MARK A. NESTER, LMSW

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EDUCATION:

1982 **MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK** Michigan State University.

E. Lansing, MI. Focus on families.

1979 **B.A. SOCIAL WORK** M.S.U. Focus on psychology and child development.

1975 **DIPLOMA.** Davison High School, Davison, MI

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY:

8-11 to present **CLINICAL INSTRUCTOR**

Michigan State University

East Lansing, MI

Instructor for SW 874 Assessment and Testing in School Social Work,

Coordinator of the School Social Work Certificate Program for MSW students, and instructor for SW 474, continuing education course for school social work.

6-08-3-20 MANAGER ON DUTY or HEAD LIFEGUARD

Sparrow, Michigan Athletic Club, part time

East Lansing, MI

Part time evening and weekend manager on duty for the 12,000+ member

club as well as part time lifeguard in the aquatics department.

3-17 to 5-19 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER, PRIVATE PRACTICE

Therapist for children, adolescents, couples, and families.

Office of Dr. Heather Zak, Clinical Psychologist, E. Lansing, MI

8-14 to 6-18 **COUNSELING SERVICES**

3/5-time, preschool through 8th grade students

St. Gerard School, Lansing, MI

8-97 to 6-14 **SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

Waverly Community Schools

515 Snow Rd. Lansing, MI 48917

School Social Worker providing services to all students, staff, and families of K-8th graders. Provide special education assessments for Autism Spectrum Disorder, Emotional Impairment, individual and group work, staff consultation, and CPI, Nonviolent Crisis Intervention instructor, for all staff. Additional activities include student council adviser, chess club supervisor, and music song writing, recording, and talent show. Assisted Dr. Joanne Riebschlager, MSU dept. of Social Work, with Mental Health/Substance Abuse SAMSA research grant project with the Y.E.S., Youth, Education, and Support.

12-94 to 6-97 **ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER**

Holt Public Schools 4610 Spahr Ave. Holt, MI 48842

Provider of elementary social work services for 2 elementary buildings. Nonviolent crisis intervention instructor for staff in the district. Instructor for Parenting with Love and Logic and Teaching with Love and Logic, Cline-Fay Institute. Student Council Advisor. Pre-referral and student assistance team member.

1-89 to 6-98 CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

Grand Ledge Counseling Center 207 W. Jefferson Grand Ledge, MI 48837

Part-time private practice therapist for children, adolescents, couples, and families focusing on adolescent issues. ADHD, grief and loss, depression.

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

Lansing School District Secondary Special Education Lansing, MI 48911

Provider of School Social Work Services to Secondary Special Education Students ages 10 through 26. Services include: Individual, group, and family therapy, teacher consultation, diagnostic services as well as staff training in Nonviolent Crisis Intervention.

9-86 to 9-89 SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

9-89 to 12-94

Ionia County Intermediate School District 2190 Harwood Rd. Ionia, MI 48846 (616) 527-4900

Provided School Social Work Services to three school districts serving elementary and secondary special and general education students ages 4 through 26.

9-85 to 9-86 **ADOPTION/FOSTER CARE WORKER**

Child and Family Services of Michigan Inc. Capitol Area 4801 Willoughby Holt, MI 48842

Duties Included: Evaluating potential adoptive parents, licensing foster homes as well as placing infants and children for adoption.

9-82 to 7-85 **TEACHER/ DEVELOPMENT WORKER**

Atbara, Sudan, Africa Mennonite Central Committee 21 South 12th St. Akron, PA 17501

Taught English as a second language to Arabic speaking secondary students; coached basketball and volleyball, coordinated forestry club, consultant to special education school. Extensive travel in Sudan, Egypt, and Kenya.

9-79 to 6-81 **FAMILY THERAPIST**

Equal Ground (Gateway Community Services/Child and Family) E. Lansing, MI

Crisis Counselor for runaway adolescents and their families. Branch Office manager for Eaton County.

10-77 to 6-79 **COMMUNITY SCHOOL COORDINATOR**

Lansing School District Lyons Elementary School

Coordinated after school activities for students in art, music, drama, and nutrition. Organizer of assemblies, fundraising, and volunteer programs.

9-90 to 6-14 CLINICAL SUPERVISOR, MICHIGAN STATE UNIVERSITY MSW, GRADUATE STUDENTS

Supervised 20 MSW graduate students for their school

Social Work Practicum. MSU Liaison for MSW students in the field.

CERTIFICATIONS:

School Social Worker, MI Department of Education Licensed Master Social Worker, LMSW MI Dept. of Community Health

Certified Instructor, Crisis Prevention Institute, 1992-2012 Graduate Instructor, Central Michigan University EAD 650

Clinical Instructor, Michigan State University, SW 874, SW428, SW 310

Lifeguard-Red Cross, CPR, First Aide, AED

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS:

Tennis, triathlons, music, gardening, camping, travel, Mid-Eastern and African cultures. Singer/song writer for the CD "Songs for Kids" by Mark A Nester which can be found on YouTube, iTunes, Amazon, or CDbaby.com.