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| miss.jpg | | *I have recently moved to Portland from the high desert of West Texas where I spent 9 months studying permaculture design, desert ecology and energy efficiency.*  *I have been a garden designer, psychologist and project manager for quite some time; I am skilled and very passionate about what I do. I am looking for a community of like-minded, devoted people and purposeful work.* |
| EducationExperience | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from UNC Asheville NC (Fall 2005-Spring 2007)  Bachelor of Arts in Foreign Languages/Education from Samara State University, Russian Federation (Fall 1998-Spring 2003)  Project Manager at Eco Village La Loma Del Chivo, Marathon TX (2011-2012.)   * Helped to develop and maintain organic gardens. Participated in alternative building construction. Educated/trained volunteers sophisticated gardening techniques. Conceptualized and planned eco-centric events. Repurposed 75% of recycled supplies for art installations and original garden designs. Consulted on organizational development and marketing strategy that resulted in saving the community $1500 per month.   **Landscape Designer at Natural Gardeners, Asheville NC (2009-2011.)**   * Designed and maintained private residences, city and community gardens (The Togars’ 2011 prize winning garden in Biltmore Forest, Munford Community Garden.) Performed garden sculpture installations, proper composting, tilling, planting, pruning, propagating, weeding, fertilizing, harvesting. Helped organize several events including the annual West Asheville Garden Stroll.   Mental Health Professional at RHA Mental Health Services, Asheville NC (2007-2009.)   * Using my bilingual skills counseled and educated diverse populations. Evaluated, developed and implemented Person Centered Plan. Observed and documented persons’ achievements. Conceptualized, initiated and engaged adults/adolescents in therapeutic activities (healing gardening, expressive painting/sculpture, nature walks, music, storytelling) which resulted in 30% increase in individuals’ behavior consistency. | |
| Skills **Keywords**  **References** | Research Assistant at UNC Asheville, NC (2006-2008.)   * Conducted/provided research experience on how the human auditory system processes moving sound sources. Performed data collection, cross-sectional analysis and scientific conclusions. Presented at the 2008 UNC Asheville Annual Spring Research Symposium. * Bilingual, interpersonal, diverse and culturally competent, strong initiative and creativity, multitasking, reliability, flexibility, stress tolerance, attention to detail, time management, computer skills (Mac OS, Microsoft office, Power Point, Adobe Acrobat, Quickbase, Photoshop, MATlab, Google Documents, HTML, Mail Chimp, Constant Contact, Social Media etc.,) volunteer at Red Cross, ARP Phoenix. * Social work, counseling, landscape architecture, permaculture design, project coordination, creative problem solving, management, events, training, outdoors education, art therapy, art installation, research, marketing strategies, administrative, public relations, quality control, bilingual. * Dawn D Yates, manager at La Loma Del Chivo   (432) 294-3878, [dawndyates@gmail.com](mailto:dawndyates@gmail.com)  Sandy Feutz, Director at RHA Behavioral Health, Inc.  (828) 253-5038, [safeutz@rhanet.org](mailto:safeutz@rhanet.org)    Jeff and Annie Menzor, Founders of Natural Gardeners  (828) 252-8741, [anniejmenzer@gmail.com](mailto:anniejmenzer@gmail.com)  Dr. Michael Neelon, Assistant Professor in Psychology  828.250.2359, [MNeelon@unca.edu](mailto:MNeelon@unca.edu),<http://facstaff.unca.edu/MNeelon> | |
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