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#### **SUMMARY**

- 2+ Years of Community Mental Health experience as Community Support Worker/Case Manager/Therapist.
- ♦ 1.5 Years of Inpatient Psychiatric experience as Unit Social Worker in a unit designed as a therapeutic community.
- ♦ 4.5 Years of Inpatient Psychiatric experience, working as mental health counselor in secure inpatient setting, initial evaluation of new patients, treatment planning, charting, counseling and responsibility overall for assigned patients during hospitalization, coordination with Unit psychiatrists and work with families and aftercare planning.
- ♦ Completion of a number of courses at Gestalt Institute of Cleveland with emphasis in Individual Therapy, Group Work and Working with Physical Process.
- ♦ 20+ Years of IT experience, including extensive experience with investment and retail banking data with a tremendous success rate for on time, correct results in computer programming work. Standards and documentation are highly regarded.

### CAREER HIGHLIGHTS - Mental Health Experience

# North Community Counseling Center, Inc. Columbus, Ohio

9/11-12/13

# **Community Support Worker**

- Provided all case management tasks and therapy services for a case load varying from 80-120 clients. Met all productivity requirements and documentation requirements for this environment, all in a timely manner, coordinating care within and external to the agency.
- As Case Manager and provider, completed planning, implementing, and execution of individual service plans, evaluating services and utilized programs. Assisted with obtaining food, housing, gas and electric assistance, legal assistance, medical/dental care, clothing, disability benefits and other needed community resources as necessary.
- Assisted clients in gaining understanding and implementing alternatives to current life issues to improve their lives.
- Provided reality based feedback to those having current difficult with boundaries and reality and assisted clients with finding a safe environment when needed.
- Provided individual therapy to clients with a variety of problems, backgrounds and diagnoses; both brief solution based therapy as well as extensive work with those who have been traumatized and abused.

# St. Ann's Hospital Columbus, Ohio Unit Social Worker

5/79-8/80

- Developed/Implemented social services plans in collaboration with other staff in an inpatient psychiatric unit. Liaison to all referral sources and community outpatient facilities.
- Provided individual, family, and group therapy including a daily gestalt based therapy group and a weekly family group.
- Supervised and developed staff in the implementation of social services plans, family treatment, discharge planning, and all social services areas. Supervised social work graduate student.
- Formulated and implemented policy in conjunction with other administrative staff in St. Ann's psychiatric unit as an employee of Columbus Area Community Mental Health Center.

# St. Ann's Hospital Columbus, Ohio

3/73-9/77

# Mental Health Counselor

- Provided initial intake diagnostic assessment, developed treatment plans, worked with physicians throughout patient's hospital stay relative to medication, and progress, provided counseling as needed, as well as all other inpatient needs for specific patients, developed aftercare plans and discharge planning with patients and families. This unit had a number of innovative opportunities as a therapeutic community with daily community meetings, movement group, art therapy and great ongoing training.
- Our clients were well cared for with consideration for their overall family and life situations as well as the crises which brought them into the hospital. Each of us had primary responsibility for some patients and secondary care for others, and it was our responsibility to consider all aspects of their lives and their problems and to prepare them for reentry into the larger outside world.

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#### **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS – Other than Mental Health Experience**

JPMorgan Chase 4/96- 9/11 Columbus, Ohio

# <u>Application Development Analyst-Advisory/ETI Extract Master User</u>

- ♦ As Subject Area Team Lead, managed subject area requests for 14 applications. Additionally, coordinated the team with regard to work dispersal, prioritization of tasks, production release coordination and productionization processes including metadata creation, archiving, and managing subject area production, space requirements and production releases.
- Solved complex problems regarding data, design issues and meaningless key creation, best practices.
- ◆ Trained and mentored 18 programmers in the use of ETI for this effort both through formal classroom education and ongoing assistance/problem solving and active teaching. Interviewed all potential ETI resources, both Master Users and Conversion Specialists.
- Developed strategies for model management and standards. Wrote initial naming standards document for the Data Administration/Data Warehouse group.

**School Employees Retirement System** 

8/86-4/96

Columbus, Ohio

**Database Administration/Programmer Analyst** 

COMNAVAIRPAC 10/80-6/86

San Diego, California

Senior Systems Analyst (Contractor to the Navy)

# **TRAINING**

#### **Recent Training:**

Gestalt Training Program - Oct 2006-May 2008 - Gestalt Institute of Cleveland (GIC) 250 hours

Working with Physical Process (GIC) – Sept 2008-June 2009 180 hours

Working with Groups (GIC) – Oct 2009-June 2010, Feb 2014 115 hours

Structured Dialogue and Improvisation (Individual Therapy tract) (GIC) – Feb 2010-July 2010 100 hours

Advanced Working with Physical Process (GIC) – Jan 2011-June 2011 70 hours

The Voice of Shame, Couples Communication and other shorter workshops at GIC – 100 hours in the past 5 years

La Jolla Program sponsored by the Center for the Studies of the Person (Carl Rogers' organization) and Therapists Training Program following this regular program (2006-2013) 450 hours

# Other Training while working with computers:

Bank Management Principles of Banking (AIB course)

Power of One Certificate of Management Program – including

Essential Employee Relation Skills Behavioral Interviewing Preventing Workplace Harassment HR Skills Practice

Providing Performance Feedback Creating Action through Clear Communication,

Retaining Exceptional Employees Setting Objectives

Evaluating and Rewarding Performance Leading in a Diverse Environment

### **EDUCATION**

Miami University - BA in Mathematics, minor in Physics Ohio State University - Master in Social Work

#### **VOLUNTEER WORK**

Suicide Prevention Service – Columbus OH - Phone response to emergency situations of callers with the emphasis on preventing suicide and making appropriate referrals to callers. Assisted for eleven years as group leader with training new volunteers during biannual training classes. Approximately 600 volunteer hours in the last 6 years with this service.

#### PROFESSIONAL CREDITS

- Nominee to the National Board of the American Association of Suicidology
- > The Honor Society of Phi Kappa Phi
- Co-authorship of the technical paper, "Six years of Computerized Cytology Services with the USAF", presented at the Fourteenth Annual USAF Clinical Laboratory Symposium

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