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EDUCATION

PhD	Anticipated Graduation Date May 2015	Social Work University of Houston
MSSW	August 2002	Master of Science in Social Work University of Texas at Arlington
Bachelor's Degree	December 1999	Bachelor of Liberal Arts: Social Work Northwestern State University

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Summer Session 2001 *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington Texas*
Graduate Research Assistant, hired by Dr. Maria Scannapieco to perform data collection and coding for research projects involving Texas Department of Protective Services

Fall Session 2001 *University of Texas at Arlington, Arlington, Texas*
Graduate Research Assistant, hired by Dr. Sanna Thompson to perform interviews and data collection concerning a project involving the Runaway and Homeless Youth Management Information System

Fall 2012 *University of Houston, Houston Texas*
Graduate Research Assistant hired by Dr. Sarah Narendorf to assist in research preparation, literature reviews, information and documentation management, as well as other activities related to doctoral education preparation.

PROFESSIONAL WORK

4/2004 - June/2012, DePelchin Children's Center -- *(Positions listed in descending order)*

2009 – 2012 *Foster Care Licensing and Compliance Coordinator*

- Various Committee representation regarding guidelines of the Residential Child Care Licensing Minimum Standards for Child Placing Agencies, Council on Accreditation (COA), Youth for Tomorrow(YFT), and Praesidium Risk Management, Texas Administrative Code, as well as The Department of Family and Protective Service Contract (for Child Placing Agencies).
- Agency liaison to Residential Child Care Licensing
- Risk Management Representative for Home Study Reviews and Assessments
- Facilitator of Staffing and Review Committee, responsible to ensure ongoing accountability and risk review of foster homes under the auspices of DePelchin Children's Center
- Representative on Texas Alliance for Children and Families Alliance Regulation Committee
- Monitoring compliance for various aspects of foster family home/group home/primary medical needs home care Participate in policy/procedures development and implementation
- Identify barriers to compliance and creating effective solutions including piloting new endeavors
- Experienced trainer providing workshops to staff as well as clients on Policy and procedures, Risk Management, and Prevention of Child Sexual Abuse
- Participate on teams/work groups in order to provide valuable feedback for the development of internal accountability systems

2009 – 2009 *South Region Foster Care Program Coordinator*, providing oversight for staff and operations of the south region foster care satellite offices

2008 – 2009 *Program Coordinator*, Placement and Admissions Department

- Providing oversight of foster care and residential treatment center intake/admissions department
- 2008 – 2009 *Program Coordinator, Houston Scholar's Program* (overlap), providing oversight of Houston Scholar program and staff. The program housed underprivileged youth with academic potential in a voluntary placement setting where academic oversight and supports were given in order increase potential of admission to top level secondary education institutions.
- 2008 – 2008 *Foster Care Program Coordinator, Memorial Campus*, responsible for oversight of staff and operations of the Memorial Campus foster care program
- 2007 – 2008 *Foster Care Program Coordinator, Brazoria County*, responsible for the staff and operations of the Brazoria county satellite office foster care program.
- 2006 – 2007 *Foster Care Supervisor/Coordinator, Group Home and Medical Needs Home Program*, responsible for the development and oversight of the staff and program.
- 2004 – 2006 *Foster Care Staff Clinician II*, responsible to manage a caseload of youth in foster care including providing advocacy, service referral, treatment planning, and activity documentation.
- 2009-2012 *Contract/PRN Therapist, Behavioral Medicine (PHP)*, performing group therapy sessions with chronically mentally ill adults.
- 2006-2006 *Contract/PRN Group Therapist, Continuum Healthcare (PHP)*, performing group therapy sessions with chronically mentally ill adults.
- 2003-2004 *Therapist/ Case Manager, Psychiatric Family Services (PHP)*, performing group therapy sessions with chronically mentally ill adults.
- 2002-2003 *Qualified Mental Retardation Professional, EduCare of Texas*, responsible for the oversight of staff assigned to 2 residential homes that housed profoundly mentally ill adults and youth. Responsible for service coordination and planning as well as documentation and reporting
- 2001-2002 *Youth Counselor/Administrative Intern, The Bridge Emergency Youth Services*, internship included working directly with the staff grant manager organizing historical information to create a grant management system and completing other grant related tasks. Work as a youth counselor included direct care tasks performed in the emergency youth shelter.
- 2000 -2001 *Social Service Specialist, Caddo Parish Office of Community Services (CPS)*, responsible for maintaining a foster care case load including youth and parents involved
- 1998 -1999 *Cane River Children's Home – Direct Care Staff*, responsible for the daily care of youth housed in the residential treatment center.