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Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Florida
Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor
Approved Clinical Supervisor
National Certified Counselor
National Board Certified Teacher – School Counseling
FL DoE Certification - School Counselor

Infant Mental Health Specialist
Qualified Supervisor MHC, Florida
Licensed Professional Counselor, Pennsylvania
Licensed Professional Counselor, Virginia
Board Certified Sex Therapist
FL DoE Certification - Psychology 6-12

EDUCATION:

PhD, Clinical Sexology: American Academy of Clinical Sexologists, Orlando, Florida: January 2014

EdS, Counselor Education: Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida: August 2005

MS, Clinical Psychology: Millersville University: Millersville, Pennsylvania: July 1999

BA, Psychology: Lock Haven University: Lock Haven, Pennsylvania: May 1996

AA, Interior Design: Art Institute of Pittsburgh: Pittsburgh: Pennsylvania: March 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Licensed Mental Health Counselor, Private Practice: Wilton Manors, FL
September 2001 to Present

- Provide individual, group and family therapy to children, adolescents and adults

ESE & Support Services, School Board of Broward County: Ft. Lauderdale, FL

ESE Counselor

September 2001 to Present

- Provide individual, group and family counseling using research supported interventions to Exceptional Education Students in Kindergarten through 12th grade per Individual Educational Plan
- Provide consultation to teachers, administrators and school based counseling staff on strategies to support student academic and social success
- Design and implement parenting programs to parents
- Design and implement staff development programs to administrators & teachers
- Participate in IEP meetings utilizing data driven information on student performance
- Support school-based Rtl teams
- Provide crisis intervention as needed
- Maintain Medicaide billing and documentation for school reimbursement of mental health services

ESE Counselor Team Leader – additional responsibilities

August 2008 to Present

- Provide team leadership and clinical support to team of 14 ESE Family Counselors
- Design, implement and deliver staff development inservice and CEU programs to 44 District ESE Counselors
- Produce curriculum & evidence-based training materials
- Monitor learning outcomes
- Conduct yearly needs assessment to identify staff training needs
- Coach and collaborate with ESE Counselors serving 53 Elementary, 15 Middle, 10 High, 6 Off Campus Learning Centers & 3 Technical schools
- Collaborate with Behavioral Health Partnership, Office of General Counsel, Student Services Department, Office of Talent Development & non district trainers for the purpose of program development and procedure development
- Revise developed procedures based on Federal IDEA mandates, FL DOE Technical Assistance Paper, Department of Health requirements, and SBBC policies with stakeholder collaboration

Disability Counselor, Office of Disability Services, Barry University: Miami Shores, FL
August 1999 to September 2001

- Counseled students on personal growth and disability issues in individual and group settings
- Developed, monitored, adjusted, and evaluated individual accommodation plans for 200 students with disabilities at the undergraduate and graduate level
- Reviewed and interpreted psycho-educational evaluations to determine eligibility for services and prescribe appropriate academic accommodations under mandates of Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, the American with Disabilities Act and Barry University policies
- Offered information to administration, faculty, and staff regarding disability laws and regulations for colleges and universities to provide necessary accommodations for students and employees
- Coordinated the administration of academic examinations to students with exam accommodations
- Participated in multidisciplinary team meetings with clinical other staff
- Faculty advisor to Students for Equal Access to Barry University

RELATED EXPERIENCE:

Conference Session Proposal Reviewer, Association for Play Therapy

December 2015 – Present

- Review and rate proposals based on Association's established Annual Conference rubric and criteria

Professional Development Trainer

October 2015 – Present

- Developmental Perspective of Children's Sexual Behaviors, Children Services Council, Broward County – 3 CEU's (October 2015, scheduled April 2016 & August 2016)
- Discovering Play Therapy Activities on Social Media, Children Services Council, Broward County 3 – CEU's (January 2016)
- Discovering Play Therapy Activities on Social Media, School Board of Broward County – 3 CEU's (March 2016)

VISTAS Review Board, American Counseling Association

March 2015 – Present

- Peer reviewer panel member for American Counseling Association's VISTAS Online publication

Adjunct Professor, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University, Fort Lauderdale, FL

May 2014 – Present

- PYCL 582 Human Sexuality – Fall 2014, Spring 2016 & Summer 2016
- PYCL 680 Practicum – Summer 2014 & Summer 2015
- PYCL 681 Internship I – Fall 2014 & Fall 2015
- PYCL 682 Internship II – Spring 2015 & Spring 2016

Assessment Redevelopment Item Writer National Board of Professional Teaching Standards (NBPTS), Pearson

March 2014 – April 2014

- Selected Response Item writer for ECYA School Counseling NBPTS test development

American Counseling Association Representative to the Safe & Supportive Schools Project,

American Psychological Association

February 2014 – August 2014

- Reviewed evidence supported resources and provide implementation guidance

June 2015

- Pilot online version of Respect Workshop: Preventing Health Risks and Promoting Healthy Outcome among LGBTQ Students.

Mining Report Contributor, Association for Play Therapy

January 2014 - Present

- Review mental health publications for intelligence of value to play therapists and transmit citations for such to the editor

Peer Reviewer for Florida's 21st Century Community Learning Centers, Florida Department of Education, Children's Forum, Inc.

August 2013

- Reviewed 2013-14 RFPs for competitive grant based on rubric and program criteria

Advisory Board of Educators, Free Spirit Publishing

May 2012 – Present

- Provide feedback on content, text, and art on manuscripts and products for young peoples social and emotional health
- Identify emerging needs for what educators need to support the kids in educational settings

Volunteer Clinical Supervisor, SunServe Social Services Inc., Wilton Manors, FL

March 2012 – January 2013

- * Provide structured specific supervision, training and feedback to Registered MHC Interns

Conference Session Proposal Reviewer, American Counseling Association

2010-Present

- * Review and rate proposals based on ACA established Annual Conference rubric and criteria

Adjunct Instructor, School of Adult and Continuing Education, Barry University: Miami Shores, FL
Summer 2000

- * Psychology of Drug and Alcohol Abuse (Psy 301)

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