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**OBJECTIVE**

Community-focused social worker and youth advocate with a vigorous commitment to serving disadvantaged youth and adults, including mentally ill, children in foster care, low income families, and other special need populations. Seeking a social work position to continue to provide direct training to staff members, psychoeducation, and macro/micro services to at-risk populations.

**EDUCATION**

**Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW)**

July 2021

**CAADC (Development Plan)**

November 2014

**Limited Licensed Master Social Worker (LLMSW)**

June 2014

**Master of Social Work**

May 2014

Michigan State University, East Lansing MI

**Bachelors of Social Work**

May 2013

Saginaw Valley State University, University Center, MI

Minor: **Interdisciplinary**

**College Preparatory Diploma**

June 2009

Flint Northern High School, Flint, MI

**Professional Experience**

**Michigan State University, School of Social Work**

November 2021- Current

**Director of Fostering Academics and Mentoring Excellence (FAME)**

As a director I coordinate all services provided by the FAME (Fostering Academics, Mentoring Excellence) Program including life skills coaching, mentoring, student advisory board, monthly workshops/trainings, and finals week survival kits. As the head coach for FAME I provide individualized services to 70-100 MSU students per year with experience in foster care or other nontraditional upbringings. I provide supervision of a team including program staff, interns and volunteer mentors. FAME is grant funded by DHHS, requiring I monitor contract compliance, accurate documentation and completion of monthly reporting and billing statements to program funders. Development and implementation of program policies and procedures. Conduct student assessment and participate in student-led case planning and interventions. Establish

and maintain partnerships with university personnel to develop supportive network for foster youth alumni on campus and increase availability of supportive services to youth at risk of dropping out. Outreach to high school youth in foster care regarding accessing higher education services. Participate in community outreach and education to increase awareness of challenges experienced by former foster youth in higher education.

**Whaley Children's Center, Clinical Therapist**

November 2016-November 2021

As a clinical therapist at Whaley Children's Center I work with adolescents males/females ages 5-17, completing therapeutic treatment for children who have faced extreme abuse or neglect. As a clinical therapist I complete psychosocial histories, court reports, individual treatment plans, behavioral assessments, suicide risk assessments, safety plans, and participate in interdisciplinary clinical team meetings. Conduct individual/group/family therapy sessions, case conferences, family visitations, attend review hearings, IEP meetings, and work with various service providers to ensure permanency and ongoing support for children. This position is held full-time.

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

**Harambe Management Solutions (contract) Taylor Life Center/Consumer Services, Inc (CSI).**

July 2018-July 2019

As a community mental health case manager I was assigned the following responsibilities; develop and monitor person-centered plans and treatment goals, assess needs and link consumers to appropriate public and private resources, coordinate services with other treatment team members, maintain relationships with referral sources and other stakeholders, maintain ability to work both in office and at personal residences, provided family psychoeducation, petitioned the court serious mental health needs, and maintained active communication with family and friends of consumers. This position was held part-time.

**Michigan Department of Health & Human Service (DHHS)**

May 2015 –November 2016

As a Foster Care Worker at DHHS I had the opportunity to work with a diverse population of families in urban and suburban areas. Job duties included meeting with clients on a weekly to monthly basis in regards to monitoring needs and possible services. I conducted Family Team Meetings, spoke on behalf of families during civil court hearings, performed case management duties, and completed initial/updated plans & court reports. This position was held full-time.

August 2014- May 2015

**Wolverine Human Services**

As a clinical therapist at Wolverine Human Services I worked with adolescents males ages 13-17, completing therapeutic treatment for 6-9 months. As a clinical therapist I completed psychosocial histories, court reports, individual treatment plans, behavioral assessments, suicide risk assessments, safety plans, PREA assessments, and participated in interdisciplinary

clinical team meetings. Conducted individual/group/family therapy sessions, case conferences, family visitations, and worked as one of the supervisors for youth specialist at the facility. This position was held full-time.

**Whaley Children's Center**

June 2013- July 2014

As a Youth Specialist I worked directly with adolescents and children, helping them with basic everyday needs. This included cooking, cleaning, social interaction, and educational goals. Working with Whaley I became CPR certified, trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI), and exposed to the various dynamics of a child who has been abused or neglected. I have worked on forming anger management groups and had the opportunity to understand case files, and the behavior plans of individual children. This position was held part-time.

**Flint Community Schools**

September 2013- April 2014

Working as a School Social Work Intern I was a part of the Learning Support Staff (LSS), offering services to the students with special needs. The training here included preparations for students' Individual Education Plans (IEP's), Behavioral Intervention Plans, running social work groups, and making direct contact with parents. The social work groups have included stress and anger management, identifying emotions, self-esteem, and classroom behavior. I spent time working on case notes, and becoming aware of the many diagnoses for elementary students. This position was held part-time.

**Certifications**

2016-Current

Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certificate, EMDR Certification, and trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention (TCI).

**Volunteer Work**

Board Member of Edible Flint

May 2021- Current

Big Brothers/ Big Sisters of Greater Flint

April 2017-Current



