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## **CURRENT POSITION**

### **University of Akron, Lakewood Campus**

*October 2019 – Present*

School of Social Work

MSW Coordinator

- Academic advisor for students in the MSW program
- Recruit new students in the MSW program
- Provide course instruction in the graduate and undergraduate program
- Facilitate and coordinate the field experience for graduate students
- Serve on department committees

### Courses Taught

- SWK 402: Social Work Practice II
- SWK 421: Field Seminar I
- SWK 422: Field Seminar II
- SWK 601: Foundations Field Practicum
- SWK 604: Advanced Field Practicum
- SWK 605: Social Work Practice with Small Systems

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **Cuyahoga County Department of Health and Human Services**

*June 2015 to October 2019*

Department of Learning and Professional Development

Training Officer Supervisor

- Coordinated the University Partnership Program (UPP) internship program at the Division of Children and Family Services (DCFS).  
Coordinated field placements of MSW and MSSA students/employees at Cuyahoga County Department of Health and human Services.
- Provided in-service training to students and employees
- Provide LISW group/individual supervision for employees pursuing independent social work licensure

## **University of Akron, Lakewood Campus**

*January 2018 to Present*

Adjunct Instructor

Provide in-person course instruction within the College of Social Work

- SWK 402: Social Work Practice II
- SWK 421: Field Seminar I
- SWK 422: Field Seminar II

## **Cleveland State University**

*January 2015 to December 2019*

Adjunct Instructor

Provided in-person and on-line course instruction within the School of Social Work for undergraduate and graduate students

- SWK 625 : Advanced Generalist Practice with Individuals and Families (assisted in development of this course for classroom format and fully developed the online version)
- SWK 507 : Advanced Generalist Practice with Groups, Communities and Organizations
- SWK 385 – Intervention I

## **University Hospitals/Rainbow Babies and Children's Hospital**

*January 2014 to May 2015*

Social Worker II

Provided medical social work services to children and families in the Cystic Fibrosis Center.

- Psychosocial assessment, counseling, and on-going supportive services to children and families impacted by cystic fibrosis
- Served as a member of the Quality Improvement Project, Family Education Day Planning Committee, Social Work and Professional Counselor Governance, and The Ohio Medicaid Presentation Planning Committee

## **Dayton Children's Medical Center, Dayton, Ohio**

*January 2000 to June 2013*

Senior Medical Social Worker

Conducted psychosocial assessments, interviewing and counseling with children and families receiving a variety of hospital services. During my tenure at Dayton Children's, I served as social worker in the Emergency Department, Child Abuse Team, Trauma Team, NICU, PICU, Outpatient clinics, General Inpatient Units, On-call Support, as well as providing crisis intervention and conducting mental health evaluations.

Additional services/responsibilities included:

- Supervised social work interns
- Training and mentorship to new employees

- Served on the Grievance Committee – heard complaints from terminated employees and/or employees with corrective action. Made recommendations to the hospital CEO.
- Provided in-service presentation to new emergency room nurses on recognizing child abuse

**Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio**

*September 2003 to May 2013*

Adjunct Instructor

Provided course instruction undergraduate and graduate within the Department of Social Work.

**The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio**

*September 2006 to March 2011*

Graduate Teaching Associate (September 2006 to June 2007)

Graduate Student Lecturer (September 2007 to June 2011)

**Miami Valley Hospital, Dayton, Ohio**

*June 1999 to February 2000*

Medical Social Worker/Discharge Planner on the neurosciences unit. Supported patient and families coping with traumatic injuries and hospitalization

- Conducted psychosocial assessments of patients primarily on the neurology Unit
- Worked closely with patients and families to develop appropriate discharge plans
- Member of the Neurology Multi-Team

**Montgomery County Children Services, Dayton, Ohio**

*September 1996 to June 1998*

Child Protection Caseworker in on-going services

- Provided in-home services, permanency planning, foster-care placement, and crisis intervention
- Worked with the prosecutor’s office and testified at court hearings
- Attended case annual reviews and family mediation meetings

**EDUCATION**

**Master of Social Work. May, 1999**

Wayne State University, Detroit, Michigan

**Bachelor of Arts in Social Work. June, 1996**

Wright State University, Dayton, Ohio

**LICENSURE, PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, AND AWARDS**

- Licensed Independent Social Worker, Supervisor (LISW-S) # I.1100141 - SUPV State of Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board
- May 2017 - Outstanding Field Instructor Award, MSW Program Cleveland State University, School of Social Work
- Dec 2014 - Rainbow Babies & Children's Foundation Margaret B. Marting Award. Awarded for Clinical Excellence – served as member of the cystic fibrosis (CF) quality improvement multidisciplinary team recognized for creating a process for improving patient care for the CF pediatric and adult programs.
- April 2010 - Outstanding Alumna of the Year, Department of Social Work, Wright State University College of Liberal Arts
- September 2005 – Recipient of a 3-year Minority Fellowship Award by the Council on Social Work Education. This competitive award was funded through the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA).
- March 1999 - Honored as the MSW Student of the Year by the National Association of Social Workers, Ohio Chapter, Region VII.

## **PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLICATIONS**

- June 2014 – Cuyahoga County MRDD Bus Driver's Union. Presentation to union members on stress management and conflict resolution
- Feb 2006 – Co-Authored paper presented and the 52<sup>nd</sup> Annual Program Meeting of the Council on Social Work Education. Tips, Trick, and Techniques for Incorporating Systematic Reviews into Doctoral Education

## **SERVICE**

- June 2015– Aug 2017. Served on the Board of Directors for the Early Childhood Enrichment Center, Shaker Heights, Ohio