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VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE – CENTER ON YOUTH JUSTICE

Director (October 2014 – present)

- Oversee all aspects of operation of the Center on Youth Justice, including strategic organizational planning, fiscal sustainability, and contractual relationships.
- Manage an operational budget of over \$2 million and a team of 12
- Provide technical assistance, training, and research services to localities and states seeking to assess and improve their youth-serving justice systems

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE:

VERA INSTITUTE OF JUSTICE – ADOLESCENT PORTABLE THERAPY PROJECT

Project Director – December 2012 – July 2014

Associate Clinical Administrator, Reclaiming Futures implementation, Nassau County, NY (October 2009 – July 2011)

Acting Project Director (July 2011 – December 2012)

Associate Director (July 2008 – July 2011)

Clinical Director (July 2006 – July 2008)

Senior Clinical Supervisor (July, 2005 – July, 2006)

Clinical Supervisor (October, 2004 – July, 2005)

Individual/Family Therapist (June, 2001 – October, 2004)

- Oversaw all program operations, including budget management, personnel recruitment, staff development, contract management and strategic planning
- Provided weekly supervision for a team of clinical supervisors, as well as training for new staff.
- Provided intensive home and facility-based individual and family counseling services for system-involved youth to address substance abuse and behavioral issues, using the APT family therapy model.
- Collaborated with probation/OCFS CST staff, detention facility staff, school personnel, and staff of resource agencies to develop comprehensive service plans to support clients in making and maintaining behavioral changes.
- Developed and co-facilitated a parent support group (2003-2004).

ST. JOSEPH SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AND FAMILIES, Brooklyn, NY

Foster Boarding Home/Adoption Unit Supervisor (January 2001 – June 2001)

Kinship Foster Boarding Home Interim Unit Supervisor (2000 - 2001)

Adoption Department Social Worker (1997 - 2000)

- Supervised units of 5 caseworkers and provided direct case planning services, to facilitate permanency plans for families of children in various stages of foster placement.
- Participated in ten-week Ackerman Institute training course on casework supervision with a family systems context, specifically focused on reunification.
- Participated in an MSW peer supervision group to assist colleagues in applying clinical practice theory to social work/casework practice.

BERLITZ LANGUAGE CENTER, Santurce, PR

English as a Second Language Teacher (1995 - 1996)

- Conducted English as a Second Language classes for groups of 5 to 10 students, creatively adjusting curriculum to age and skill level of the students, while using required course materials.

FAMILY COUNSELING UNIT - JUVENILE & DOMESTIC RELATIONS COURT, Richmond, VA

Family Therapy Clinical Social Work Intern (1994 - 1995)

- Completed assessments, designed treatment plans, and provided family counseling services for families referred by juvenile court judges and probation staff.
- Planned and co-facilitated an eight-week substance abuse education group for youth found responsible for substance-related offenses.

MOSBY MIDDLE SCHOOL, Richmond, VA

Social Work Intern (1993 - 1994)

- Provided assessments, individual and group counseling services for 7th grade students identified by school personnel as presenting ongoing or crisis-level behavior problems in school or being at-risk of not achieving academically.

VIRGINIA TREATMENT CENTER, Richmond, VA

Psychology Intern (1992)

- Assisted in classroom management with children aged 8 to 11 in the educational section of a residential diagnostic psychiatric facility.

EDUCATION:

1995 Masters of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University

1993 Bachelors of Arts in Psychology, University of Richmond

TRAININGS AND PRESENTATIONS

June 2015 to December 2015 – Family Engagement Training for VA DJJ staff

December 2013 to Present – Training for NYC Administration for Children Services and NYC Department of Probation staff on the Georgetown Crossover Youth Practice Model

May 2013 – A Role for Family in Re-Entry, presentation at the National TASC conference

April 2013 – Working with System-involved youth, training for NYC Department of Education

August 2012 – Family and youth engagement in the revised admission process for NYC delinquency placement, training for NYC Administration for Children’s Services intake staff

December 2011 - Adolescent Portable Therapy, Addressing Gang Involvement with Adolescents, presentations at a full-day conference held by CPC Behavioral Health, Monmouth County, NJ.

December 2011 – Technical Assistance to ARTC, delivering clinical services in NYC detention settings

November 2011 – Adolescent Portable Therapy implementation training in Carroll County, GA

OTHER AFFILIATIONS:

Committee Member – Mental Health & Juvenile Justice Committee, NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene (2012-present)

Committee Member – Crossover Youth Sub-Committee (Juvenile Offender and 16+), NYC Office of Court Administration (2012-2014)

Committee Member, Bronx Systems of Care Committee, NYC Department of Education (2012-2013)

Adolescent Services Working Group Member for NYC Department of Correction (2009-2011)

Community Advisory Board Member – ACS Atlantic Transitional Center (2003-2005)

Community Advisory Board Member – OCFS Pyramid Reception Center (2005-2010)