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Professional Profile

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Summary:

- A highly motivated, versatile professional with a **Master's degree in Social Work**, a **Master's Degree in Criminal Justice** and a **Bachelor of Science** degree in **Liberal Studies** with a minor in **Criminal Justice**
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (July 2011)
- Over 12 years experience with children ages 0-15 years, with various levels of developmental delays and psychological disorders, and with a special emphasis on females.
- Learns quickly.

Education:

M.S. in Social Work (Magna Cum Laude with Honors): University of Central Florida 2009
Earned a 3.97 GPA while completing specialized course work including the following:
Psychosocial Pathology Clinical Practice with Groups Medications in Social Work
Issues in Justice Policy Clinical Practice with Families Child abuse in Society
Social Welfare policies Clinical Practice with Individuals Integrative Research Project in Clinical Practice

M.S. in Criminal Justice (Magna Cum Laude with Honors): University of Central Florida 2006.
Earned a 3.87 GPA while completing specialized coursework including the following:
Genocide Child Abuse Juvenile Justice
Gerontology Domestic Abuses Human Rights and Criminal Justice
Stress Debriefing Female Global issues

Member of the honors Alpha Sigma

B.S. in Liberal Studies, minor Criminal Justice: University of Central Florida, 2004
Earned a 3.6 GPA while completing specialized coursework including the following:
Abnormal Psychology Developmental Psychology Cross Cultural Psychology
Juvenile Delinquency Prosecution and Adjudication Criminal Justice System

A.A. with a concentration in psychology, Valencia Community College, Florida, 1999.
Graduated with honors, with a 3.8 cumulative GPA

Work and Volunteer Experience:

Private Practice: Positive Changes 4 Women, Inc

CEO of "Positive Changes 4 Women, Inc." Orlando, FL, Sept, 2011 - present
Duties include: Individual therapy and group therapy. Perform psychosocial assessments Developing and implementing a program focused on women's self esteem, challenging their inner critic and facing their fears.

Drug and Addictions Counselor

Seminole Behavioral Center October, 2010 - April, 2011
Duties Include: Crisis counseling, individual therapy, and group therapy. Perform psychosocial assessments DSM IV Diagnosis, Collaborate with nurses, physicians, and counselors to coordinate and plan treatment, Planning and conducting programs to combat social difficulties, prevent substance abuse, or improve counseling and health.

Hospice Patient and Family Social Worker (Per Diem)

Hospice of the Comforter, July, 2009 - present

Duties included: Attend weekly team meetings and work with other team members on several different teams. Assess the needs of patient and family. Providing information about the dying process to patient and family so they can make informed choices. Provide direct psychosocial intervention and counseling to both patient and family, assist family members with transition to skilled nursing homes, provide referrals to outside resources and assist families with financial planning and funeral assistance.

Hospice Patient and Family Social Worker (Internship)

Hospice of the Comforter, August 2008, May 2009

Duties included: Attend weekly team meetings and work with other team members. Assess the needs of patient and family. Providing information about the dying process to patient and family so they can make informed choices. Provide direct psychosocial intervention and counseling to both patient and family, assist family members with transition to skilled nursing homes, Provide referrals to outside resources and assist families with financial planning and funeral assistance.

Victim Advocate (Internship)

Seminole Sheriffs Department, January 2008 - May 2008

Duties included: Providing assistance to all victims of crime. Going to victims home to provide safety planning and education. Assessing the needs of the survivor(s). Attending daily court hearings in regards to the abusers, educating client about the legal system and available options, provide community referrals and psychosocial interventions.

Domestic Violence Court Advocate (Internship),

Safehouse of Seminole County, August 2007 - December 2007

Duties Included: Assisting clients in obtaining injunctions for protections, assisting in safety planning, providing referrals, educating the client about the legal system and what to expect and attending court days to support the victim, provide crisis intervention, counseling and assistance with injunction application.

Community Mediator, November 2006 - to May 2007

Safe Horizon Mediator Program, NY NY

Duties included: Assisting both parties in negotiating their dispute, suggesting alternative solutions, help in making sure the other party understands what is being said rather than what is being heard, writing up a report and follow up cases.

Community Educator

Kids In Crisis, Greenwich, Ct, November 2006 - present

Duties included: presenting role play scenarios to Kindergarten to 5th grade on issues such as bullying, incest, child abuse, sexual abuse and abduction. Meet with individual children after role plays to answer any questions they may have.

Community Educator, September 2003 - May 2004

Dupage Women against Rape, Chicago, IL

Duties included: Puppet presentations to K-3rd grade, partaking in role plays k-5th on issues such as bullying, incest, child abuse and sexual abuse. Answer questions to issues a child is having problems with Evaluate and collect statistics on the information obtained from presentations.

Rape Medical Advocate, September 2003 - May 2004

Dupage Women against Rape, Chicago, IL

Duties included: meeting survivors in the hospital to provide 24 hour support to the survivor and his/her immediate family, providing crisis intervention such as medical options including emergency contraception, and forensic examination for collection of evidence. I advocated for survivor's rights when interacting with medical and police personnel and offered them referrals for privacy issues regarding medical insurance, shelters and counseling services. Additional duties included being on call for the hotline answering service.

Behavioral Coach, September 2002 - May 2003

Sunny Hills Children Garden, San Rafael, Ca

As a coach I worked with high risk children and adolescents with various developmental and psychological disorders. I provided crisis counseling individually and in a group setting. Duties also included one on one tutoring, creating and implementing individual treatment and educational plans for students with various levels of Learning Disabilities.

Overseas Experience:

Nursery Nurse Teacher, January 1989 - December 1991

Honey Bears Nursery, England

As a head Nursery Nurse I was responsible for the 2-4 year old curriculum which included potty training, motor skills, social skills, and planning daily activities. As part of a team I helped implement and run an after care program for children 5-12 years old.

Private Nanny, January 1992 - 1995

Worked for a temp agency as a private nanny to numerous families in Germany, Switzerland, Austria, Greece, London and America. Responsible for the everyday needs of the children which included helping them with their motor skills, social skills, taking them to their after school activities, and working as part of a team with their parents.

Certificates and Awards:

Stress Debriefing 2006

Less Lethal Weapons 2006

Computer Crime and Cyber Terrorism 2006

Magna Cum Laude UCF 2006

President's Honor Roll UCF 2004

Deans List UCF 2004

Presidents Honor rolls Valencia Community college

30 hour training Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA)

25 hour training Domestic Violence (certificate)

45 hours of Sexual Assault Education and Crisis Intervention Training (certificate)

42 hour course in Domestic Violence

Advocate Training, Illinois Coalition against Sexual Assault (certificate)

40 hour Hospice training (certificate in Alzheimer's)

Mediation Training (certified).

Personal Interests:

Rollerblading, Rock Climbing, Dancing, Reading, Scrap-booking, Weight-Training, Traveling and being with my family.

References furnished upon request