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Education/ License

Clinical Social Work License State of Connecticut **License no. 008142**

Masters in Social Work Graduated: May, 2009
Springfield College, Springfield, MA GPA: 3.95; social work honor society

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and Communication Graduated: May, 2006

Keene State College, Keene, NH GPA: 3.75; Deans list

International Exchange: University of Derby, Derby, England (Spring 2005)

High School Diploma
Cheshire High School, Cheshire, CT Graduated June, 2002

Work experience

January 2026 to Present **Springfield College School of Social Work** **Springfield, MA**

Director of Practicum and Assistant Professor

- Overseeing high-quality student field experiences, collaborating with faculty/partners, ensuring accreditation standards (like CSWE for Social Work), recruiting students for placements, and aligning placements with the college's Humanics philosophy of service and leadership, often including both administrative duties and faculty teaching responsibilities. Key tasks include establishing sites, managing placements, obtaining clearances, and supervising both staff and students in real-world settings.

August 2014 to December 2025 **The Children's Law Center of Connecticut** **Hartford, CT**

Staff Social Worker and Families in Transition (FIT) Program Coordinator

- Assess and evaluate family and individual development and functioning within the context of separation and divorce to make custody and access recommendations guided by consideration the best interests of the child. Identify and recommend appropriate community resources in response to specific client needs. Conduct home visits and interviews at the attorneys' requests. Make collateral contacts regarding clients and parents (including, but not limited to contacting doctors, teachers, clergy, mental health providers, DCF, police and extended family members) after consultation with the attorneys. Participate in parenting phone calls. Conduct child interviews at school or home to assist attorneys with investigation. Ongoing communication with attorneys regarding status of work on cases, including updating case notes. Mediator for families in transition high conflict mediation program. Confer with parents in regards to co-parenting issues and concerns.

March 2020- December 2025 **The Children's Law Center of Connecticut** **Hartford, CT**

Program Manager- Families in Transition Program (FIT)

- Manage, coordinate and oversee the high conflict mediation program (FIT) at the Children's Law Center. Complete and process parent intakes, open files and check for conflicts in database. Schedule and oversee mediations including keeping files organized, maintaining and following up with open mediation cases and closing files. Utilize square for billing purposes and send out invoices to parties. Oversee Volunteer mediators including finding times of availability and following up with case needs. Foster relationships with current mediation volunteers and recruit new volunteers for the program. Update brochures and outreach. Mediate cases as needed when there is overflow.

January 2013 to August 2014 **Washington Elementary School** **Manchester, CT**

School Social Worker (K-5)

- Provided individual and group therapy sessions including use of the PATHs Social Skills curriculum. Effectively assessed the underlying causes of a student's behavior which were significantly interfering in the student's educational progress and to participated with the PPT process or such processes as CST/SAT/EIP for such students in order to develop a plan of action in conjunction with the parent(s) and school staff to help the child change the behavior(s) so as to increase the student's participation in the educational program.

May 30th, 2009 to January 26th, 2013 **High Roads Academy** **Wallingford, CT**

School Social Worker (14 to 21 LD program & K-8 ED program).

- Provided individual and group therapeutic counseling to students with severe learning and emotional difficulties. Served as a liaison between families and the school to positively promote collaborative processes in educational planning for students by encouraging parents/ guardian's participation in the school setting. Determined and implemented appropriate therapeutic strategies to effect changes in behavioral -social interactions of students and their families. Updated IEP's and participated as a member of the PPT team to develop interventions for promoting students' academic success.

June 22nd, 2006- Oct 20th, 2008 **Wheeler Clinic** **Bristol, CT**

Case Manager – Children's Extended Day Program

- Helped to develop an effective clinical milieu setting that incorporated evidenced based treatments and activities that promoted the amelioration of psychiatric symptoms and behaviors exhibited by clients. Appropriately utilized behavior management skills to safely manage the milieu in order to minimize crisis situations that may have caused harm or injury to clients and staff.

Collaborated and coordinated with external agencies such as schools, outside providers, DCF, juvenile court and other social service agencies. Maintained accurate documentation that was submitted within program timeframes.

Dec 21st, 2010- August 20th, 2013

Wheeler Clinic

Middletown, CT

Per Diem Crisis Clinician- Emergency Mobile Psychiatric Services

Crisis Clinician in the children's behavioral health unit which provides a multidisciplinary community response to mental health emergencies in the community, home, school, and hospital emergency room. Provided services that assisted families and children during times of crisis. Crisis assessment and resolution of the crisis in the child's home, school or community which included: Brief in-home follow-up services, safety planning, home visits (when requested by the family) to identify the strengths of the family.

Other

Certified Mediator- Quinnipiac University School of Law, CT. March 2015

Field Instructor of the year- St Joseph College, CT. May 2019

Seminar in Field Instruction- Southern Connecticut State University, CT. Completed in 2015