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EDUCATION

Education Specialist in Counselor Education with a specialty in Marriage, Couples, and Family Counseling (CACREP Accredited), University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC, May 2012

Bachelor of Science in Merchandising, Apparel, and Textiles, University of Kentucky, Lexington, KY, August 2006

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Assistant Dean for Student Advocacy and Intervention

Dean of Students Office

Coastal Carolina University, Conway, SC

August 2013-Present

- Assist a student population of 10,000 in managing all aspects of their personal, social, and academic success
- Maintain and update case notes through Maxient, an electronic database used to document and share student information with campus partners
- Advocate for students who are struggling to function academically, mentally, or socially as a result of a personal challenge or crisis
- Assess and appropriately refer students who pose a potential threat to themselves or others in the campus community
- Aid students and their families in identifying and navigating offices both on and off campus to meet their respective needs
- Act as a liaison between parents, students, and health care providers when a student needs to leave campus due to medical, psychological, or personal reasons
- Coordinate the CHANT Intervention Team (C-IT), a behavioral intervention team with representatives across campus who identify and address behaviors that are concerning or disruptive to the campus community
- Serve as a member of the Threat Assessment Team (TAT), a team of University representatives who assess students posing a potential threat to others
- Monitor compliance with the University's Self-Harm Policy, a protocol designed to ensure the safety of students who have attempted or demonstrated a risk of self-harm
- Serve as first contact for all complainants of sexual misconduct through the University's Title IX reporting structure
- Chair the Sexual Misconduct and Assault Response Team (SMART), a team of representatives who evaluate the University's response to reports of sexual misconduct
- Collaborate with other offices across campus to educate the campus community on topics such as risk assessment, the functional areas of the Dean of Students Office, and the University's response to reports of sexual misconduct

Mental Health Counselor I

Lexington County Community Mental Health Center, Department of Children, Adolescents, and Families (CAF)

CAF School-Based Services, Lexington, SC

September 2012-June 2013

- Provided screening, assessment, treatment, and case management to referred students in Batesburg-Leesville Primary and Elementary Schools and surrounding areas
- Offered early intervention and crisis intervention services to students and families
- Conducted in-home assessment and family therapy sessions in order to foster client support and strengthen therapeutic alliance
- Collaborated with students, parents, school officials and physicians to coordinate care
- Provided consultation to teachers and other school staff regarding mental health issues
- Maintained and updated client caseload, which included conducting assessments, drafting plans for treatment, monitoring client progress, and documenting appropriate diagnoses
- Coordinated services with the Department of Social Services (DSS), law enforcement, and legal representatives as necessary
- Participated in weekly clinical supervision focused on case conceptualization and effective case management

Licensed Professional Counselor - Intern (LPC-I)

Sara E. Pratt Peacock, LPC-I

Counseling Services, Columbia, SC

September 2012-June 2013

- Provided individual, couple, and family counseling services in a private practice setting to adults, adolescents, and families in the Columbia, SC area
- Responsible for all aspects related to the functioning of the business, such as advertising, networking, and maintaining necessary documentation and licensure information
- Participated in various workshops and conferences related to best practices and emerging research in the field
- Engaged in weekly supervision focused on case conceptualization, legal and ethical issues, and building and maintaining a successful private practice

Counselor Trainee/Clinical Graduate Assistant

Counseling and Human Development Center

University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC

August 2011-May 2012

- Conducted intake assessments and provided ongoing individual and couples counseling in University counseling center
- Maintained and updated client files, which included preparation of extensive case notes, client referrals, and appropriate diagnoses

- Collaborated with other providers within the Counseling Center and across other departments of Student Health Services, including psychiatry, nutrition, disability services, and sexual assault services in order to support integrated care
- Co-facilitated weekly group therapy sessions, which included a mandated drug and alcohol intervention group, a general therapy process group for graduate students and professionals, a therapeutic creative writing group, a process group for students presenting with eating disordered behavior, and a progressive muscle relaxation training group
- Implemented campus wide outreach services (e.g., guided meditation and healthy relationships workshops)
- Participated in weekly, multidisciplinary clinical consultation teams
- Engaged in weekly individual and group supervision which included case consultation, tape review and live supervision
- Completed over 1000 hours of combined direct and indirect clinical service

Student/Family Therapist Trainee

Epworth Children's Home, Columbia, SC

January 2011-December 2011

- Provided supervised therapeutic services to residents of Epworth Children's Home and their respective families
- Provided psychoeducational information regarding family developmental theory
- Developed a treatment plan based on case conceptualization
- Established collaborative relationships among other significant parties involved with the family system (e.g. cottage staff, DSS workers, school personnel)
- Enacted in-session interventions as a means for observing interactional processes within the family system, facilitating client insight, and assessing readiness for change

SOCIAL JUSTICE WORK

Volunteer/Guest Speaker

The Harriet Hancock Center, Columbia, SC

July 2012-October 2012

- Participated in the planning and hosting of Youth Out Loud (YOL), a weekly chaperoned gathering designed to provide LGBT youth ages 15-19 with a safe and confidential environment in which to socialize
- Researched SC state laws in order to ensure that employees of the center maintained strict adherence to various laws pertaining to confidentiality, mandated reporting, and liability when hosting youth events
- Assisted in the planning and hosting of Third Thursday Talks, a monthly informational discussion session designed to address topics pertinent to the LGBT community, such as legal rights, sexual health, and bullying

Big Sister Volunteer

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS), Columbia, SC

December 2010-January 2013

- Served as volunteer mentor to adolescent “little sister”
- Transported and accompanied little sister to various outings, including trips to local museums, restaurants, parks, and sporting events
- Participated in local BBBS-sponsored events

Certified Coach - Girls on the Run®

Epworth Children’s Home, Columbia, SC

February 2011-April 2011

- Taught from a 24-lesson curriculum designed to provide life skills through the use of interactive discussions, team-building exercises, and running drills
- Facilitated discussions of self-exploration, gender identity formation, self-esteem, teamwork, and peer cooperation amongst female residents of Epworth Children’s Home ages 7-12
- Participated in the Heart and Sole 5k with Epworth residents and staff at the conclusion of the season

Corps Member

Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (NCCC)

Southeast Branch, Charleston, SC

September 2002-July 2003

- Selected to serve in a ten month residential national service program in the areas of education, public safety, unmet human needs, environment, and disaster relief
- Provided emergency assistance as a hurricane disaster relief team member
- Completed over 1700 hours of community service

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association (ACA)

November 2010-Present

Association for Student Conduct Administration (ASCA)

October 2016-Present

Higher Education Case Managers Association (HECMA)

August 2013-Present

Upsilon Sigma Chi Chapter of Chi Sigma Iota

April 2011-May 2012

Student-Faculty Liaison, International Counseling Honor Society