

Curriculum Vitae

Personal Information

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Education

December 1991

Master of Science-Social Work

University of Texas-Arlington

August 1988

Bachelor of Science-Consumer Science

University of Wisconsin-Madison

Professional Experience

January 2016- Present

Clinical Associate Professor-UW-Madison, Madison, WI

- Lead role in the implementation all the Title IV-E training program components including full-time BSW students, full-time MSW students and part-time MSW students at both the Madison and Eau Claire campus sites.
- Oversee all aspects of training, including: Curriculum Design, development of program informational materials, and recruitment, interviewing and participation in the hiring of faculty teaching in the training program
- Coordinate Title IVE program activities such as screening applicants, IV-E advisory committee meetings, student management team, field trips, child welfare dialogs, and child welfare book club
- Teach field and classroom courses in Child Welfare.

August 2012- Present

Child Welfare Training Coordinator-UW-Madison, Madison, WI

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- Assist in the review and revision of the child welfare competencies and integration of practice content consistent with public child welfare practice and policy in the State of Wisconsin.
- Assist in program evaluation activities of the IV-E program through the current outcome study and development of other mechanisms for evaluation of IV-E students
- Coordinate Title IVE program activities such as screening applicants, IV-E advisory committee meetings, student management team, field trips, child welfare dialogs, and child welfare book club
- Teach field and classroom courses in Child Welfare.
- Children, Youth and Family Welfare Concentration Chair

August 2014- Present

Consultant- Capacity Building Center for States

- Consultation with state child welfare systems on topics related to:
 - Child Welfare training systems
 - Training Design
 - Safety assessment and intervention systems
 - Workforce recruitment and retention
- Work collaboratively with Center Liaisons and Children's Bureau Staff

August 2010- August 2012

Assistant Child Welfare Training Coordinator-UW-Madison, Madison, WI

- Teach field seminars to provide relevant theoretical, policy, and problem content
- Work with practicum supervisors to develop learning opportunity and affiliation with agency/organization
- Share in ongoing practice supervision/consultation and help students integrate seminar content with placement experience
- Maintain regular content with practicum supervisors to monitor student performance, ensure learning opportunities, deal with performance problems, etc.
- Coordinate Title IVE program activities such as screening applicants, IV-E advisory committee meetings, student management team, field trips, child welfare dialogs, and child welfare book club
- Assist in the review and revision of the child welfare competencies and integration of practice content consistent with public child welfare practice and policy in the State of Wisconsin.
- Children, Youth and Family Welfare Concentration Chair
- Evaluation committee member for both the School of Social Work and the Wisconsin Child Welfare Professional Development System

August 2007- 2010

Faculty Associate-UW-Madison, Madison, WI

- Teach weekly field seminars to provide relevant theoretical, policy, and problem content
- Responsible for student selection, community placement, ongoing field supervision, supervision of learning plan development, and performance monitoring.
- Consult with students on professional growth and development
- Participate in Title IVE program activities such as screening applicants, working as a Title IVE advisory committee member and developing Title IVE appropriate placements.
- Participate in part-time program committee meetings
- Participate in IV-E Advisory Board meetings and Professional Development Advisory Board meetings
- Assist in the review and revision of the child welfare competencies and integration of practice content consistent with public child welfare practice and policy in the State of Wisconsin.

April 2005-August 2010

Curriculum Coordinator-Wisconsin Child Welfare Training System, Madison WI

- Chair Curriculum Committee which is charged with development of child welfare training statewide.
- Member of Child Welfare Training System Evaluation committee
- Develop a curriculum library
- Coordinate development of statewide child welfare training website
- Participate in development of pre-service training for child protective service staff
- Develop distance learning on Child Welfare related topics

August 2003- May 2006

Assistant Faculty Associate-UW-Madison, Madison, WI

- Teach seminar course covering public child welfare topics.
- Supervise students who have been placed in Human Services field placements.
- Participate in Title IVE program activities such as screening applicants, working as a Title IVE advisory committee member and developing Title IVE appropriate placements.

