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Education

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

PhD in Rehabilitation Science

May 2011

Dissertation: "Exploring the Applicability of Life Care Plans to Address Barriers within the State Adoption System"

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling

May 2004

University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

Bachelor's Degree in Health Science

May 2002

Professional Non-Academic Employment

February 2012 – January 2017: Clinical Director/ Putnam Operations, **Stewart-Marchman-Act Behavioral Healthcare**, Palatka, Fl.

Oversee the day to day operations of the outpatient clinic as well as program development at the Palatka outpatient clinic. Coordinate, hire, and supervise 13 different outpatient programs including mental health/substance abuse counseling and physician service programs among others. Supervise a staff of 20 therapist and clinicians providing guidance on therapeutic techniques and assuring fidelity of evidence based practices. Review charts and assure they meet Medicaid and 65-D30 standards, as well as holding clinicians responsible for meeting these standards. Practice in grant writing to receive additional funding to develop new programs. Participate in community meetings to build collaborative relationships with the agency. Develop and provide staff trainings.

January 2011 to January 2012: Clinical Director/ Mental Health Counselor; **Putnam Behavior Healthcare**, Palatka Fl.

Supervisor of the agency clinical programs, therapist, and outpatient services. Provided theory based counseling services to children with a variety of diagnoses. Maintained a caseload of approximately 30 children, performed biospychosocial evaluations, administered depressions scales, performed in-depth clinical interviews and maintained patient files.

April 2008 - December 2010: Children's Mental Health Counselor; Putnam Behavior Healthcare, Palatka Fl.

August 2011 – December 2011 Adjunct Faculty, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

• Taught "Therapeutic Communication Skills". Developed syllabus, overall course structure, assignments, test, and

- Teaching assistant for Therapeutic Communication Skills: facilitated lab sessions, promoted student learning, graded all written assignments, and manage class grades.
- Teaching assistant for Disability Management: Collaborated on curriculum and exam development, met with students upon request, and graded all written work as well as exams.

August 2008 – December 2008 Teaching Assistant, University of Florida, Gainesville, Fl.

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Graduate Teaching Assistant Award, University of Florida

Certifications
Certified Clay Therapist

2010

Licensed Mental Health Counselor MH 11456 Expiration March 2017

Qualified Supervisor for LMHC

Certified Adoption Competent Counselor

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor 2004 - 2013. Note: will be taking the CRC exam in 10/2017 to renew CRC credential.