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## WORK EXPERIENCE

### **ASPEN GUARDIANSHIP AND CARE MANAGEMENT SERVICES, DENVER, CO**

*Medical Social Worker, Colorado Guardian & Care Manager, Owner, Oct 2019 – Present*

- Founded Aspen Care Services in response to family and individual needs in the Denver Metro area.
- Manage complex medical needs including wound care, seizures, COPD and dementia.
- Act as a liaison with community agencies, governmental entities, hospitals and care homes.
- Manage care plans to eliminate duplication, fragmentation and gaps in medical services.
- Support the individual and family's unique spiritual and cultural beliefs.
- Participate in interdisciplinary team meetings to establish, review and revise the plan of care for each individual, including exchange of information, review of problems & professional support.
- Provide ethical, holistic, family-centered care across treatment settings to improve the quality of life.
- Present national educational programs to facilitate learning among families and care professionals.
- Complete accurate and up-to-date HIPAA compliant electronic medical records.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD FUND, DENVER, CO**

*Medical Social Worker, Colorado Guardian & Care Manager, Aug 2005 – Present*

- Founded the Colorado Guardianship Program as a start-up in cooperation with Good Shepherd Fund.
- Provide psychosocial counseling and support to the individual and family experiencing emotional, social and economic conflict.
- Assisted client, family and staff in utilizing community resources.
- Coordinate all aspects of the referral process, intake and management of services.
- Identify and address comfort care needs in collaboration with other members of the care team.
- Manage all facets of care needs and bereavement support for families.
- Coordinate family-to-family connections, support and outreach.

### **CASEY FAMILY PROGRAMS, HONOLULU, HI**

*Social Worker, Mar 2001 – Dec 2004*

- Collaborated with team members to formulate educational plans with asset-based recommendations.
- Managed conflicts and resolved grievances with open communication and excellent negotiation skills.
- Provided individualized services including assistance to pregnant teens, students in foster home care and those under court-mandated treatment plans.
- Oversaw counseling services to address issues of grief, depression and anxiety.
- Spearheaded and promoted innovative programs including parent engagement and family outreach.
- Developed a life skills training curriculum for teens including a section on Substance Abuse Prevention.
- Worked in partnership with community agencies to develop a Guest Speaker Bureau for parents and youth. Many topics were covered including wellness, nutrition and improving communication skills.
- Completed extensive intake assessments and evaluations to formulate on-going care plans.
- Created a literacy program to address the underdeveloped reading skills of children and teenagers. The program was a collaboration with the University of Hawaii - Manoa.

## **POSITIVE EDUCATION PROGRAM, CLEVELAND, OH**

*Clinical Social Worker & Supervisor, Aug 1992 – Jun 2000*

- As a member of the interdisciplinary team, implemented and monitored Individual Education Plans.
- Maintained up-to-date computerized student records.
- Provided in-home evidence-based therapeutic services in a culturally responsive manner.
- Participated in a longitudinal study to address cost effectiveness of interventions.
- Provided ethical, flexible and seamless service delivery to promote best practice in instruction.
- Addressed mental health concerns and behaviors to maximize educational outcomes.
- Provided orientation, in-service training and mentoring for staff and volunteers.
- Collaborated with physicians and nurses to ensure all aspects of health care were addressed.
- Provided supervision and leadership to a team of social workers in a day treatment educational facility.

## **EDUCATION**

### **UNIVERSITY OF MISSOURI-COLUMBA, COLUMBIA, MO**

- Magna Cum Laude
- Bachelor of Science - Counseling Psychology, Honors College Award Recipient

### **CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY, CLEVELAND, OH**

- Summa Cum Laude
- Mandel School of Social Science - MSW

## **QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY**

- Interdisciplinary Team Collaboration
- Counseling, coaching and teaching
- Problem-solving skills
- Teamwork with results
- Flexible and adaptable
- Creative and innovative
- Vision along with perseverance
- Community outreach and service
- Self-starter
- Sense of humor

## **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATION**

- Aging Life Care Association
- Colorado Licensed Social Worker
- International End of Life Doula Association
- National Adult Protective Services Association
- National Association of Social Workers
- National & Colorado Guardianship Association

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS**

- Denver Head Start, Policy Council Member
- National Guardianship Association, Continuing Education Committee Member
- Michael's House, Bereavement Counselor for children who have lost a parent to death