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PROFILE

Experienced professional in Medical Social Work, Bone Marrow Transplant Coordination, and Content Writing. Passionate about palliative care, working with individuals with terminal illnesses, Multiple Sclerosis and Parkinson's Disease, transplant coordination, special education, mental health awareness, and bridging health disparities, especially for vulnerable children and individuals. Skilled in health and research-based writing, content creation, and advocating for policy-level changes. Dedicated to improving lives and effecting meaningful change.

WORK EXPERIENCE

Medical Social Worker cum Transplant Coordinator

Jan 2023 – Present

CanKids KidsCan - Rajiv Gandhi Government General Hospital

- Oversaw comprehensive care for Bone Marrow Transplant (BMT) patients, collaborating closely with physicians to streamline patient registration and follow-up.
- Provided **psycho-social support for patients, and their families.**
- Conducted **play-based group activities for children undergoing BMT**
- Managed donor searches and **funding, securing NGO and PMJAY funds** for successful transplants.
- **Coordinated with stem cell registries** -National and International supporting matched unrelated donor transplants
- **Facilitated free HLA samples and accommodations** for economically disadvantaged and out-of-state patients
- Conducted childhood cancer **awareness programs.**
- Wrote **grant proposals** to NGOs and CSRs under supervision and Mobilized funds for BMT
- **Co-investigating BMT Research Project 'Hello BMT'**, enhancing post-transplant care. Discussed with the Principal Investigator the possibility of being relieved from this position if necessary, to fully commit to the new role.

Project Coordinator

Jul 2022 – Dec 2022

Society For Rights of All Women with Disabilities (SFRAWD)

- Wrote persuasive **project proposals and grant applications** to secure funding.
- **Coordinated with donors to foster positive relationships** and secure ongoing support.
- Successfully **set up Aavin Bunks for Women with Disabilities** and **organized a Marathon event**, showcasing excellent organizational and fundraising skills.

INTERNSHIP

WeCan India

Jul 2022 – Aug 2022

- Learned ABA concepts like Manding and Reinforcements.
- Familiarized with Avaz and PECS for communication.
- Trained in data collection methods in ABA.
- Collaborated on **three project proposals.**

Institute of Mental Health

Nov 2021 – Dec 2021

- Conducted a comprehensive case study on caregiving.
- Collaborated on **projects and programs supporting caregivers.** Led a **Community Program on 'Caregiving and Care Burden,' demonstrating effective facilitation skills.**
- Conducted home visits, contributed to rehabilitation, and ensured thorough documentation.
- Organized recreational activities, introduced art therapy, and provided occupation-specific training.

St Jude's India ChildCare Centres

Nov 2021 – Dec 2021

- Coordinated theme-based initiatives on 'Celebrating the wonders of nature'
- Applied therapeutic techniques such as psychosocial interventions and creative modalities like art and music

Sethu Foundation

Oct 2021 – Nov 2021

- Conducted a **community program** on World Menopause Day, emphasizing the celebration of Menopause. Distributed pads and Kissan squash, and conducted a survey to gauge awareness and plan the program.

YR Gaitonde Centre for AIDS Research and Education

Sep 2021 – Dec 2021

- Assisted in HIV Counselling and Testing sessions and provided follow-up support.
- **Organized and facilitated HIV/AIDS awareness sessions** in colleges, including Q&A sessions.
- Demonstrated **strong documentation skills**, assisting in documenting programs and reports.
- Translated Ph.D. study documents from English to Tamil and vice versa as part of IRB requirements.
- Assisted in recreational activities and sessions for children living with HIV and oncology.

Thozhamai

Apr 2021 – May 2021

- Engaged with the local community to understand and address challenges, implementing social work principles.
- Fostered connections with Irullar community children, nurturing positive relationships.
- **Conducted research on children's well-being** during the pandemic, including data collection and case studies.

CERTIFICATION

Scientific Writing in Health Research from Indian Council of Medical Research [ICMR], National Institute of Epidemiology [NIE]

Palliative Care - Models of Service Delivery and Symptom Management from World Health Organization South-East Asia

Transplant Coordination Professional Certificate from MOHAN Foundation

Gift of Life - One day Certification Course on Organ Transplantation from MOHAN Foundation

Working with Students with Special Education Needs from Asean Online Education AOE

Applied Behavioral Analysis - Foundation Course from Udeemy

RESEARCH PROJECT UNDERTAKEN

A descriptive study on the well-being of children in Semmencherry during the pandemic due to school closure **in Stella Maris College**

EDUCATION

The Tamil Nadu Dr. M.G.R. Medical University

Post Graduate Diploma in Medical Journalism

Jul 2023 – Present

Stella Maris College (Autonomous)

Masters in Social Work

Oct 2020 – Aug 2022

M.O.P Vaishnav College for Women

B.A. Journalism

Jul 2017 – Aug 2020

REFERENCES

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