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Profile Solid background in the counseling and social work field. Experienced in managing facilities and meeting state, county, and licensing regulations. Skilled in following, developing, and implementing standardized policies, procedures, and treatment documents.

Education **Certificate of Completion**, River City School of Ministry 2008-2010

Master of Science in Marriage, Family, and Child Counseling, University of Phoenix 2005-2008

Bachelor of Arts, Sociology with an Emphasis in Law and Society, University of California at Davis 1998-2003

Summary of Skills **Computer:** Comfortable with office productivity software, including Microsoft Word, Excel, Internet Explorer, Power Point, email in IBM and Macintosh environments. Website design and maintenance skills.

Certifications:

- ✚ Marriage and Family Therapist Registered Intern #57508, August 2008, Board of Behavioral Sciences
- ✚ National Provider # 1114195716, February 2008
- ✚ Adult and Infant CPR, February 2008, American Red Cross
- ✚ Standard First Aid, April 2006, American Red Cross
- ✚ Mental Health Rehabilitation Specialist #7641, October 2006

Other Specialized Training:

- ✚ Grief and Loss Counseling, Outback Therapeutic Expeditions
- ✚ Love and Logic Parenting, Foster and Kinship Care Education
- ✚ Applied Behavior Consultants, Positive Option Family Service
- ✚ Medi-Cal Billing and Treatment Code, Panacea
- ✚ Non-Violent Crisis Intervention, Crisis Prevention Inc.
- ✚ Professional Assault Response Training (PART), FamiliesFirst Inc.
- ✚ Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), FamiliesFirst Inc.
- ✚ Community Care Licensing Requirements (CCL), FamiliesFirst Inc.

Documentation:

- ✚ Data Assessment Plan (DAP) notes
- ✚ Subjective Objective Assessment Plan (SOAP) notes
- ✚ Assessment and treatment plans
- ✚ Mental Status Exams (MSE)
- ✚ Progress and termination/discharge reports
- ✚ Social worker quarterly reports
- ✚ Child and Adult Protective Services reports
- ✚ Police missing persons reports
- ✚ Incident reports
- ✚ Medication log

Affiliations:

- ✚ California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)
- ✚ Ministry Team, The Family Church

Awards Received:

- ✚ Outstanding Board Leadership of the 2010 Year, California Association for Marriage and Family Therapists (CAMFT)

Summary of Professional Experience

SOCIAL SERVICES/COUNSELING EXPERIENCE

Marriage and Family Therapist, Intern #57508*April 2008-Current*

Current: Community Counseling Services, Carmichael,

Past: HOPE Counseling Center, Roseville, CA

Offer individuals, couples, children, and families therapeutic services, carrying a current caseload of 14 clients.

Independently diagnose and treat mental disorders. Focus on understanding the client's symptoms and interaction

patterns with their existing environment. Encourage a safe environment for all clients and provide referrals as necessary.

Marriage and Family Therapist, Trainee*January 2008-July 2008*

Sexual Assault Domestic Violence Center, Woodland, CA

Offered both male and female clients ranging from 5-75 years of age therapeutic services, carrying a caseload of eight

clients. Independently diagnosed and treated sexually assaulted and/or domestic violence victims. Focused on

understanding the client's symptoms and interaction patterns with their existing environment. Encouraged a safe

environment for all clients and provided referrals as necessary.

Marriage and Family Therapist, Trainee*September 2007-March 2008*

Healthy Partnerships, Dixon, CA

Offered both male and female clients ranging from 18-60 years of age therapeutic services, carrying a caseload of seven

clients. Encouraged clients and their families through an eclectic approach to learn about themselves, learn ways to

overcome difficulties, develop inner strengths and skills, and make changes in themselves and their situations to have a

more stable and drug free life-style. Participated in conference meetings with probation officers and Child Protective

Services (CPS) workers for client's as necessary.

Family Respite Provider*November 2006-February 2009*

United Cerebral Palsy, Sacramento, CA

Provided non-medical care for people with developmental or physical disabilities. Maintained, strengthened, and

safeguarded the care of individuals in their homes. Facilitated social and recreational opportunities in the community for

individuals. Supported the parents with specific needs and concerns for their children.

Social Worker*November 2006-August 2007*

Positive Option Family Service, Sacramento, CA

Supervised, protected, and cared for children and families in a foster care setting and managed a caseload of 15.

Provided clinical intervention, utilized crisis management, and supported parent education & support to meet the client's

needs. Promoted awareness of permanency needs of children and actively participated in Intervention Education Plan

(IEP) meetings and court hearings for each client weekly. Worked directly with Child Protective Service workers to

support the needs of each client. Conducted foster home inspections weekly.

Mental Health Worker*January 2006-October 2006*

Yolo Community Care Continuum, Woodland, CA

Provided treatment for male and female adults with Axis I disorders and who were also homeless. Supported clients in

accessing community resources and provided one-to-one counseling. Assisted clients in maintenance of prescribed

medication and worked with crisis networks, including emergency rooms, to interview clients for the program and assess

their mental status and diagnosis. Taught independent living skills and utilized individualized approach to client services.

