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Professional Summary

- Self-motivated and creative professional with diverse managerial and program implementation experience.
- Innovative communicator with exceptional writing, presenting and interpersonal communications skills.
- Adept at evaluating strengths and needs, generating options, and identifying solutions in partnership with cross divisional staff and community stakeholders.
- Highly proficient in Microsoft Office 365. Ability and interest in incorporating new technology to more efficiently and cost effectively accomplish organizational goals.
- Fluent in Spanish. Extensive familiarity with working alongside individuals from various ethnic and cultural backgrounds.

Experience

Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 3

2013-
Present

Regional Chief
Responsibilities

- Direct day to day operations for nearly 400 staff, including approximately 275 probation and parole agents who supervise more than 20,000 clients with ties to Milwaukee County.
- Lead the implementation of evidence based programming and intervention strategies vetted by scientific study and research.
- Sustain and strengthen relationships with community partners and work collaboratively to resourcefully address common issues, such as public safety and recidivism.

Department of Corrections, Waukesha County, Region 7

2009-
2013

Corrections Field Supervisor-Bilingual
Responsibilities

- Acted as a liaison to county agencies, represented the Department on community organizations and at public events, and proactively engaged in community outreach initiatives.
 - Undertook the development and construction of a day report center.
 - Served as an Interstate Compact Specialist, a personnel investigator, a revocation and a custody credit expert and a resource for Spanish translation needs.
 - Actively participated in numerous statewide committees, volunteered to train new staff and assisted in the recruitment process for agents and field supervisors.
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Sojourner Family Peace Center2008-
2013

Bilingual Group Facilitator

Responsibilities

- Oversaw delivery of cognitive intervention based curriculum to males with identified needs in the areas of power and control and interfamilial violence.
- Attended multiple trainings in motivational interviewing and trauma informed care in order to enhance effectiveness as a facilitator.
- Participated in community outreach events and activities to increase public awareness around the issue of domestic violence, particularly amongst the Latino population of the City of Milwaukee.

Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 32008-
2009

Corrections Field Supervisor-Sex Offender Unit

Responsibilities

- Managed a staff comprised of 13 agents whose caseloads consisted exclusively of clients with sexually motivated convictions.
- Guided the placement of special bulletin notice sex offenders by networking with law enforcement and community stakeholders and conducting community notification meetings.
- Completed specialized training in the areas of sex offender risk dynamics and utilized the skills obtained therein to train staff and enhance client accountability.

Department of Corrections, Milwaukee County, Region 32006-
2008

Corrections Field Supervisor-Intake Unit

Responsibilities

- Supervised 6 comprehensive probation and parole agents and 6 agents whose job duties entailed writing the majority of the presentence investigations for Milwaukee County.
- Administered case intake for Milwaukee County and directed the flow of cases to units with the aim of equalizing workloads and limiting agent overtime.
- Served as principal liaison to the Milwaukee County Criminal Courts, the District Attorney's Office and the Office of the Clerk of Courts.

Education1998-
2001**UW-Milwaukee**

- Bachelor of Science Major: Criminal Justice Minor: Spanish
- Accomplishments: Graduated Summa Cum Laude with a cumulative GPA of 4.0; Member of the Phi Kappa Phi Honor's Society; Member of the Criminal Justice Student Association; Winner of the Virginia Burke Freshman Writing Contest.
