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**OBJECTIVE**

**To work in an environment that will utilize my knowledge of criminal justice and practical experience from internships and employment at reputable institutions. Personable professional whose strengths include cultural sensitivity and an ability to build Rapport with diverse individual**

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Science in Criminal Justice Expected May 2019**

**Grambling State University, *Grambling LA***

**Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice                   December 2015**

**Grambling State University*, Grambling, LA***

**L.V. Berkner High School                                          June 2010**

***Richardson, TX***

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**The Department of Child Protective Services February 2016-Present**

***Dallas, Texas***

**Position- Conservatorship (CVS)**

* **Taking over cases from Investigation caseworkers after children are removed from their homes and placed in care outside their homes.**
* **Determining each child’s needs and arranging for additional testing, evaluations, records, or further assessments they need.**
* **Conducting home studies of family members or family friends (kinship providers) who might care for the child.**
* **Making sure the people who are caring for the children have what they need and keeping them informed about the case.**
* **Working with children, families, and communities to plan for a child's permanent living arrangement.**
* **Finding potential permanent placements for the child by meeting with parents, family members, and other people who are important to the family.**
* **Making sure families get services to keep their child safe and help them keep their child at home.**
* **Meeting with children, parents, family friends, or foster homes in public as well as in their own homes.**
* **Visiting children at least monthly to see if the child feels safe where they are living and to ensure their needs are being met.**
* **Participating in court hearings. This includes preparing a family before the hearings, preparing court reports, and testifying in court about the child’s needs, the family’s progress, and the department’s efforts to achieve permanency for the child.**
* **Transitioning children back home and providing support to the family until the legal case is closed.**
* **Documenting casework activity.**
* **Maintaining good working relationships between Child Protective Services staff and law enforcement officials, judicial officials, legal resources, medical professionals, and other community resources.**

**Louisiana United Methodist Children and Family Home           May 2013- Dec.2015**

***Ruston, Louisiana***

**Position- Senior Mental Health Specialist- (Assistant Supervisor)**

**          Interpret and apply rules, regulations, policies, and procedures.**

**          Coordinate with other staff, department, officials, agencies, organizations, and the public.**

**         Prepare and maintain complex records and files in an automated system.**

**         Knowledge of the principles, methods, techniques, and practices of juvenile case management.**

**         Knowledge of applicable state and federal laws, rules, regulations, and statutes regarding pardons and juvenile.**

**Distance Learning Technology Center                                      Aug 2012- Present**

**Grambling State University, *Grambling, LA***

**Position- Information Technology Assistance**

**         Communicate ideas and instructions clearly and concisely.**

**         Plan work order to meet established guidelines.**

**         Copying, record keeping,**

**CERTIFICATION**

**         Learning trainings at Louisiana Methodist Children’s Home**

**         Life Skills Department**

**         CPR/ First Aid/ Infection Control**

**         Clinical Issues**

**         Privacy and Security Compliance**

**         Cultural Diversity/ Ethics**

**         Compliance/ QA/ Safety**

**         Policy and Procedures**

**         CARE Training**

**         Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI)**

**         Emergency Safety Procedures and Notifications**

**COMPUTER AND SOFTWARE SKILLS**

**         Typing 60 words per minute,**

**         Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint**

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**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP**

**         Campus Ministry**

**         Social Research Club**

**         FSUB – Students Government organization, Grambling State University**

**         The Order of Brotherhood Co-operation (OBB), Grambling State University**