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Education

University of Utah

Master of Social Work, GPA 4.0
Substance Use Concentration

Salt Lake City, UT
May 2017

James Madison University,

Bachelor of Social Work

Harrisonburg, VA
May 2012

Relevant Experience

Intern

Odyssey House Adult Outpatient, Salt Lake City, UT

August 2016-Present

- Shadow individual and group therapy sessions on substance use recovery skills, manage caseload of 5 clients, document clinical sessions, collaborate with legal system and develop 12-week curriculums for specialty groups.

Youth Advocate

Volunteers of America Youth Resource Center, Salt Lake City, UT

May 2016-Present

- Engage with youth ages 15 to 22 experiencing homelessness to support their basic needs with meal preparation, providing harm reduction materials, linking to community resources, mediating conflict management, intervening in crisis and relational boundary holding.

Wilderness Adventure Therapy Senior Lead Field Guide

Aspiro Adventure, Inc., Mt. Pleasant, UT

May 2014-April 2016

- Co-facilitated 8 to 16-day clinical outdoor itineraries for groups of 4 to 11 students ages 18 to 26 with substance abuse issues.
- Supervised group through therapist communication, ensuring physical and emotional safety, daily clinical documentation, and facilitation of daily outdoor adventure and therapy individual and group work.

Family Caregiver

Leesburg, VA

June 2012-May 2013

- Attended to the daily care needs of 3 families, consisting of supervision, meal preparation, transportation, housekeeping, social and emotional support and play for children from ages 18 months to 12 years and a quadriplegic adult.

Alternative Weekend Break Coordinator

Office of Community Service-Learning, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

May 2011-May 2012

- Mediated department partnerships to structure and support the planning and facilitation of 7 local weekend break service trips in a new weekend break program.

Adult Protective Services, Field Practicum Intern

Harrisonburg and Rockingham Department of Human Services, Harrisonburg, VA

January 2012-May 2012

- Shadowed investigations of adult abuse or neglect, conducted and documented client visits, provided transportation to appointments, performed client service assessments and networked with local agencies and resources for 32 hours per week.

Child Protective Services, Intern

Department of Family Services, Leesburg, VA

August 2011

- Supported and shadowed social workers' investigations of child abuse or neglect. Attended client visits, and provided note-taking and documentation of client interviews and interaction.

Alternative Break Student Coordinator

Office of Community Service-Learning, James Madison University, Harrisonburg, VA

May 2010-May 2011

- Co-facilitated 15-week training program for 60 alternative break trip leaders to plan 35 service trips, in addition to event planning, information sessions, and celebrations accompanying the operating functions of the Alternative Break Program.