellness, motivating individuals to change their lifestyle patterns, overcome addictions and make healthy behavioral choices.

Yoga Teacher

Taught yoga to individuals and groups in spas, private homes churches and corporate settings. Also taught yoga to clients in recovery from substance abuse.

Five Towns Community Center, Lawrence, NY

Substance Abuse Counselor

(1993 – 2002)

Provides in-take assessments and evaluation, client substance abuse education, short and long term therapy, community program referrals for diverse mandated (DUI) and voluntary client base from teens to middle aged adults. Conducts Individual and Family therapy to get at underlying problems that are barriers to recovery such as post traumatic stress syndrome; teen and spouse abuse; domestic conflicts; adult and teen depression; rigid/poor family boundaries; employment related issues and delinquency problems in school. Efficiently managed a full 28 client caseload per week.

Highlights and Accomplishments:

- ◇ Accomplished breakthroughs in communication and built trust with those clients who are very difficult to reach – clients who are both mentally ill and addicted (MICA).
- ◇ Continues to utilize prior medical school course work learning to provide staff and clients with education on physiology of how drugs impact the mind and body; the process of addiction; and the psychopharmacology of potential drug interactions.
- ◇ Developed and presented impactful teen workshops on drugs and drug abuse prevention

Peninsula Counseling Center Family Unit, Woodmere, NY

Social Worker Consultant

(1994 – 1995)

On a part-time basis worked with children and their families on substance abuse problems and the role of family dynamics e.g., lack of boundaries, child neglect, child and adult depression.

Provided short term counseling, education, and client referrals to outside medical and community resources.

Public School (P.S.) 197, Far Rockaway, NY**Social Worker Consultant****(1993 – 1994)**

On a part-time basis, provided problem assessment and counseling to depressed and troubled children 6 to 11 years. Used play therapy as assessment tool, gained children's trust to counsel effectively. Working knowledge of Spanish used to communicate with Hispanic children where necessary.

Special Services For Senior Citizens, Brooklyn, NY**Case Manager/Assessor****(1993 – 1994)**

On a part time basis, conducted on premise and in-home evaluation of senior population needs (ADL's) and (IADL's), assessing needs and providing crisis management counseling: referrals (such as Meals On Wheels Program, Assisted Homemaker Personal Care Services, Medicaid programs).

Highlights and Accomplishments:

- ◇ Based on working for one year as a telephone counselor on *Middle Earth Crisis Hot Line*, designed and implemented a special training program dealing with the identification and prevention of suicidal risk in geriatric population; educated supervisor and peer counselors.
- ◇ Used medical school course work background to initially assess physical problems and diseases associated with geriatric population; where warranted made recommendations for further medical examination, assistance and equipment, state aid, physical therapy. Also educated staff on psycho-pharmacology of drug interactions.
- ◇ Contributed to 20% overall reduction in case load back-up.

Part Time Jobs/Internships for MSW Program At Adelphi University:**Aspects Child Family Care Centre, Ozone Park, NY****Social Work Intern Counselor****(1992)**

Under supervision, worked with troubled children and teens, and their families on such issues as domestic violence, child and spouse abuse, depression and acting out. Provided case assessments; used play therapy as assessment tool. Provided community, medical, and insurance referrals.

Forrest Hills Community House**Social Work Intern Counselor****(1991)**

Under supervision, worked with elderly clients and their families. Provided assessments, conducted support groups; provided medical and community referrals.

Village Visiting Neighbors, Cue Gardens, NY**Social Work Coordinator****(1990)**

Worked part time while working towards MSW. Conducted client intakes, needs assessments; matched geriatric client needs with appropriate volunteer counselors. Worked in both Manhattan and Queens' communities to promote Village Visiting Neighbors services and programs.

Other Work: Sales and Management Experience:**Century 21 F.H. Realty Corporation, Forrest Hills****Residential Real Estate Agent (1987 – 1990)**

Sold over \$1.5M in residential sales on a yearly basis.

Electro-Therapeutics, Inc.**Sales Account Executive, Promoted To Sales Manager in 1985 (1983 – 1984)**

Used Medical School knowledge to very successfully sell durable medical equipment to Physicians and Medical Centers. Accounted for over \$1M in sales first year. As sales manager, responsible for \$3M territory and managed eight sales account executives.

EDUCATION:

Post Graduate Work: NYTI (New York Training Institute for Neurolinguistic Programming)

(NLP) Certified Master Practitioner

Certified in 1994

(NLP) Certified Practitioner

Certified in 1993

Adelphi University Graduate School of Social Work

MSW, CSW

Graduated 1993

New York College Of Podiatric Medicine

(Two Years Graduate Work)

1981 – 1983

State University College (At Oneonta, NY)

BS (Business and Economics)

Graduated 1981

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