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Licensed Clinical Social Worker

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LICENSES

State of Missouri | March 2018
State of New York | April 2019

EDUCATION

MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK May 2012
University of Missouri-Kansas City | Kansas City, Missouri

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE: PSYCHOLOGY July 2010
Pittsburg State University | Pittsburg, Missouri

EXPERIENCE

PROFESSIONAL

MITIGATION SPECIALIST March 2023-Present
Witcher & Associates, LLC | Kansas City, Missouri

- Conduct life history investigations, including in-depth record reviews, social histories, interviews, and expert interviews.
- Provide written summaries of investigative data.
- Make recommendations regarding treatment and placement of clients as needed/requested.

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER March 2021-Present
U.S Department of Veteran Affairs | Buffalo, New York

- Conduct mental health evaluations and psychosocial assessments to determine needs of Veterans. Provide crisis intervention, provisional diagnosis, treatment and disposition recommendations.
- Conduct suicide risk evaluations for Veterans presenting with suicidal ideations, attempts or other self-directed violent behavior. Identify Veteran's at high risk for lethality and refer for suicide prevention case management services.
- Complete appropriate discharge planning by generating referrals for needed programs and services, completing safety plans, assuring Veteran has mental health follow up care and coordinating care with provider's involved in Veteran's care.
- Track high risk Veteran's at risk for lethality released from the emergency room or psychiatric inpatient setting and complete follow up by contacting Veteran, assessing their safety and making appropriate referrals.
- Provide case management services to high risk for suicide Veteran's by assessing safety, coordinating care, completing safety plans and monitoring treatment engagement.

PROFESSIONAL (CONTINUED)**PROGRAM MANAGER**

May 2019 - February 2021

Endeavor Health Services | Buffalo, New York

- Manage and coordinate the day-to-day activities of an integrated behavioral health clinic, which serves 650+ clients who present for forensic, mental health and substance use disorders.
- Provide clinical supervision and supervise overall activities of staff to assure that the program is in compliance with both government and agency regulations and policies. Provide advice, feedback, and disciplinary measures to staff related to their work and administrative matters.
- Recruit and hire new clinicians, program assistants and interns. Train new employees in areas such as clinical, agency policy, department procedures, and agency/government regulations;
- Review, monitor, plan and assess various programming offered (Domestic Violence, Anger Management, Substance Abuse and Sexual Abuse Prevention Treatment).
- Maintain a caseload of 15+ high-risk forensic clients by through psychosocial assessments, diagnosing, utilizing the DSM-5; and provided crisis management. Utilize Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Motivational Interviewing and Strengths-Based Therapy.

SENIOR BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT & LICENSED THERAPIST

April 2018 - September 2019

Northland Social and Behavioral Support | Kansas City, Missouri

- Person Centered Strategies Consultant/Counselor for individuals receiving services through Developmental Disability Services in Jackson and Platte County, Missouri.
- Provided individual and family psychotherapy sessions to individuals referred by Family Court.
- Assisted individuals and families increase positive interactions and relationships with others and decrease negative interactions.
- Collect supportive data to develop behavior management plans.
- Complete Functional Behavioral Assessments to identify the function or purpose that the behavior serves for the individual, so interventions and behavior support plans can be developed to improve behavior.

LICENSED CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER & TEAM LEADER

November 2013 - May 2019

Missouri Department of Mental Health | Kansas City, Missouri

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

- Provide clinical services to individuals civilly committed to a minimum-security forensic state psychiatric facility for competency restoration.
- Conduct intake screening and psychosocial assessments of patients' risk for self-harm/lethality, social, environmental, and economic backgrounds and psychosocial stressors to assist with diagnosis, prognosis, and rehabilitation.
- Provide group and individual therapy to forensic adult clients utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT), psychoeducation, and motivational interviewing.
- Testify in probate and criminal courts as an expert and character witness.
- Provide discharge planning to link client with community services, resources and other opportunities in the community.

Team Leader

- Facilitate multidisciplinary treatment team planning and staff meetings.
- Provide supervisory support for social work, psychology, nursing and psychiatric trainees.
- Add, revise, improve and enforce hospital policy and procedures to assure the best quality of care is established and maintained.
- Ensured that treatment team planning and service provision complied with JHACO and CMS standards;
- Developed and communicated appropriate modifications to prevent aggression, assault, self-harm and other forms of victimization to the Chief Operating Officer.
- Assist in the development and implementation of the competency restoration program (track system) by providing experience with the legal system, short-term intervention, previous forensic treatment programs, and long-term care coordination, including length of stay and recidivism.

PROFESSIONAL (CONTINUED)**SENIOR BEHAVIORAL CONSULTANT & LICENSED THERAPIST**

November 2014 - August 2018

Behavioral Innovations, LCC | Kansas City, Missouri

- Person Centered Strategies Consultant/Counselor for individuals receiving services through Developmental Disability Services in Jackson and Platte County, Missouri.
- Provided individual and family psychotherapy sessions to individuals referred by Family Court.
- Assisted individuals and families increase positive interactions and relationships with others and decrease negative interactions.
- Collect supportive data to develop behavior management plans.
- Conduct individual and family therapy to individual's with various diagnoses & trauma, including domestic violence, who are court ordered to receive therapy through the family court in Jackson County, Missouri.

QUALIFIED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

June 2012 - October 2013

Rediscover | Lee's Summit, Missouri

- Provide individual case management services to children, adolescents and their families in-home or community setting.
- Assess children and families accurately and completely using all the diagnostic tools required.
- Developed and implemented crisis intervention plans.
- Conducted psychoeducation and developed behavioral modification plans for high-risk children.

YOUTH CARE WORKER

September 2010 - July 2014

Rediscover | Olathe, Kansas

- Conduct psychoeducation group and milieu therapy with 30 adolescents, court ordered to substance abuse treatment.
- Completed clinical documentation, which included behaviors, clinical impressions and progress towards identified treatment goals.

REFERENCES

Available Upon Request.