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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Multi-faceted insight into the content of Quinebaug Valley Community College Human Services program through my experience as an alum and field instructor for interns.
- Thrive in large group speaking and instructing situations. Background with children, families, adults and elderly.
- Experience supervising, interacting with and providing constructive feedback to student interns from Quinebaug Valley Community College and Eastern CT. State University.
- Driven self-starter with a passion for helping others succeed. Excited to convey insight from a diverse work history including clinical, supervision and management work, combined with business ownership.

LICENSURE, CERTIFICATION & TRAININGS

Licensure, State of CT & SC Licensed Clinical Social Worker

- Certified Domestic Violence Counselor
- Legislative Liaison Training
- Motivational Interviewing
- Criminal Thinking/Anti-Social Logic
- Group Facilitation
- Level of Service Inventory-Revised (LSI-R)
- Adult Substance Use Survey (ASUS)
- Psychiatric Medications
- Certified Parents as Teachers Educator
- Couples Intensive

HIGHER EDUCATION/INSTRUCTOR EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Instructor, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT | January 2022 – Present

- Online instructor for Social Inequality (Soc 221).

Academic Partner to the Dean, Southern New Hampshire University | August 2021 – August 2022

- Worked directly with the Dean of Social sciences on program review for the human services program.
- Spearheaded planning for the SME program and course development, including faculty standards and training.
- Implemented a new community of practice for adjuncts.
- Served as an advisor and consultant on student retention and support.
- Served on various boards and committees including the Academic Policy Committee and the Faculty Advisory Board.

Associate, Arizona State University School of Social Work | August 2021 - Present

- Taught SWG 501 Human Behavior in the Social Environment in the MSW Online Program.

Adjunct Instructor, Three Rivers Community College | August 2021 - Present

- Led in-person instruction for Principles of Sociology (Soc 101).

Adjunct Instructor, Virginia Commonwealth University School of Social Work | January 2021 – September 2021

- Online instructor/teaching assistant for the MSW program. Instructor for MSW 603 Macro Policy & SLWK 606 Policy Community and Organizational Practice II. Familiar with on-line learning management software (Canvas).

Adjunct Professor, Southern New Hampshire University, Manchester, NH | June 2020 – August 2022

- Online instructor for the Human Services Program. Taught Policy and Advocacy HSE 330 & Law and Ethics HSE 340. Familiar with on-line learning management software (BrightSpace).

Field Instructor, Eastern CT. State University, Willimantic, CT | January 2014 – May 2015

- Provided instruction and supervision as a Field Instructor to 6 junior and 2 senior Social Work students.
- Taught students how to understand needs of high-risk populations while providing parental support for families at risk. Students completed community outreach & organizing, volunteering at soup kitchens, homeless shelters and public events for information & awareness.
- Established a learning contract, held student debrief sessions after community events, weekly supervision, monitored progress toward education, collaborated with professors to set up goals for the program/experience.

Field Instructor, Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT | September 2010 – May 2011

- Instructed 2 human services students focused on criminal and antisocial behavior while working with prisoners.

Guest Lecturer, Eastern CT. State University, Willimantic, CT | September 2014 – May 2015

- Led lectures on cultural diversity, working with the criminal offender population and Native culture.

Group Facilitator/Educator Per Diem, Access Agency, Inc, Danielson, CT | November 2013 – February 2015

- Facilitate PEP (Parent Education Program) classes for parents referred through the State of CT Judicial Court/Court Support Services Division (CSSD).

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Owner, The Center for Healing Indigo Wisdom Professional Counseling, LLC | February 2019 – Present

- Established a private practice with a focus on treating adults 18 and older specializing in trauma, PTSD, anxiety and depression, individual and couples and family counseling.

Independent Clinician, Inlight Professional Counseling Services, LLC, Danielson, CT | June 2015 – November 2019

- Self-employed private practice Clinician; provides counseling services to children, adults and couples.

Clinical Program Manager, Generations Family Health Center, Willimantic, CT | June 2014 – September 2015

- Managed the Parents as Teachers Program. for two home visitation programs in two offices. Led staff supervision and development, payroll, community outreach and education, and annual fiscal performance reports.

Clinical Consultant, Access Agency, Inc, Danielson, CT | September 2012 – May 2015

- Conducted clinical assessments on children and adults referred to the Transitions in Parenting Program through Court Support Services. Prepared written assessments for family court, making necessary recommendations for treatment and visitation, and supervising visitation when needed.

Clinical Program Supervisor, Generations Family Health Center, Putnam, CT | June 2013 – June 2014

- Provided supervision for the Parents as Teachers Program. Implemented a new home visitation program in the Northeast corner of Connecticut. Worked directly with community and state agencies. Supervised program staff, community education and program management.
- Ensured funding compliance, prepared quarterly reports, fiscal planning within operating budget.

Emergency Mobile Clinician, United Community & Family Services, Norwich, CT | July 2012 – June 2013

- Provided emergency psychiatric services to children and youth who are in crisis, may be at high risk and presenting with suicidal or homicidal ideation. Conducted assessments, diagnosed, performed safety/crisis planning, evaluated risk and protective factors, advocacy and referral.

Supportive Housing Program Manager, Access Agency, Danielson, CT | July 2011– September 2012

- Delivered case management services to clients referred through the Department of Children & Families.
- Maintained weekly contact with clients including home visits, formulated and reviewed treatment plans, performed client advocacy, acted as a referral source when necessary.
- Facilitated communication with the Department of Children and Families as well as other case managers within the agency, attended all required meetings and trainings, and adhering to agency protocol.

Lead Clinician, Perception Programs, Inc., Willimantic, CT | June 2010 – July 2011

- Provide individual, family, and group counseling in a residential treatment facility for women transitioning out of prison. Served as an on-call counselor for clinical emergencies.
- Conducted assessments, implemented community transition plans and recovery plans, reviewed and maintained client records, wrote case notes, facilitated psycho-educational groups.
- Supervised interns and staff, worked closely with clinical team, house staff, and the Department of Corrections.

Domestic Violence Counselor, United Services Domestic Violence, Wauregan, CT | September 2010 – January 2012

- Answered hotline calls, provided crisis intervention, safety planning, advocacy, and counseling to victims of domestic violence. Assisted in the office and shelter, maintained client files, and case management.

EDUCATION

University of Connecticut School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT | May 2012

- Master of Social Work; **GPA: 4.036**

Eastern Connecticut State University, Willimantic, CT | May 2010

- Bachelor of Social Work; Phi Alpha; **GPA: 3.86**

Quinebaug Valley Community College, Danielson, CT | May 2008

- Associate Degree: Human Services; Phi Theta Kappa; **GPA: 3.5**