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Educational Background

Graduate:

Certificate of Advanced Study (CAS) School Psychology, 1984, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Institute, WV

Master of Arts (MA) in School Psychology, 1981, West Virginia College of Graduate Studies, Institute, WV

Child Assessment and Counseling, 1980, Institute of Child Study, University of Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Undergraduate:

Bachelor of Arts (BA) Honors Psychology. McMaster University, Hamilton, Ontario, Canada

Certification:

State of FL Department of Education, Number 561854, Professional School Psychologist Grades PK-12

Nationally Certified School Psychologist, Certification Number 16126

Clinical Educators Training for Student Services, Broward County Schools

Youth Mental Health First Aid USA

Licensure

State of Florida Department of Health, School Psychology License #SS0000489

Professional Experiences

August 2022 to

Present

Fort Lauderdale Campus Site Manager for School Psychology, College of Psychology, Nova Southeastern University (NSU), Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Coordinate student services for the School Psychology program
- Collaborate with Program Directors regarding student services needs
- Participate in the academic monitoring of students
- Develop school-based practicums and internships experiences for students
- Coordinate preparation of students for internship
- Serve as a link between student and faculty

August 1985 to

July 2021

School Psychologist, the School Board of Broward County, Fort Lauderdale, FL

- Provided comprehensive psychological services to students, families and school personnel in Broward County.
- Conducted comprehensive and individualized psycho-educational evaluations.
- Participated in Collaborative Problem-Solving Team meetings.
- Consulted and collaborated with teachers, parents and administrators to develop academic and behavioral interventions for struggling students in a Response to Intervention (RTI) process.
- Provided in-service training to school personnel on topics such as violence prevention – warning signs, and suicide prevention.
- Provided in-service training to colleagues on adaptive behavior assessments.
- Assisted school personnel with problem definition, data collection, assessment for intervention, intervention planning, intervention monitoring, graphing and intervention evaluation.
- Assisted schools in completing Functional Behavior Assessments and creating Positive Behavior Intervention Plans.
- Participated in Behavioral Threat Assessments and Suicide Risk Assessments.
- Served on the Crisis Team and delivered individualized and group crisis counseling and support for students, families, and staff.
- Supervised Practicum and Internship students from Nova Southeastern University, Florida International University, Barry University, and the University of Denver.
- Served as Instructional Coach/Mentor for beginning school psychologists.

August 1981 to
June 1985

School Psychologist, Raleigh County Public Schools, Beckley, West Virginia 25801

- Conducted cognitive, affective and academic evaluations.
- Provided staff development programs.
- Provided family counseling.
- Consulted with parents and teachers.
- Served as a liaison between schools and community agencies.

August 1980 to
June 1981

School Psychologist Intern, Raleigh County Schools, Beckley, WV 25801

August 1979 to
June 1980

Therapist at Shawnee Hills Mental Health Mental Retardation Center, Charleston, WV 25301

- Conducted intake interviews
- Case Manager for outpatient clients

Professional Affiliations

National Association of School Psychologists (NASP)

Florida Association of School Psychologists (FASP)

Broward Association of School Psychologists (BASP) – Secretary 2013 – 2018

Presentations

Getting the Most out of your Practicum Experience, presented to students in the *Practicum in School Psychology: School Based* class at Nova Southeastern University 2018-2022.

Tactile Assessment of Performance (TAP), presented to colleagues (psychologists) interested in learning more about assessing visually impaired and blind students November 2012.

Jamaican Cultural Awareness, Florida Association of School Psychologists Convention. Daytona Beach, FL 1989 – information used as a resource in training and assessment in Broward County FL

An Alternative Model for Working with the Curriculum Disabled Youngster (Slow Learner), Florida Association of School Psychologists Convention. Tampa, FL 1988

Community Service

Broward Alliance of Caribbean Educators, Inc. (BACE) – member, a non-profit organization providing educational support for students and their families.

Children’s Home Society, worked on projects to benefit abused and neglected children.

Feeding South Florida, Volunteer.

National Alliance for Autism Research.

March of Dimes Walk America.

Autism Speaks, dedicated to promoting solutions, across the spectrum and throughout the life span, for the needs of individuals with autism and their families.

Family Assistance Center, Pine Trails Park, Parkland: Provided crisis counseling to students and their families following the MSD tragedy.

Recognition

Recipient of the inaugural Florida Association of School Psychologists Outstanding Supervisors of Practicum and Internship Students Award, 2021.

Recipient of Broward County Recognition Program (BCRP) award following an intensive portfolio review. National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, Broward County Public Schools.