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EDUCATION

Master of Social Work
May 2009
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
Concentration: Clinical Practice with Elders & Families
Independent Studies: Victims of Violent Crime
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

Bachelor of Social Work
December 2005
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
Concentration: Generalist Intervention Models in Clinical Practice
Graduated Cum Laude

Certificate
May 2009
Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida
Concentration: Clinical Practice with Elders

Associate in Arts
December 2003
Miami-Dade College, Kendall, Florida
Major: Health Care Administration

PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, Florida

September 2015-Present

developed fully online course content for Intro to Victimology using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
Provided students with various teaching assessments such as discussion boards, current events, video reactions, reading assignments, articles, book assignments, exams, quizzes, group work, and community engagement.
Constantly updating assignments and course content to represent the changing locales in the victim service field.
Providing feedback and grades to students throughout the semester and making referrals to the eLearning Success Coach when appropriate.
Allowing students to learn through challenging and proving their perception of terms on exam and quiz questions.
working under Ricky Langlois, Faculty Advisor and Dr. Bruce Arneklev, Director of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice College

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, Florida

May 2014-Present

instructed and developed fully online course content for Evidence-Based Practice with Cultural Diversity using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
instructed and developed fully online course content for Human Trafficking using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
Provided students with various teaching assessments such as discussion boards, current events, video reactions, reading assignments, articles, book assignments, exams, quizzes, group work, and community engagement.
Constantly updating assignments and course content to represent the changing locales in the social work field.
Providing feedback and grades to students throughout the semester and making referrals to the eLearning Success Coach when appropriate.
Engaging in meaningful discussion with student through the group link and via email.
Allowing students to learn through challenging and proving their perception of terms on exam and quiz questions.
working under Dr. Joy McClellan and Dr. Heather Thompson, Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty Advisor, School of Social Work

Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services

West Palm Beach, Florida

August 2008-April 2009

founded and coordinated SASSI (Seniors Advocating for Seniors about Senior Issues) group
provided the social service portion of the adult day care working primarily with Alzheimer's and dementia patients
conducted reminiscence therapy groups
provided crisis counseling to patients and their families
facilitated support groups for primary caregivers and clients
worked under and for Faith Martin, MSW; Director of the Division of Senior Services

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

Dec. 2005-July 2006

provided direct services to people with disabilities by providing independent living skills training, emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance, vocational assistance, housing assistance, and peer review groups
involved in the PBC Interagency Network, Human Trafficking Working Group, Victims' Rights Coalition, and Seniors vs Crime
provided presentations on health and safety, victim services, and other presentations as requested to at-risk youth participants
conducted presentations on health and safety, victim services, and other presentations as requested off-site to various community partners and their clients/participants
work under and for Maite Reyes-Coles, MS; Supervisor of the Independent Living Department

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

April 2005-December 2005

authored the agency's intern handbook
provided direct services to consumers
collaborated with various community groups to get a better understanding of Independent Living position
provided presentations to consumer on independent living skills, health and safety, victim services, and others as requested
represented programs to referral sources, community agencies, social service agencies, and others as requested
involved in the Human Trafficking Working Group, Victims' Rights Coalition, and Seniors vs Crime
instituted new file system to organize and distribute consumer files
worked under and for Shelley Gottsagen, MSW; Executive Director

HONORS AND AWARDS

- Recipient: National Association of Social Workers Florida Chapter Social Worker of the Year 2014
- Recipient: Palm Beach County Victim Advocate of the Year 2013
- Recipient: Palm Beach County Service Worker of the Year 2013
- Recipient: Veterans Affairs Medical Center Special Advocacy Recognition Award 2013
- Recipient: Palm Beach County Adult Education Center Special Volunteer Recognition Award 2013
- Recipient: Palm Beach Gardens Police Department Special Recognition Award 2013
- Recipient: Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services. 2009
- Nominee: National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2013
- Nominee: PATH Award for Excellence in Leadership 2013
- Nominee: Social Work Educator of the Year 2013
- Nominee: National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2012
- Nominee: Florida Attorney General's Office Advocate of the Year 2011
- Nominee: Newkita Women of Change, 2011
- Nominee: National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2011
- Nominee: Florida Attorney General's Office Advocate of the Year 2010
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Program Nominee; National Victims of Crime Innovative Program of the Year 2010
Graduated with Honors, Masters of Social Work, 2009
2nd Place Winner World AIDS Day Literary Competition, 2008
Graduated with Honors, Bachelors of Social Work, 2005
Graduated with Honors, Associates of Arts, 2003
Community Service Award, 1999-2000
History Achievement Award, 1998
Chemistry Achievement Award, 1997
Honorable Mention; Scientific Study on Erosion, *Jupiter Inlet Park*, 1992