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Director of Youth and Family Services

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EDUCATION:

Rutgers University School of Social Work, New Brunswick, NJ, **M.A. in Social Work**, May 1998

Rutgers University, Rutgers College, New Brunswick, NJ, **B.A. in Psychology and Spanish**, May 1996

New York Licensed Clinical Social Worker

EXPERIENCE:

Growth and Development Services, Inc, New York, NY

Director of Programs, July 2010-Present

- Oversee financial and facility management
- Supervise administrative aspects of agency
- Manage all aspects of human resources
- Develop and maintain collaborative relationships with community-based agencies and affiliates
- Develop and implement direct services standard of care
- Implement and maintain client information system
- Provide direct services to GDS's clients
- Supervise mental health counseling and social work students

Albert Einstein College of Medicine, Next STEPS South, Bronx, NY

Clinic Administrator, March 2009-October 2010

- Supervised the clinical and administrative functions
- Devised and implemented procedures to improve documentation standards and clinic operations
- Developed individualized plans with each staff in order to prepare for the OASAS and Medicaid audits
- Achieved a three year OASAS license (the highest license that OASAS provides)
- Managed the complex fiscal and administrative mandates on operations, including payer mix, utilization reviews, regulatory compliance and continuous quality improvement
- Affiliated with community and regulating agencies to assure flow of referrals into the programs
- Provided direct care to clients

Jersey City Medical Center for Comprehensive Care, Jersey City, NJ

Coordinator of Case Management Services, April 2004-October 2008

- Provided clinical and administrative supervision to social workers, assistant case managers, and outreach program staff in the Pediatric and Adult Outpatient Clinics
- Led the In-Home Primary Care Program which provided medical home visits to HIV+ patients by nurse practitioners and social workers
- Integrated the social work and outreach services with the medical services in the outpatient clinic
- Aided in the restructuring of the Pediatric Clinic
- Created policies as needed to improve standards of care and to meet changing needs of the programs
- Enhanced and implemented the Quality Assurance Program to improve social work services to patients and to meet grant requirements
- Prepared year-end reports, statistics, goals and outcome measures for all programs
- Participated in the planning committee that designed the Minority AIDS Initiative (MAI) countywide program and implemented the program into the adult outpatient clinic

Coordinator of Inpatient Case Management Services, June 2001-April 2004

- Monitored and enhanced Case Management Services to the HIV+ Inpatient population
- Oversaw the Discharge Plan of Care for all HIV+ patients
- Coordinated the in-home primary care services to clinic's HIV+ patients
- Expanded the outreach program to HIV+ patients not engaged in medical care

Christ Hospital, Home Health Services, Jersey City, NJ

Social Worker for Family Ties/ Mental Health Program, December 1998-June 2001

- Provided home-based individual, couples and family therapy to HIV infected and affected clients
- Assisted clients in HIV related issues such as medical treatment adherence, permanency planning, bereavement and disclosure
- Provided play therapy and bereavement counseling to HIV infected and affected children
- Co-facilitated support groups for women and children infected with HIV

Program for Addictions, Consultation and Treatment, New Brunswick, NJ

PACT Clinician, September 1997-April 1998

- Provided substance abuse counseling based on the Harm Reduction model
- Conducted intake assessments and inpatient consultation at St. Peters Medical Center and in conjunction with the multidisciplinary team, determined level of service required

Women Helping Women, Metuchen, NJ

Student Intern, September 1997-April 1998

- Provided individual therapy to women going through transitional and/or developmental crisis
- Designed agency's survey to conduct needs assessment

New Brunswick Counseling Services, New Brunswick, NJ

Student Intern, September 1996-April 1997

- Conducted intake assessments and developed treatment plans for substance abuse clients
- Assisted in the Quality Assurance Procedures and in monitoring charts to meet federal grant standards

New Association on Correction, New Brunswick, NJ

Case Manager Support-Volunteer, February 1996-June 1997

- Co-facilitated women's support group in Middlesex County Jail
- Linked clients to community services upon discharge from jail

AWARDS:

- Distinguished Service Award, 2008 by The Hudson County HIV/AIDS Services Planning Council for outstanding service to those who have been infected and affected with HIV and AIDS in Hudson County
- Liberty Health Award, 2008, in recognition of dedicated service and commitment to Liberty Health Care Systems and its communities.

AFFILIATIONS:

- National Association for Social Workers, 2011
- American Kennel Club: Canine Good Citizen, 1995-Present
- Voting member of the Hudson County HIV Planning Council- Minorities Action Committee, 2005-2008
- AIDS Resource Foundation for Children, Summer Camp Volunteer, 1998-2005