Provided milieu management and prepared and facilitated appropriate goal groups. Oversaw client participation in meals and recreation. Provided communication and outreach by coordinating with other treatment providers.

Counselor (RTP, NPS)

July 2001-January 2005

FamiliesFirst Inc., Davis, CA

Supervised, protected, and cared for severely emotionally disturbed 6-18 year old males in a restrictive residence and non-public school. Assisted boys in working in groups and in handling individual challenges. Provided day-to-day supervision and care of boys, including assistance with activities of daily living, personal care, planned activities, and food services. Assisted boys with medication administration and monitoring. Set limits for boys' behavior and administered positive reinforcement and discipline systems. Noted boys' progress and assisted the treatment team in identifying the possible need for other professional services. Mentored new counselors and assisted new staff in learning duties.

Crisis Stabilization Counselor

May 2004-January 2005

The Rose Manning Youth Shelter, Pleasant Hill, CA

Provided assessment and crisis stabilization services for 6-18 year old male and female children in transition or crisis.

Child Care Worker

June 2004-December 2004

Sacramento Assessment Center, Sacramento, CA

Provided counseling and assessment to 11-17 year old male and female clients who were on probation, had been adjudicated, and had been committed to placement for the first time. Utilized and promoted the Integrated Model for Placement Case Management and Treatment Program, which uses an evaluation tool designed to situate the minor in the most appropriate placement.

Counselor

July 2001-November 2004

Yolo Crisis Nursery, Davis, CA

Protected newborn-10 years of age male and female clients in crisis from child abuse and neglect. Provided emotional support to each child. Participated in and helped facilitate fun, safe, and intellectual activities. Directly supervised and monitored children, providing counseling as needed.

One on One Counselor (NPS)

November 2003-September 2004

FamiliesFirst Inc., Davis, CA

Tutored, supervised, protected, and cared for a 10 year old male who was severely emotionally disturbed and diagnosed with Autism at a non-public school. Assisted and provided direction in the child's behavioral needs and plans. Attended and assisted in Intervention Educational Plan meetings for the client monthly. Provided day-to-day supervision and care of the client, including assistance with activities of daily living, personal care, and planned activities. Collected data on a daily basis of client's academic and behavioral growth.

SUBSTANCE ABUSE TREATMENT EXPERIENCE

Program Counselor

January 2005-July 2005

Panacea: Comprehensive Drug and Alcohol Treatment, Sacramento, CA

Constructed substance abuse groups for male and female minors and adults who were users in the past or ran a risk of using in the future. Arranged groups that manifested social, mental, and physical well-being. Created treatment plans for individuals in group. Wrote progress notes on a working basis for each group member. Recommended outside support if necessary.

TUTORING EXPERIENCE

Behavioral Tutor

April 2003-May 2004

Central Valley Autism Program-In home, Sacramento, CA

Tutored a 10 year old male diagnosed with Autism at his home through accelerated learning, in a highly structured environment. Utilized the principles of Applied Behavior Analysis and Discrete Trials in order to have a systematic teaching approach. Reviewed goals, objectives, and overall progress of child with parent and at quarterly meetings. Assisted in determining appropriateness of the intervention methodology. Collected data on inappropriate and appropriate behavior from child. Frequently probed for complete concept knowledge.

MANAGEMENT EXPERIENCE

Facility Manager

December 2004-November 2005

Sacramento Assessment Center, Sacramento, CA

Provided supervision to 11-17 year old male and female clients who were on probation, had been adjudicated, and had been committed to placement for the first time. Managed 3 staff for accountability for job performance and work expectations on a working basis. Provided feedback to social workers for assessment and client weekly review reports. Maintained lines of communication with staff, probation officers, and client's family members.

Student Manager

December 1998-December 2001

Sodexo Marriot Services, Davis, CA

Overall day-to-day responsibility for food service and facility operations. Maintained a high level of customer satisfaction and quality standards. Provided direction, training, and development to 5 employees on a working basis. Managed area of responsibility to meet financial objectives.

TECHNOLOGICAL EXPERIENCE

Website Designer and Maintainer

April 2008-Current

Self-Employed

Use creative skills to architecturally design webpages. Work one on one with clients and fulfill needs and functions on each webpage. Work with graphics software and various programs, like Java®, to animate graphics. Work with a variety of media programs to add sound or film clips to webpages. Create pages with a specific design, a uniform graphic set, and important details. Write the content for pages.

EDITORIAL EXPERIENCE

Newsletter Editor

October 2009-December 2011

Sacramento Valley Chapter of the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists

Design and create the newsletter for the chapter on a monthly basis. Encourage members to read the newsletter and submit articles and ads of interest. Work with the board and members in order to meet members' needs.