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SCHOOL GUIDANCE COUNSELOR

Highly effective in leveraging life, counseling, and business experience with knowledge, ability, skills, and enthusiasm to plan, organize and implement comprehensive developmental and results based school counseling program services. Easy to adapt and learn, with proven ability to assist students in overcoming problems that impede learning and development. Guide the planning of educational, occupational and life goals. Enhance students' education, skills, and attitudes in educational, personal, and career domains. Help students adjust to the school environment and to the systems and people that they come into contact with. Demonstrated ability to assess student knowledge, skills, personality, barriers, issues, and needs. Achieve program goals through group and individual counseling techniques. Experienced in working with children at-risk, providing advocacy and identifying community health and social services.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

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| ▪ Individual & Group Counseling | ▪ School & Community Liaison | ▪ Consensus Building |
| ▪ Student Advocacy | ▪ Intervention & Prevention Strategies | ▪ College Preparation & Testing |
| ▪ Leadership Principles | ▪ Non Discriminatory Practice Modeling | ▪ IEP Plans |
| ▪ Collaborative Processes | ▪ Student Testing & Evaluation | ▪ At-Risk Students |
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KEY SKILLS ASSESSMENT

EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM KNOWLEDGE - Understand and apply knowledge of the organizational structure and governance of the educational system as well as cultural, political and social influences on current educational practices, barriers to student learning, and the use of advocacy and school counseling practices to address the achievement and opportunity gap.

PREVENTION & INTERVENTION STRATEGIES – Conduct individual and group counseling in areas of crisis intervention, family intervention, problem solving/decision making, substance abuse, grief, and anger management.

COMMUNITY SERVICES LIAISON – Interact with public and social service agencies, court services, police department, and child care agencies to provide referral and support to address substance abuse, discipline, attendance, and other issues.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

The Academy (grades 7-12), NORRISTOWN, PA

2014 – PRESENT

Alternative Education for Disruptive Youth (AEDY) & Community Based Services

SCHOOL COUNSELOR & COMMUNITY BASED SERVICES SUPPORT COUNSELOR

- Conduct individual and group therapy aimed in remediating adverse behaviors, nurturing self-efficacy and transition planning for students returning to home district.
- Provide therapeutic supported environment in which students develop, refine, and demonstrate positive decision-making skills.
- Support and direction in career and college planning.
- Effective communication with family and school districts.
- Resource specialist for staff and families regarding interventions and counseling needs for students.
- Develop creative intervention methods and processes adaptable to unique situations.
- Promote good citizenship through actions as a positive role model.
- Contribute to school culture based on mutual respect, fairness, consistent practices, and responsibility.

- Meet with families, probation officers, police, or other interested parties to exchange necessary information during the treatment process.
- Plan or conduct programs to prevent substance abuse or improve community health or counseling services.

NORRISTOWN AREA HIGH SCHOOL, NORRISTOWN, PA

2013 – 2014

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (SAP) COUNSELOR /CARSON VALLEY CHILDREN'S AID CONTRACTOR

- Accept responsibility for and execute the school's at-risk program for the achievement of students.
- Work with students and community agencies to identify students who are at risk and experiencing problems that interfere with educational and social development or well being.
- Collaborate with school staff and external partners in developing and implementing intervention and prevention strategies for students and developing independent service plans to guide students in reaching goals.
- Interact in the community through networking, workshops, and training for substance abuse education.
- Participate in creating new crisis intervention, family intervention, problem solving/decision making, anger management, grief, and substance abuse programs.
- Provide exemplary individual or small group counseling services for students in need of academic, social, and emotional support, coordinating, monitoring, and reporting student interventions as needed.
- Resource specialist for teachers and parents in the identification of counseling needs.
- Develop creative intervention methods and processes adaptable to unique situations.
- Promote good citizenship through actions as a positive role model.
- Contribute to school culture based on mutual respect, fairness, consistent practices, and responsibility.

CARSON VALLEY CHILDREN'S AID, NORRISTOWN, PA

2012 – 2014

FOUNDATIONS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH, DOYLESTOWN, PA

2012 - 2016

BEHAVIORAL SPECIALIST CONSULTANT / MOBILE THERAPIST

- Work with community based mental health programs to provide behavioral and emotional support to students and adolescents in their homes, schools, and other community settings.
- Interact as child's advocate with all members of the treatment team in the design and implementation of behavior modification plans that meet the needs of children and their families.
- Provide instruction to master's level treatment team, teacher's aides, parents, and family members in their roles and responsibilities for treatment plan intervention.
- Utilize methods including child centered play therapy, applied behavioral therapeutic techniques, adolescent centered counseling strategies, and family focused psychotherapy.
- Manager and lead clinician in developing and implementing treatment and Individual Education Plans.

INTERNSHIPS

2011 - 2012

COUNSELING INTERN

- **Intern at William Tennent H.S., Roosevelt Alternative H.S., McDonald Davis Elementary School, and Upper Moreland Primary School** within the suburban Philadelphia PA area for Grades K-12. In
- Participated in IEP, 504, and team meetings and strategy intervention planning for at-risk students.
- Facilitated group counseling sessions for self-esteem, social skills, respect, and responsibility.
- Maintained individual/group counseling caseload, from expectant mothers to college bound students,
- Provided counseling to elementary school children, including bullying, friendship, impulse control, and diversity, self esteem, and family issues.
- Experience with children with Asperger and Autism.
- Administered and scored KBIT and Slosson Intelligence Testing with multiple students.
- Experience with student management systems: eSchool & Skyward

Additional experience as Agency Principal and Exclusive Insurance Agent for Allstate Insurance Company, Exton, PA, 2000-2009

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Master of Science, School Counseling, Gwynedd-Mercy College, Gwynedd Valley, PA, 2011

Thesis – *Career Decision at the High School Level*

Bachelor of Science, Arts & Communication, Temple University, Philadelphia, PA

CERTIFICATIONS & TRAINING

- Elementary Education Counseling, 2012
- Behavioral Specialist License (BSL)
- PA Student Assistance Program (SAP) K-12. 2013
- Functional Behavioral Assessment, In Progress
- CPR / First Aid Certification
- Child Protection Service Laws
- OSHA & Fire Safety Training
- Olweus Bullying Prevention Program
- Woodcock-Johnson Cognitive Behavior Rating Scale
- Secondary Education Counseling, 2011
- Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) Pending
- Co-Morbidity Treatment & Awareness Training
- Trauma Informed Care
- Suicide Prevention & Response
- Quality Assurance & Best Practices (Act 48)
- Standard Precautions
- Kaufman Brief Intelligence Testing
- Slosson Intelligence Testing

COMMUNITY SERVICE

Safe Harbor, Group Facilitator Volunteer, Program for Grieving Children, Teens and their Families.

Saint John Bosco Parish Catechist, Lead Teacher, Grade 1 PREP Program

Upper Moreland Intermediate School Home and School Association (HSA), Executive Board Recording Secretary
2015/2016, Incoming Co Vice President 2016/2017

TECHNOLOGY SUMMARY

MS Excel • MS Word • MS PowerPoint • MAC • Dell • PC • SMART Board • Internet • Enterprise Manager • Naviance
Windows ME • Dreamweaver Java • Adobe Photoshop • Windows 2000 • HTML • Flash • QuickbooksPro • Quicken.

MEMBERSHIPS

American School Counseling Association (ASCA) • Montgomery County Counseling Association (MCCA) •
PA Assn. for College Administration Counseling (PACAC) • National Assn. Counseling Admission Counseling (NACAC)