

TaKeisha R. Plowden LCSW, MS, CFAS, CAAC, ICAADC

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
110HA Social Work Building
Houston, Texas 77204
Email: trplowden@uh.edu

EDUCATION

- 2009-Present Ph.D Student
University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work
110HA Social Work Building
Houston, TX 77204
Anticipated Graduation Date: December 2012
- 2002 Master Degree in Social Work
Grand Valley State University
401 W. Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
- 2002 Master of Science in Criminal Justice
Grand Valley State University
401 W. Fulton
Grand Rapids, MI 49503
Thesis: *An Exploratory Assessment of Streetwalking Prostitutes from Grand Rapids, Michigan*
Chairperson: Brian Johnson, Ph.D
- 1998 Bachelor of Science in Criminal Justice/Psychology
Grand Valley State University
1 Campus Drive
Allendale, MI 49401

RESEARCH INTERESTS

My research interests include mental health, substance abuse, housing and other supportive service accessibility and utilization among homeless Veterans.

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATION

- 2008 – Present Licensed Clinical Social Worker (Texas and Michigan)
- 2006 – Present Association of Forensic Psychology— Certified Forensic Addiction Specialist (CFAS)
- 2005 – Present Certified Advanced Addictions Drug Counselor (CAAC)
- 2009 – Present Internationally Certified Advanced Alcohol and Drug Counselor

AWARDS/HONORS

- 2004 Grand Rapids Police Department Chief of Police Citation—In recognition of exceptional services provided to the Police Department and to the community.
- 2002 Grand Valley State University School of Social Work Phi Alpha Award recipient for outstanding scholastic achievement and community service.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

- 2002 – 2008 Pluralism in the Human Services (Undergraduate BSW Program)
Cultural Competency for Social Work (Graduate MSW Program)
Social Work Policy (Graduate MSW Program)
- 2011 Teaching Assistant—University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

JOURNAL REVIEW BOARD

- 2009-2011 Member, Editorial Board: *Perspectives in Social Work*, doctoral student edited online journal Graduate College of Social Work, University of Houston.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2010-Present United States Department of Veterans Affairs Houston, TX 77030

Case Manager, Health Care for Homeless Veterans

Work closely with VA and with community partners to assist with the coordination of services, access to care, and education for veterans who are or who are at risk for homelessness.

2008-2010 MHMRA-Harris County Jail Houston, TX 77002

Forensic Clinician (LPHA), Adult Forensic Unit

Collaborated with Harris County Sheriff's Department Detention employees, counselors, physicians, and nurses to plan and coordinate mental health treatment services for inmates.

2004-2008 Family Outreach Center Grand Rapids, MI 49507

Program Coordinator, Family Engagement Therapy Program

Provided individual, family and substance abuse based therapeutic interventions to clients, their family members and/or household residents. Provided employee supervision and completed all administrative tasks.

2005-2008 Spectrum Health Hospital Grand Rapids, MI 49503

Medical Social Worker

Conducted crisis intervention and worked within and interdisciplinary team to ensure the medical, mental health and substance abuse needs of each patient were addressed..

2001-2005 Grand Rapids Police Department Grand Rapids, MI 49501

SWAPP (Social Work and Police Partnership) Director/Clinical Supervisor

Worked directly with the Chief of Police and GRPD Officers to ensure that program goals were met. Completed all administrative/supervisory duties and provided therapeutic and case management services to clients.

2002-2003 **Hospice of Michigan** **Grand Rapids, MI 49506**
Medical Social Worker
Worked closely with physicians, nurses, spiritual care staff and volunteers to ensure that patient/family needs were being met.

2001-2002 **Domestic Assault Response Team (DART)** **Grand Rapids, MI 49503**
Crisis Counselor
Provided counseling and advocated for victims of domestic violence in the legal and social arena.

2000-2001 **Family Outreach Center** **Grand Rapids, MI 49507**
Case Manager-Kent County Correctional Facility
Provided therapeutic and case management services to all inmates in the Kent County Correctional Facility.

1998-2000 **St. John's Home** **Grand Rapids, MI 49506**
Residential Supervisor/Counselor
Provided direct supervision to counselors while facilitating daily therapeutic treatment groups for residents.

COMMUNITY SERVICE

2002—2006 Board of Directors Member: Degage Ministries
2004—2008 Board of Directors Member: AWAKE, Inc.
2006—Present Board Consultant: Living Waters
2006—Present Board Consultant: Sacred Beginnings