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Education

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NYU Global Institute of Public Health, New York, NY
MPH Candidate in Global Health Leadership

Simmons College, Boston, MA
Master of Social Work, 2010

Simmons College, Kampala, Uganda
Social Work Internship, Summer 2009

The University of Vermont, Burlington, VT
Bachelor of Art, Psychology, 2004

License: LCSW

Other Certification: Certified Field Instructor (SIFI), EMDR Therapy,

Computer Skills: Word, Excel, Powerpoint, SPSS, SAS, Access, Redcap and Quadramed

Global Health Experience

A Systems Approach to Food Access Course/Partnership with UN World Food Program

Nov. 2015

NYU Student

- Collaborated with members of the UN WFP to examine systemic approaches to respond to global health threats related to food and nutrition in low resourced areas and evaluated current and past interventions.
- Designed a program intervention with the purpose of providing technical assistance to the government of Namibia in addressing inequalities in nutritional wellbeing by creating a learning model targeted to a specific geographic region and coordinating multi-sector service delivery and stakeholder collaboration
- Worked independently and as a team under short deadline requirements and presented the program design to classmates and high level members of the UN WFP

Empower Lab, New York NY

Aug. 2015-Present

Part-time Research Assistant/Intern

- Worked closely with doctors, fellows and students to conduct research related to women's reproductive health needs and sexual violence history through literature reviews, quantitative research and data analyses
- Administered in depth questionnaires and entered data into Redcap for quantitative research studies aimed to assess histories, perceptions and gynecological health needs of females from vulnerable populations enrolled in a program for refugees and asylum seekers
- Assist with grant preparation and writing to obtain funding for a research related to military sexual trauma study

NYC Department of Health and Mental Hygiene: Bureau of Communicable Diseases

Jun. 2015-Present

College Aid: Foodborne Disease, Salmonella Surveillance

- Conduct general surveillance of Salmonella infections in NYC utilizing an online disease reporting system, following up with providers as needed, contacting cases by telephone and administering a hypothesis generating questionnaire.
- Investigate foodborne disease outbreaks in NYC through the design and administration of questionnaires, database development and data analysis using SAS
- Assist in the preparation of written reports summarizing outbreak and cluster investigations
- Develop health education materials and implement outreach strategies directed towards community members and schools to improve knowledge and health literacy

Additional Professional Experience

Bellevue Hospital: Inpatient Geriatric/Medical Psychiatric Unit, New York NY

Jun. 2013 - Jun. 2015

Social Worker

- Functioned as a member of a multidisciplinary team that significantly reduced overall length of stay for adult/geriatric patients with acute and complex psychiatric and medical needs through creation of comprehensive treatment and discharge plans
- Conducted intakes for new admissions, formulated psychosocial assessments, counseled and provided health education to patients in order to promote better health outcomes
- Evaluated patient needs in the community to create discharge plans that would assist with patient autonomy in the community and implement quality improvement to reduce re-admission
- Developed and managed strong partnerships with community referrals in order to establish continuity of care
- Supervised MSW students, assisted with training new employees, consistently met deadlines around documentation and treatment plans

Bournewood Hospital: Adult Dual Diagnosis Partial Hospital Program, Brookline, MA

Jul. 2012 –Apr. 2013

Clinical Social Worker

- Collaborated with a multidisciplinary team to support adults with a mental health and substance abuse diagnosis in a psychiatric Partial Hospital Program through individual and group counseling, psycho education and developing discharge plans
- Performed intakes, led daily groups, created treatment and discharge plans around substance abuse related issue
- Conducted utilization reviews with insurance plans to advocate for client treatment and supervised MSW students

Episcopal Community Services: SF START, San Francisco, CA

Apr. 2011- Apr.2012

Mental Health Specialist

- Provided clinical case management to vulnerable homeless adults in the largest shelters in San Francisco.
- Triage clients in order to support clients with the most severe mental health, medical and substance abuse needs..
- Supported the safety and growth of clients through use of a harm reduction model, crisis intervention and implantation of a variety of therapeutic techniques including trauma-informed care.
- Coached direct care staff around health literacy and cultural competency to promote quality care to shelter residents

Burlington Community Life Center, Burlington, MA

Sept. 2009 -May 2010

Social Work Intern

- Delivered clinical support and provided psycho-education to individuals and families with adolescents in the home as well as facilitated an alternative outdoor group for adolescents

Kathleen Greer Associates: EAP, Framingham, MA

Dec.2006 –Aug. 2008

EAP Counseling Assistant

- Supported clinical team at high-touch EAP through administrative support, creation of health and community resources, quality improvement through database management and managing non-clinical client calls requiring research and follow up

Volunteer Experience

Cornerstone Foundation, San Ignacio Belize

Jul. 2006

Natural Healing Volunteer

- Participated in a 2-week course that involved learning from indigenous healers about traditional practices of wellness.