January 2003- 2006

Trainer- Madison, WI

- Provide training throughout Wisconsin for the Wisconsin Child Welfare Training Partnerships on the following topics:
 - Managing Sufficient Safety and Supervising Safety

- Separation, Placement and Reunification
- Ethics and Boundaries
- Supervisory Practice Under the Adoption and Safe Families Act and Social Worker Training around ASFA.
- Conducted research for development of child welfare training
- Developed and presented training to Dane County Foster Parents on permanency planning

September 2001- January 2003

Permanency Planning Social Worker-Dane County Department of Human Services, Madison, WI

- Monitor Cases for compliance with ASFA
- Provide Case consultation to social workers, supervisors, Corporation Counsel attorneys, and State Adoption Workers
- Provide training on topics related to permanency planning
- Work with families to achieve permanence for children
- Redesign of Dane County Court Report

October 1992- September 2001

Senior Social Worker- Dane County Clerk of Courts Madison, WI

- Conduct independent assessments of children and parents who are parties to ChiPS, TPR, and Juvenile Guardianship petitions.
- Interview children, parents, foster parents, and community professionals.
- Make jurisdictional and dispositional recommendations to Guardian ad Litem.

January 1992- October 1992

Social Worker- Dane County Department of Human Services; Madison, WI

- Case management of child welfare and delinquency cases
- Conducting Child Welfare investigations
- Write Reports, attend staffings, juvenile court work

January- December 1991

Program Director-ARC Dallas, Texas

- Direct and implement the Learning about Parenting (LAP) program, an educational and case management program for learning disabled teenagers and adult mothers.
- Supervise staff and volunteers
- Screen participant's children for developmental delays

Presentations

June 2016 Presenter at National Title IV-E Roundtable
 "Can work responsibilities live in harmony with great educational field experiences?" Salt Lake City, Utah

Spring 2016-Facilitated “Supervising Safety, Impending Danger” Training for Statewide Supervisors. Madison, WI

Summer 2016-Coached “Supervising Safety, Present Danger” Training for Statewide Supervisors.

Fall 2016-Facilitated “Supervising Safety; Present Danger” Training for Statewide Supervisors. Wisconsin Dells, WI

March 201-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waukesha, WI

June 2015-Presenter at National Title IV-E Roundtable “How Competent are our Graduates” Minneapolis, MN

Spring 2015-Facilitated “Supervising Safety; Present Danger” Training for Statewide Supervisors. Madison, WI

Fall 2014-Facilitated “Supervising Safety; Impending Danger” Training for Statewide Supervisors. Madison, WI

August 2014-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waukesha, WI

May 2014-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waukesha, WI

September 2013-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waukesha, WI

June 2013-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Madison, WI

January 2012-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Waukesha, WI

September 2012-Presenter at County Director’s Mentorship Training Wausau WI “Safety Assessment for County Directors”

August 2011-Facilitated “Engaging to Build Trusting Relationships” Foundation training sponsored by the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership. Madison, WI

September 2010-Presenter at the National Staff Development and Training Association Conference “From Statutes to Stories- Making the Law Come to Life” Boston, MA

September 2005-Presenter at the Juvenile Court Intake Association Annual Conference “Placement and Permanence through a Child’s Eyes” Madison, WI

April 2005-Presenter at the Child Abuse and Neglect Conference “Why does the County Worker do that?” Appleton, WI

Other Related Experience

2016-Member of the Statewide Realistic Job Preview Development Committee

2016-Member of the Wisconsin County Human Services Association Workforce Recruitment and Retention Committee.

2013-2015-Development of Statewide Child Welfare Competencies

2012-2014-Member of Workgroup to Implement Executive Order 54- Mandated Reporting for University Employees

2010- 2015-Member of the Southern Child Welfare Training Partnership Advisory Council

2010-2015-Member of the Child Advocacy Studies Program development committee

2000 to 2005-Development of a community based support and prevention program (Parent Connection) in Stoughton, WI

1994 to 1998-Member of the Court Appointed Special Advocate (CASA) Program Advisory Committee