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**LICENSED MASTER OF SOCIAL WORK, STATE OF ALABAMA** **October 2022**

**ACADEMIC TRAINING**

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama **May 2021**

Master of Social Work with concentration in *Adults and Families*

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA**, Tuscaloosa, Alabama **May 2020**

Bachelor of Social Work

**ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE**

**University of Alabama, BSW Practicum Education Coordinator, Instructor 2024 – present**

* Taught both online and face-to-face BSW and MSW practicum education seminar course
* Recruit practicum agencies for both distance learning and traditional students who are completing internships
* Have placed both BSW and MSW students in practicum sites compatible with their learning goals and needs
* Make liaison visits with both distance learning and traditional students in their practicum sites
* Assist the practicum office in providing orientation to students, practicum instructors, and faculty liaisons
* Serve on several internal committees within the School of Social Work
* Served as a member of a national consortia related to practicum education
* Serve as the Cohort Manager for the Advanced Standing MSW students

**University of Alabama, Coordinator of Field Placements 2023 – 2024**

* Identify, recruit, and assess agencies across the country to ensure standards are met for potential MSW and BSW field placements
* Review student applications and secure matches to appropriate agencies
* Provide support and assistance related to the field experience to students before and during their placements
* Assist in ensuring that all information is current and accurate in applicable databases
* Assist the Field Team in providing orientation to students, Field Instructors, and Faculty Liaisons
* Serve on the Field Advisory Committee, Field Education Program Committee Meeting, and Continuing Education Program Committee for the School of Social Work

**PRACTICE EXPERIENCE**

**Embrace Alabama Kids, Social Worker 2021 – 2023**

* Taught clients skills that include parenting, coping with trauma, managing behaviors, and refraining from substance abuse with face-to face contacts for a minimum of 2 hours per week/per client
* Communicated with the Department of Human Resources, schools, therapists, and other providers to monitor client/family progress
* Conducted/implemented treatment plans to incorporate goals and interventions for clients throughout services
* Allocated resources to assist families with housing, food security, health care, mental health services, and education
* Participated in interdisciplinary meetings to better assist clientele and provide advocacy efforts as needed
* Trained and oriented prospective foster parents using TIPS-MAPP Training Guide

**U.S. House of Representatives, Congressional Staffer 2021**

* Coordinated the Member’s and office staffs’ schedule regarding meetings, interviews, voting, travel, and other reservations
* Managed communication to the office and logged constituent remarks, concerns, support/opposition of bills and other legislation into online database
* Acted as point person for the Congressional Caucus on Foster Youth (i.e. book venues for events, correspond with outside organizations on behalf of CCFY, conduct outreach calls to recruit and confirm Members of Congress’ participation on behalf of CCFY, and attend meetings with National Foster Youth Institute)

**Comfort Care Hospice, Volunteer Coordinator 2020 – 2021**

* Recruited, trained, oriented, and managed all active volunteers
* Managed personnel files to include up-to-date documents and other relevant information
* Conducted employee payroll
* Planned/conducted community outreach events

**COURSES TAUGHT**

SW 100, Introduction to Fields of Social Work Practice

SW 101, Orientation to Social Work

SW 443, Integrative Practicum Seminar

SW 444, Field Preparation Seminar

SW 490, Practicum Education

SW 534, Integrative Practicum Seminar

SW 590, Practicum Education I-A

**UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA COMMITTEES**

Member, BSW Program Committee August 2024 - present

Member, Scholarship Committee January 2025

Member, Practicum Education Committee May 2023 - present

Member, Practicum Education Advisory Committee May 2023 - present

Member, Search Committee – MSW Practicum Coordinator, Instructor August 2024 - present

Member, Search Committee – School Experiential Associate January 2024

September 2024

Member, Search Committee – School Experiential Specialist July 2024

Member, Search Committee – BSW Admin Assistant II June 2025

Level I Coordinator – UA United Way Campaign Aug – Dec 2024

**STATE COMMITTEES**

Member, Alabama Field Consortium May 2023 - present

**CONFERENCES ATTENDED**

Alabama Conference of Social Work Annual Conference, Orange Beach, AL February 2022

UA Fall Social Work Conference August 2022

Alabama Conference of Social Work Annual Conference, Orange Beach, AL February 2023

The University of Alabama School of Social Field Instructor Workshop July 2023

Alabama Mississippi Social Work Conference, Birmingham, AL Nov 2023

Alabama Conference of Social Work Annual Conference, Orange Beach, AL February 2024

Washington, D.C. Policy and Advocacy Fly-In March 2024

The Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors (BPD), Las Vegas, NV March 2025

Washington, D.C. Policy and Advocacy Fly-In March 2025

Social Work Distance Education, Virtual April 2025

**VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES**

United Way Day of Action (May 2025); United Way Day of Action (May 2023)