

RESUME

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OBJECTIVE

Position that utilizes my experience in disability advocacy, counseling and teaching.

ACADEMIC PREPARATION

UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN-MILWAUKEE

Master of Science, Educational Rehabilitation Counseling Degree
Trauma Counseling Certificate - Awarded on May 10, 1998.
Certified Rehabilitation Counselor-Awarded on October 31, 1998.
Certified Domestic Violence Counselor- Awarded May 1999

NORTHEASTERN ILLINOIS UNIVERSITY

Bachelor of Arts Degree- Awarded December 1995
Graduated Magna Cum Laude
Member of Alpha Chi National Honor Scholarship Society

PUBLICATIONS AND PRESENTATIONS

- ◆ ***“Widening the Circle”*** Conference-June 8 and 9, 1999
- ◆ Presented on ***“Sexual Abuse and People with Physical and Sensory Disabilities”*** and ***“Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA)”***
- ◆ National Council on Independent Living Annual Conference-June 27,1999 ***“People with Disabilities and Abuse: Implications for Centers for Independent Living”***, we were also awarded 1st place in the **Innovative CIL Program Competition for our S.A.F.E. (Stopping Abuse For Everyone) Program.**
- ◆ One of the Speakers on a National Teleconference: ***“Barriers to Independence: Abuse in the Lives of People with Disabilities”***
- ◆ Also wrote the training manual for the teleconference. September 22 and 23, 1999
- ◆ Short interview on ***“Parenting with a Disability”*** on Channel 58 News February 26, 2000.
- ◆ Governor’s Council on Domestic Violence-June 14, 2000
- ◆ ***“Meeting the Needs of Women with Disabilities: The Accessibility of Domestic Violence Shelters in Wisconsin”***
- ◆ Wisconsin Coalition against Domestic Violence Advanced Training-August 3, 2000 ***“Disability and Abuse”***
- ◆ Wisconsin Victim Assistance Academy August 9, 2000 ***“Disability and Abuse”***
- ◆ Judicial Oversight Initiative on Domestic Violence-August 31, 2000 ***“Abuse and Individuals with Disabilities”***
- ◆ Chapters in ***“Widening the Circle”*** by the Wisconsin Coalition against Sexual Assault.

- ♦ ***“Sexual Assault/Abuse Against Individuals with Disabilities and the Elderly”***
(partial)

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- ♦ ***“Learning about People with Physical and/or Sensory Disabilities”***
- ♦ ***“Programming Issues for Sexual Assault Service Providers”*** (partial)
- ♦ Video version of ***“Widening the Circle”***
- ♦ **Wrote 4 Manuals and Curriculums**
 - “Working with Abuse Survivors: A Guide for Independent Living Centers”***
 - “Serving Women with Disabilities: A Guide for Domestic Abuse Programs”***
 - “No Longer Silent: Consumer Guide to Ending Caregiver Abuse”***
 - “Responding to Abuse by Caregivers: A Guide for Service Providers”***
 - Curriculum for Division of Vocational Rehabilitation on Disability Harassment***
 - Independent living Skills Curriculum and Transition Program for Students with Disabilities both for IndependenceFirst***
- ♦ **Article**
 - “People with Disabilities and Abuse: Implications for Centers for Independent Living”*** 1999

RELATED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WORK EXPERIENCE

INDEPENDENCEFIRST, Milwaukee, WI

May 11, 1998- Present

Independent Living Coordinator, Peer Counselor and Advocate

Established a new program called **“S.A.F.E.”** (Stopping Abuse for Everyone) which **provides counseling, advocating within the legal system and referrals to domestic violence and sexual assault agencies** for individuals, as well as **developing a network** of individuals at **independent living centers, nationwide**, who are interested in working on the issue of abuse of individuals with disabilities. I have **written** a chapter and **collaborated on a video for the Wisconsin Coalition Against Sexual Assault on physical and sensory disabilities and issues related to sexual assault**. Through grants from the State Independent Living Council I have been looking at the issue of domestic violence and individuals with disabilities by surveying the domestic abuse agencies in Wisconsin, to establish their accessibility to women with disabilities and the eight independent living centers in Wisconsin to identify their awareness of abuse issues. The results of these surveys are currently being written up to submit for publication. I have also written two manuals: ***“Working with Abuse Survivors: A Guide for Independent Living Centers”*** and ***“Serving Women with Disabilities: A Guide for Domestic Abuse Programs”***. A second grant from The **Center for Research on Women with Disabilities at Baylor College** in Houston, Texas has allowed me to **develop a Sexual Assault/Domestic Violence Screening tool** which the agency uses during it's intakes. In addition, my abuse program was given **first prize by ILRU in the**

“Advocacy Tool Competition” and I will have the opportunity to present it at the NCIL conference.

KENOSHANS' AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT, Kenosha, WI
December 1997

August 1997-

Counselor/Field Work

Performed crisis counseling and follow-up supportive counseling for rape and domestic violence victims. Co-facilitated weekly group for the parents of children who had been sexually assaulted. Participated in staff meeting and consumers' staffings. Assisted in implementing new outreach program. Developed and presented inservices program on women with disabilities and their risk of sexual assault and abuse and the accommodations needed for this population.

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GLENKIRK, Northbrook, IL

July 1993-September 1994

Habilitation Supervisor

Performed **hands-on independent living skills training**. Advocated for consumer with health care providers, guardians and workshop and residential facilities.

Formulated and implemented ILWIP and behavior programs. Supervised second shift staff members. Participated in consumers' staffings.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Cost Estimation and Design Engineering

1980-1993

Handled customer's request for quotations and estimated costs. Responsible for detailed drawings from sketches and specifications. Scheduled deliveries truck and express services. Maintained contact with vendors on pricing and deliveries. Performed on-site inspections for troubleshooting.

AFFILIATIONS

American Counseling Association
National Rehabilitation Counseling Association
American Rehabilitation Counseling Association

REFERENCES AVAILABLE