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EDUCATION

University of Illinois Chicago – Jane Addams School of Social Work

Master of Social Work

August 2022 - May 2024

GPA 4.0

Bradley University

Bachelor of Science

Major in Psychology, Minor in Sociology

August 2017 - December 2021

Cumulative GPA 3.36

Department GPA: 3.85

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Catholic Charities of the Archdiocese of Chicago

August 2023 – May 2024

Bilingual Counseling Intern

- Assess and diagnose mental and behavioral disorders for children ages 6-18.
- Document assessment utilizing the Illinois Medicaid Comprehensive Assessment of Needs and Strengths (IM+CANS).
- Provide individual and family counseling and behavioral support services, as well as, collaborate with school administration to identify barriers in supportive services.
- Guide clients in culturally appropriate therapeutic exercises using Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Play Therapy, and Client Centered modalities.
- Collaborate with the counseling staff on a weekly basis to consult on cases and introduce resources.

Housing Forward (Chicago, IL)

Interim Housing Case Aid

August 2022 – April 2023

- Completed comprehensive intake assessments, documenting information such as homelessness history, assessing benefits eligibility, and safety concerns.
- Developed service plans with clients by utilizing SMART goal skills to facilitate clients in obtaining necessary services.
- Engaged in skills education, primarily modeling techniques clients may utilize when contacting realtors or service providers.

UnityPoint Health (Peoria, IL)

Behavioral Health Professional in Emergency

Responses Services (ERS)

April 2022 – August 2022

- De-escalated clients experiencing crisis in community-based settings and ensured safety of clients.
- Linked clients to individualized community resources
- Conducted the Columbia-Suicide Severity Rating Scale (C-SSRS) and Mini Mental Status Exams on clients in need of crisis intervention.
- Completed involuntary hospitalization petitions when deemed necessary
- Completed case notes of psychiatric crisis, mobile crisis responses, and recommended services.

SKILLS AND ABILITIES

- Conversational Spanish
- Effective Communication
- De-escalation and conflict Resolution
- Knowledge of Diagnostic Criteria
- Application of Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale (CSSR-S)

AWARDS

- LARES Scholar 2023
- Dean's List Academic Achievement 2018 – 2021

CERTIFICATIONS

- UIC Integrated Behavioral Health Training Program - Trained to use evidence-based practices that have been found to be effective among diverse populations.
- IM+CANS (Illinois Medicaid CANS) of Lifespan
- Treatment Planning
- TF-CBT Web 2.0
- Community Involvement in Research Training (CIRT)

The Center for Youth and Family Solutions

(Peoria, IL)

May 2021-December 2021

Child Welfare Intern

- Reviewed integrated assessments, psychological assessments, and Individualized Education Programs (IEP).
- Developed professional relationships with behaviorally specialized clients within various placement settings.
- Completed home visit case notes and home safety assessments.
- Participated in Child and Family Team meetings (CFTMs) and clinical conferences to develop specialized solutions.
- Attended court hearings to evaluate status of case, termination of parental rights, and adoptions.

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

The National Museum for Mexican Art

(Chicago, IL)

May 2023 - Present

Museum Attendant

- Effectively communicate culturally informed values and tradition to visitors.
- Responsible for meeting and greeting visitors and facilitating in answering questions.
- Maintaining the appearance of the gallery displays.