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Consultation and Training Services

Triumph Center, Reading, MA (2016-Present)

Consultant: Provides consultation to North Shore and Greater Boston School systems for children and youth PreK to 12th grade. Works with high school program to plan and implement vocational programs for children on the Autism Spectrum. Offers consultation concerning issues related to developmental delays and disabilities with a special focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders as well as emerging mental illness, Trauma and Attachment Disorders. Expertise helping school programs establish and maintain programs that teach self-regulation and social skills. Provides consultation and in-service trainings to special educators, general educators, specialists, and support staff. Manages a caseload of children, models and implements social skills and self-regulation curriculum in collaboration with teachers and paraprofessionals.

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

Triumph Center, Reading, MA (2016-Present)

Consultant: Provides consultations to school systems, trainings, and direct service.

Group Leader: Provides social skills groups to children focused on self-regulation, social pragmatics and play and friendship skills.

Individual Therapist: Provides therapy to children and adolescence and their families with a specialty in Autism Spectrum Disorders and other social disabilities.

Ivy Street School, Brookline, MA (2015-2016)

Provided consultation and supervision to clinical staff of a residential program for adolescents and young adults. Provided consultation to Ivy Street program focused on transitioning Autistic children to work and college programming. Providing training and consultation to staff working with Autistic children in the classroom and residential program.

Walker Home and School, Needham, MA (2001-2015)

Over the course of 14 years I provided case management and therapeutic services to children with complex diagnoses that included with significant developmental challenges, trauma, emerging mental illness, and severe behavioral issues with a specific focus on Autism Spectrum Disorders. I created Walker's first group program children on the Spectrum with severe behavior issues. I led the team that created Walker's full day program for children on the spectrum, Stepping Stones which included developing and implementing a pilot program, initial curriculum, staff training and development,

fundraising and parent support and training supervised a team of clinicians and interns in all aspects of case management and therapy. Worked closely with community-based teams including DMH, DCF, DDS and local crisis teams to coordinate the care of children. Provided consultation and training to school and residential staff on a broad range of issues particularly on Autism Spectrum Issues. Provided risk management services for children presenting with aggression, suicidal ideation and decompensation due acute mental health crisis.

1999-2001, Communities United Headstart, Social Worker, Waltham, MA (1999-2001)

Carried a caseload of up to 50 children and families with varying needs from significant mental health and developmental challenges to issues related to poverty, citizen status, and transition planning. I developed Communities United's transportation program hiring drivers, refurbishing buses, planning routes and maintaining the quality of the service.

1995-1997, Alternative Home, Inc. Mental Health Worker, Newton, MA

As a mental health worker I worked with twelve adults who were diagnosed with major mental illness and required the support of residential programming. I collaborated with my clients to create and implement treatment plans that reflected their work and social goals. I provided crisis treatment for clients in acute mental health crisis as well as social and activity planning. I also provided work and job counseling for clients seeking employment.

Education

2006-2007 Antioch New England, Autism Certificate Program

1997-1999 Simmons College, MSW

1989-1993 Wayne State University, M.A. Theater

1982-1986 Bridgewater State College, BA, Communication

Awards

2008 Heroes in the Fight Nominee, National Alliance for Mental Illness.

2007 Special Recognition, Asperger's Association of New England.

2004 Wind Beneath their Wings Award, Westborough SPEDPAC

Selected Presentations

Interventions that Increase Self-Regulation and Social Competence in Children with Developmental and Social/Emotional Challenges.

Presented to Woburn Public Schools, 2018

Autism, Asperger's and the Social Disability Spectrum.

Presented for Ivy Street School, Brookline Ma 2017

Managing Children's Difficult Behavior: Before it occurs, when it occurs and after it occurs.
Presented to various agencies and programs 2010-2014.

Managing Difficult/Disruptive Behaviors while Increasing Academic and Social Engagement.

Co-presented with Danielle Wetmore for Harvard University-Cambridge Health Alliance Conference, 2016

Playful Activities that Reinforce Essential Skills for Social Competence.

Presented for Harvard University-Cambridge Health Alliance Conference, 2012

Autism, Asperger's and the Social Disability Spectrum

Presenter for the Signing on the Spectrum Conference, Learning Center for the Deaf, Framingham, 2008.