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EDUCATION

University of the Rockies, Colorado Springs, CO M.A. Psychology, Criminal Justice, 2011

Iowa State University, Ames, IA B.A. Psychology, minor in Spanish, 2007

RELEVANT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Milwaukee LGBT Community Center – Counseling and Advocacy Coordinator

Current

- Provide counseling as it pertains to anti-violence and individual goal settings.
- Provide advocacy services for individuals looking for support in going through the court system, seeking assistance in navigating services, or in need of a support group.
- Lead a Latinx and LGBTQIA+ (Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer/Questioning, Intersex, Asexual, other) support group in an effort to provide services to individuals living in this intersection.

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2018-2019

- Assisted students in facilitating a support group aiming to provide a safe space for LGBTQIA+ youth, especially those part of minoritized communities.
- Made connections with community members and organizations willing to provide information and programming to the youth as volunteers.

ARCh Iowa Affirmation & Resources Chat – Sexual Assault Advocate

2017-2017

- Provided real-time, online, text-based support for survivors of abuse, stalking and sexual violence.
- Outreached into communities to advocate for survivors of sexual violence and promote services provided around Iowa.

One Iowa – Youth Program Coordinator

2015-2017

- Improved working relationships with schools and educators in an effort to make their space safer and more accepting of LGBTQIA+ youth, through training and advocacy.
- Foster a learning environment for students to better understand their rights and work towards a safe environment for LGBTQIA+ youth and their allies to succeed.

Children and Families of Iowa-Minority Outreach Advocate

2012-2014

- Domestic Violence Minority Advocate: Provide individual/group counseling; as well as legal, financial and personal advocacy for victims of domestic violence.
- Respond to crisis situations on a regular basis to best suit the needs of current and potential clients.