

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Licensed Clinical Social Worker with 15 years of social work experience in medical and mental health settings, working with diverse populations in health care, outpatient, and nonprofit settings.

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work

May 2008

Southern Connecticut State University

Concentration: Clinical, Children and Families

Research Project: An Evaluation of the Effectiveness of Group Therapy with a Social Skills Focus in Increasing Self-Esteem in Children, Within the Context of an Extended Day Treatment Program

Bachelor of Arts

May 2004

Taylor University, Social Work

Graduated Cum Laude

Senior Comprehensive Project: 2004 Market Study, Grace House for Transition and Recovery. Prepared for Affordable Housing Corporation

EXPERIENCE

Yale New Haven Health/Smilow Cancer Hospital. ▪ New Haven, CT

Clinical Social Worker

October 2017 - Present

- Developing comprehensive biopsychosocial assessment responsive to patient needs, primarily working in the outpatient oncology setting
- Serving as a member of the Social Work Clinical Effectiveness Committee, which serves to develop departmental competency trainings and review departmental policies and procedures
- Tracking and reporting the distribution of grant funds awarded for patient support program
- Providing information, consultation and professional support to interdisciplinary team members
- Utilizing clinical skills to provide individual, family, and group psychosocial interventions to patients and their caregivers
- Assessing safety for patients and families and providing crisis intervention
- Assisting patients and families to navigate and understand insurance benefits

Cancer Care, Inc. ▪ Norwalk, CT

Clinical Supervisor

November 2015-October 2017

- Supervised and coordinated all work activities of professional staff, support staff, and MSW interns for the Connecticut regional office
- Worked alongside administrative and grant writing staff to provide support in the presentation, review, and delivery of grants for the Connecticut regional office
- Evaluated staff performance and productivity through weekly supervision and annual review
- Performed quality assurance tasks through call-monitoring of tele-health system and clinical case review
- Cultivated community partnerships to identify service delivery needs, gaps and trends and develop programming to meet these needs
- Represented the organization at community health events, professional conferences and committees

Cancer Care, Inc. ▪ Norwalk, CT

Children's Program Coordinator/Oncology Social Worker

April 2015-November 2015

- Conducted assessment of client psychosocial needs and referral to resources including counseling and support groups, financial assistance, educational programs and publications
- Provided supportive counseling to cancer patients and their families, including children
- Answered calls through the organization's Care-line and assisted callers with information and clinical intervention as needed
- Developed workshops and programs in collaboration with community providers to provide education and support for children and families that are affected by cancer

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center ▪ Derby, CT

Child First Mental Health and Developmental Clinician

March 2013-March 2015

- Provided intensive, home-based mental health intervention with young children and their parents using relational, parent-child dyadic psychotherapy
- Completed mental health and developmental assessment and consultation within early care providers
- Identified family service needs and referral to community providers

Lower Naugatuck Valley Parent Child Resource Center ▪ Derby, CT

Per-Diem Clinician

December 2012-March 2013

- Provided evaluation, diagnosis, and psychotherapy treatment for children and their families in an outpatient mental health setting
- Provided services to children with a wide range of mental health disorders including autism, trauma, mood disorder and behavioral issues

Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families ▪ Brooklyn, NY

Mental Health/Crisis Intervention Supervisor

June 2010- August 2012

- Assisted Director in formulation of program goals and managing day-to-day operation of department
- Coordinated and implemented agency's mental health program at four agency sites
- Provided supervision of mental health, crisis intervention, and substance abuse staff for the foster care program
- Monitored job performance of departmental staff through routine supervision and annual evaluation, implementing corrective action plans when required
- Collaborated with community mental health providers regarding the evaluation, treatment, referrals and provision of services for clients

Edwin Gould Services for Children and Families ▪ Brooklyn, NY

Mental Health Specialist

October 2008 – May 2010

- Performed comprehensive mental health evaluations of children entering foster care and yearly follow-up evaluations
- Developed individualized services plans to meet the specific emotional, behavioral, and social needs of clients
- Provided 24-hour crisis intervention services to children and foster parents served by the agency.
- Conducted home visits to evaluate the mental health needs of children identified to be in crisis and provide appropriate intervention and support in the foster home
- Provided psycho-education and support including workshop presentations to agency staff and foster parents around mental health diagnoses and child development

Mid Fairfield Child Guidance Center ▪ Fairfield CT

Graduate Student Intern

September 2007- May 2008

- Conducted individual, family, and group therapy to children and adolescents with a range of psychiatric presentations
- Provided individual and group treatment within a milieu intensive outpatient program
- Assisted in leading group therapy for at-risk adolescent girls

St. Francis Home for Children ▪ New Haven, CT

Intake Coordinator

June 2005 – November 2005

- Coordinated the referral and admission process for children requesting services for three of the agency's programs
- Facilitated initial interview sessions for all potential clients
- Completed weekly and monthly census reports for the executive committee and clinical department

Westport Health Care Center ▪ Westport, CT

Director of Admissions and Marketing

July 2004-April2005

- Coordinated all admissions to the skilled nursing facility with hospital care coordinators and families
- Verified insurance and obtained initial authorizations for incoming residents
- Conducted tours of the facility to potential clients and families.
- Developed and implemented marketing strategies for the facility
- Assisted social worker with care coordination and discharge planning

MEMBERSHIPS

Connecticut Social Work Oncology Group, Board of Directors (2016-Present)

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAININGS

Meaning Centered Psychotherapy

2018 - Meaning Centered Psychotherapy: 2-day intensive training through Memorial Slone Kettering Cancer Center

Fordham University - Graduate School of Social Service

2016-2017 - Seminar in Field Instruction (SIFI)

Rutgers School of Social Work – Office of Continuing Education

2016 – Core Issues in Clinical Supervision, Models and Techniques of Clinical Supervision, Managing Differences and Difficult Supervisees, Legal and Ethical Issues in Clinical Supervision

Hospice Foundation of America

2016- Managing Conflict/Finding Meaning – Supporting Families at End of Life

PESI

2015- Advanced Mindfulness Techniques for Clients (6 hours)

Child First

2014-2015 – Trauma-Focused Child Parent Psychotherapy Training and Clinical Consultation

Ackerman Institute for the Family

2010-2011 – Foundations in Family Therapy (90 hours)

2010-2011 – Live Clinical Supervision (120 hours)

The Incredible Years: Parent, Teachers and Children Training Series

January 2010 – Child Group Leader Training (21 hours)

December 2009 – Parent Group Leader Training (21 hours)