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Professional Summary

Extensive clinical experience providing counseling and helping services for diverse populations in a variety of settings including: community agencies, ministry, correctional facilities, international NGO's and telephonically. Experienced educator, facilitator, trainer and published author with emphasis on, but not limited to: death and dying, trauma, domestic abuse, men's issues, crisis intervention, grief and loss, and the use of narrative within health care settings. Successfully used organizational, management, supervisory and coordination skills in a variety of settings including conferences, special projects and performance events.

Credentials

Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker, MN license #9081.

- Qualified to supervise social workers for licensing.
- Certified supervisor for Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) and Professional Clinical Counselor (LPCC) licensees in Minnesota.

Experience

Pathways, Minneapolis, MN

Educator, 1994-Present

- Educator of a variety of approaches including meditation, relaxation, imagery and narrative techniques to foster physical and mental health and wellness for individuals living with acute and chronic health challenges.

Crisis Connection, Richfield, MN

Crisis Counselor/Supervisor, 2002-2010

- Provided telephonic assessment, referral and crisis intervention.
- Developed appropriate action plans with clients utilizing short term, solution-focused therapeutic techniques.
- Educated callers on community resources by utilizing the United Way 211 database.
- Provided after hours and back up clinical telephonic support for various community agencies, employee assistance programs and insurance companies, following each organizations policies and workflows.
- Supervised intern and volunteer counselors.

SalusWorld, Fang, Thailand

Supervisor, Trainer Spring 2010

- Trained lay counselors to provide psychological services for Shan war/torture trauma victims in Thailand.

Center for Victims of Torture, Monrovia, Liberia

Trainer, Fall 2001-2010

- Trained staff and volunteers in the Twin Cities and Liberia in counseling skills, the use of narrative in counseling and working with individuals from oral cultures.
- Developed and organized a Story Collecting Project to document the history of the Center.
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Healing through Story Conference, Minneapolis, MN

Chair, organizer 2005

- Responsible for originating, developing and chairing the conference co-sponsored by National Storytelling Network and UMN Center for Spirituality and healing. Conference was attended by 300+ physicians, medical and mental health professionals, nurses, storytellers.
- This financially successful conference was granted CEU's and CME's.
- Recruited and organized volunteers.

Tellabration, Minneapolis, MN

Organizer and designer, 2002, 2003

- Organized and designed a story performance and education program. This event was co-sponsored by The Loft, Minnesota Center for Book Arts, Milkweed Editions and Northstar Storytelling League. The event was the largest in the USA and continues through 2011.
- Recruited, trained and organized volunteers.

Hospice of the Twin Cities, Brooklyn Center, MN

Group Facilitator, 2001-2002

- Facilitated interdisciplinary staff support and training groups.
- Developed curriculum and facilitated group in creating their own system of conducting their support group.

MR.Net/Onvoy, Minneapolis, MN

EAP Counselor, 1995-1998

- Provided onsite and telephonic counseling, crisis intervention, referral and supportive services within an employee assistance program.
- Advised client companies' HR departments and management staff in handling employee related issues.

The Cenacle, Wayzata, MN

Group Facilitator, 1994-1997

- Lead support groups and workshops for men experiencing mid-life issues, including: divorce, employment challenges, grief & loss and parenting stress.
- Developed workshop and day retreat content.

Oak Park Heights State Corrections Facility, Oak Parks Height, MN

Psychosocial Life Skill Educator, 1990-1991

- Facilitated student-centered psycho/social life skill education groups for Minneapolis Community College at OPHSCF.
- Developed curriculum related to anger management, relationship development and violence prevention.

Hennepin County Adult Correction Facility, Plymouth, MN

Psychosocial Life Skill Educator, 1986-1993

- Facilitated student-centered psycho/social life skills education groups for HCACF.
- Developed curriculum related to anger management, relationship development and violence prevention.

Southwest Family Services, Minneapolis, MN

Psychotherapist, 1987-1990

- Provided psychotherapy to individuals and couples.

Pastoral Ministry, Cottage Grove, MN

Pastoral Counselor, 1981-86

- Provided counseling and crisis intervention to families, couples and individuals.
- Administered direct hospice counseling and services to patients and their families.
- Lead marriage and parent education individually and within group settings.
- Facilitated volunteer training and development.

Education

Doctor of Ministry, Men and Self Perception

Luther Seminary, St. Paul, MN

Masters of Arts, Psychology and Pastoral Counseling

Ashland Theological Seminary, Ashland, OH

Masters of Arts, Rel. Education, Family Ministry, K-12

Gannon University, Erie, PA

Bachelor of Arts, English Literature

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