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LICENSURE AND PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical - Maryland
Member of the AFCC (Association of Family and Conciliation Courts)

EDUCATION

University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois *September 2003-June 2005*
Master of Arts, School of Social Services Administration (MSW equivalent)

University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin *September 1998-August 2002*
Bachelor of Science, Psychology
Member of Psi Chi, The International Honors Society in Psychology

SPECIALIZED TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

- Basic Mediation Training (40 hours)
- Child Access Mediation Training (20 hours)
- Parent Coordination Training (56 hours)
- Child and Family Traumatic Stress Intervention (CFTSI) Training from the Yale Child Study Center- intervention to improve communication between child and parents around trauma symptoms (16 hours)
- Safe and Together Core Training- domestic violence intervention for families (22 hours)
- Co-presenter of “*Innovations in Providing Trauma Therapy to Children Immediately After Removal: A Collaboration Between Child Welfare and the Child Advocacy Center through Transitional Trauma Therapy*” for the National Child Advocacy Center’s International Symposium on Child Abuse (Huntsville, Alabama, March 2018)
- Routine presenter for social workers and supervisors at Child Welfare Services regarding assessing safety and risk in child abuse and neglect cases, the impact on the child within each safety and risk factor and resiliency factors/interventions to strengthen high risk families
- Routine presenter for social workers and supervisors at Child Welfare Services regarding the procedures, laws and processes required for Juvenile Court involvement due to child abuse, neglect or risk of harm
- Routine presenter for Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) volunteers regarding Child Welfare Services policy, structure, functioning, role, mission and ongoing work with families

PROFESSIONALEXPERIENCE

Child Welfare Services, Montgomery County, MD Assessment Supervisor

July 25, 2016- present

- Clinical supervision for a team of social workers in the assessment and mitigation of child risk and safety for families involved with Child Protective Services
- Creation and implementation of interventions with families in crisis to resolve safety and risk issues for children; collaborate with parents, community supports and service providers to resolve conflicts and challenges for families
- Provided expert testimony for complex family cases regarding child abuse, neglect and risk of harm to children in approximately 40 cases in Circuit Court
- Collaboration with The Tree House Child Advocacy Center in the development, implementation and supervision of the Transitional Trauma Therapy program to strengthen parent/caregiver/child relationships and communication around the child's traumatic symptoms and behaviors.

Child Welfare Services, Montgomery County, MD Juvenile Court Liaison/ Assessment Social Worker

July 1, 2010- July 25, 2016

- Created CINA petitions regarding risk of harm, child abuse and child neglect by detailing relevant facts of the assessment social work practice to demonstrate the family-focused prevention efforts and to justify the removal when efforts to prevent removal were unsuccessful
- Integrated and implemented collaborative interventions for families with identified risk and safety issues
- Functioned as the liaison between attorneys, judges, and Child Welfare Services regarding court-involved cases, such as juvenile delinquency, protective order, and family law cases that present with risk of harm or abuse and neglect issues

Child Welfare Services, Montgomery County, MD Social Worker

July 2006- June 30, 2010

- Provided case management and informal counseling services for parents and children involved in the child welfare system to ensure child safety, permanency and well-being
- Provided reunification services for parents whose children have been placed in kinship or foster homes, including clinical social work, informal counseling, service agreement and goal planning, parenting support, supervised visitation and feedback, collaboration with service providers, referral for services, and ongoing safety and risk assessment
- Provided expert testimony in juvenile court of cases where children have been found to be Children in Need of Assistance (CINA)

Department of Juvenile Services, Guide Program, Largo, MD Family Intervention Specialist

September 2005- July 2006

- Provided in-home individual and family counseling in the Intensive Aftercare Unit to youth and their families as the youth transition from juvenile placement into the community
- Linked youth and parents with local services and agencies as applicable
- Co-facilitated a psycho-educational group for adolescent males involved in the juvenile justice system
- Provided consultation and support to probation staff in the Intensive Aftercare Unit