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EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS - CHICAGO, Chicago, IL
Master of Social Work: May 2011
Concentration in Community Health and Urban Development

UNIVERSITY OF ST. THOMAS, St. Paul, MN
Bachelor of Social Work, Minor in Justice and Peace Studies, May 2010
Honors and Activities:

- St. Thomas Award (for academic achievement), Fall 2006
- Member of the Students for Justice and Peace
- Social Work Study Abroad Program: Augsburg University, Cuernavaca Mexico
 - Lived with exclusively Spanish speaking family
 - Traveled extensively throughout Mexico
 - Studied social welfare policies

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

MILWAUKEE LGBT COMMUNITY CENTER, Milwaukee, WI
Counseling and Anti-Violence Manager

- Responds to requests for assistance from LGBT victims of violence including providing telephone and in-person crisis intervention; domestic violence and sexual assault agencies and court; and serving as a liaison with law enforcement and other service providers.
- Provides solutions based counseling for individuals couples
- Develops strategies to engage law enforcement jurisdictions to refer crime victims for services.
- Recruits and supervises outreach volunteers and interns to implement outreach plans.
- Manages AVP grants through successful implementation of programs, program evaluation, grant reporting and billing. Assists in writing additional grant proposals and requests.
- Develops and implements strategies to raise awareness and to educate the LGBT community about domestic violence, sexual assault and hate crimes.
- Develops and sustains community collaborations that facilitate recognition of LGBT identities in organizations, agencies and governmental units that provide services to victims of violence.

ST. AEMILIAN LAKESIDE, INC., Milwaukee, WI
Supportive Permanent Housing Case Manager, October 2011 – Current

- Coordinates supportive housing program intakes and discharges
- Manages caseload of diverse young adults with diagnosed mental illness'
- Connects clientele with variety of resources including mental/physical health, domestic violence, drug and alcohol
- Teaches independent living skills to young adults; including nutrition, budgeting and sexual health
- Organizes events and seminars to educate clientele about community issues, health education and independent living skill development
- Facilitated women's group, covering topics of goal setting, relationships, sexuality and health
- Connect with community resources and maintain healthy partnerships
- Evaluates program outcomes and plans strategic goals for future programming
- Active in attending community educational trainings and networking events
- Completed Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics (NMT) Certification Training

AIDS FOUNDATION OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL

Social Work Intern/Consultant, August 2010 – July 2011

- Tracked several homeless outreach teams and engaged additional outreach partners
- Connected outreach teams with housing providers
- Developed a program evaluation of Medicaid High Users Study
- Partnered with case managers to collect data for Medicaid High Users Study
- Served as a liaison between case managers and staff involved with Medicaid High Users Study
- Organized and maintained records for Medicaid High Users Study
- Assisted in outlining future grant projects and goals

RAMSEY COUNTY MENTAL HEALTH COURTS, St. Paul, MN

Case Manager Intern, August 2009 – May 2010

- Represented a caseload of diverse clientele in the courtroom and with service providers
- Assisted clients with mental health, housing and chemical dependency services
- Acted as liaison between Mental Health Court team and clientele
- Scheduled and facilitated intakes with newly referred clients
- Provided direct service to clientele on a weekly basis