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EXPERIENCE

2007-2009 Highlands Behavioral Health System Littleton, CO
Inpatient Psychiatric Social Worker

- Primary therapist on the adolescent unit.
- Run family meetings, treatment meetings, complete psychosocial assessments, assist with discharge planning and run various therapeutic groups.
- Assisted in starting up the adolescent psychiatric unit and ensured the families' needs were consistently and adequately addressed.

2004-Present Evans Mediation Services Denver, CO
Family Mediator

- Served as Parent Coordinator for Asheville County Family Courts.
- Assists spouses in peaceful divorce mediations.
- Successfully mediated over 60 families.
- Conducts family mediations where resentments, regrets and fears are shared and trust re-established.

2006-2007 Evergreen Community Charter School Asheville, NC
Middle School Counselor

- Established Middle School Counseling Center for 126 teens and their families.
- Taught conflict resolution between teens, parents and staff.
- Motivated students to create agreements and thus minimized rumors dramatically.
- Encouraged and employed specific listening skills to advance respectful communications.

2005-2007 Collaborative Law Asheville, NC
Child Specialist and Divorce coach

- Coached families during separation through the art of respectful communications.
- Supported single parents through compassionate parenting strategies.
- Submitted mutual and amicable agreements to the attending attorneys.

2005 Gentiva Home Health Care San Diego, CA
Medical Social Worker

- Assessed client's ability to live independently.
- Coached family members in advocating for their elderly's needs.
- Conducted home visits, wrote evaluations, created treatment plans and brokered with other social service agencies.

2004-2005 **Mental Health Systems, Inc.** **San Diego, CA**
Juvenile Sex Offender Therapist at Day Treatment Center

- Collaborated with probation officers, judges, lawyers and families for the empowerment of the client system.
- Educated clients to include their families' participation to increase client's successes.
- Evaluated psychosocial developmental processes and then created realistic short and long term goals.
- Led daily psycho education groups for offense cycles and anger cycles.

2001- 2004 **Children's Hospital** **San Diego, CA**
Social Worker/ Child & Family Therapist

- Main duties included assessment, diagnosis, intervention and prevention in order to reduce high-risk behaviors.
- Ran weekly parenting classes for parents of children diagnosed with ADHD.
- Collaborated with psychiatrist, schools, and families to ensure the most successful outcomes for the families to make and sustain change.
- Helped teenagers and parents negotiate between trust, boundaries and realistic expectations.

2000- 2001 **Towards Maximum Independence** **San Diego, CA**
Case Manager for developmentally disabled foster children

- Crisis intervention, outreach, short and long term treatment planning.
- Collaborated with social workers, psychiatrists, foster families, schools and religious organization to ensure maximum independent for these disabled children.

EDUCATION

1995-1998 San Diego State University San Diego, CA
■ **Masters in Social Work** (Children Youth and Families)

1989- 1990 Hebrew University Jerusalem, Israel
Overseas Program

1986-1991 San Diego State University San Diego, CA
■ **BA in Speech Communication**

