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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Exceptionally well organized and resourceful Professional with more than ten years of experience and a solid academic background in criminal justice and human services, excellent analytical and problem solving skills; very detailed-oriented and able to handle multiple projects while producing high quality work in a fast-paced, deadline-oriented environment; maintains integrity of documentation and record keeping; experienced in planning, coordinating, analyzing, and evaluating education curriculum and services needs for clients; Highly proficient in clinical documentation to ensure integrity, timeliness, quality control, and efficient utilization of agency resources.

OBJECTIVE

To secure a position within an organization that utilizes my work experience and educational background in social work to become a valuable asset to the human services field overall.

EDUCATION

- **Masters of Social Work, Clinical Concentration** University of Nebraska at Omaha, August 2013-May 2016
- **Bachelors of Science in Criminal Justice/Religion**, University of Nebraska at Omaha, August 1999-May 2004
- **Lincoln Medical Education Partnership**, Training for Addiction Professionals, April 2008-January 2009
- **Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Certification**, January 2015

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Healthcare for Homeless Veterans Social Worker, Veteran Affairs (VA), Omaha, NE July 2018-Present

- Conduct comprehensive assessments.
- Refer Veterans to Health and Mental Health care resources, job development programs, housing options, VA and non-VA benefits.
- Address Homeless Hotline telephone calls.
- Provide Homeless PACT Case Management.
- Complete consults.

Chemical Dependency Counselor Supervisor, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Omaha, NE May 2016-July 2018

- Supervise the work of staff performing Chemical Dependency Counseling.
- Conduct new staff member orientation, train, guide, and counsel assigned staff to develop their performance and ensure consistent application of policies, procedures, and standards.
- Coordinate with treatment teams in identifying and planning for after care needs of clients.

- Assign and supervise work activities and monitored schedules of assigned staff to achieve objectives and completion of assignments, and to balance workloads and leave schedules.
- Administer, score, and interpret chemical dependency assessments to evaluate individuals for appropriate treatment.
- Supervise and evaluate the work of Chemical Dependency Counseling staff and recommended personnel actions related to selection, discipline, performance, leave, grievances, work schedules, and work assignments.
- Conduct mental health therapy sessions under the supervision of LCISW.
- Document client contact through clinical contact notes.

Chemical Dependency Counselor (Licensed Alcohol and Drug Counselor LADC), Nebraska Department of Corrections, Omaha, NE May 2008-2016

- Conduct individual and group counseling sessions, treatment planning.
- Conduct screening, intake, orientation, administering assessments including the SASSI and ASI.
- Provide case management, written reports, education, record keeping, crisis intervention, referral and consultation.
- Ensure the safety and security of the institution, follow the code of ethics.
- Communicate with clients and monitor their progress on the road to recovery.
- Effectively communicate with other health care professionals regarding clients' progress.

Acting Chemical Dependency Counselor Supervisor/Assistant to Supervisor, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Omaha NE, January 2014-October 2014, January 2015-December 2015

- Supervised the work of staff performing Chemical Dependence Counseling.
- Conducted new staff member orientation, trained, guided, and counseled assigned staff to develop their performance and ensure consistent application of policies, procedures, and standards.
- Coordinated with treatment team in identifying and planning for after care needs of clients.
- Assigned and supervised work activities and monitored schedules of assigned staff to achieve objectives and completion of assignments, and to balance workloads and leave schedules.
- Administered, scored, and interpreted chemical dependency assessments to evaluate individuals for appropriate treatment.
- Supervised and evaluated the work of Chemical Dependency counseling staff and recommended personnel actions related to selection, discipline, performance, leave, grievances, work schedules, and work assignments.

Therapist, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Omaha NE August 2015-December 2015 (Internship)

- Conducted individual sessions, treatment planning, completed contact notes.
- Co-facilitated Victims Impact, Anger Management, and Aggression Replacement Therapy Groups.
- Conducted mental status reviews on clients assigned to restricted living units.
- Coordinated transitional living plans, medical and psychiatric appointments for clients prior to release.
- Conducted research on the impact of mentorship participation and successful outcomes of youthful offenders.
- Analyzed and reported outcomes of trauma experiences among youthful offenders.

Case Manager, Lutheran Family Service, Omaha, NE May 2013-December 2013 (Internship)

- Provided timely and accurate delivery of refugee resettlement core service provisions according to established policies and procedures.
- Performed all duties according state standards, funding source requirements, Lutheran Family Services policies/procedures, and program policies/procedures.
- Worked with clients and outside agencies to motivate and assist clients in achieving self-sufficiency
- Referred clients for supportive services within Lutheran Family Services and to other community organizations as necessary.
- Prepared, compiled, submitted, and maintained accurate records, files, forms, statistics, and additional relevant information in accordance with Agency policy, COA and/or funding requirements
- Prepared and maintained individual service plans and case summaries, and routine file reviews.
- Participated in planning, coordinating, implementation, and evaluation of program services.

Unit Caseworker, Nebraska Department of Corrections, Omaha, NE, July 2006 – May 2008

- Maintained monthly pay reports, supervised inmate cleaning, and inspection of the housing unit.
- Supervised approximately 80 inmates in the housing unit while ensuring that all state and local policies, plans, and procedures were adhered to in accordance with the State of Nebraska.
- Maintained detailed records and documentation for inmate's case file in a timely efficient manner to assist management in providing assistance to inmates.
- Maintained and enhanced communication with management, social workers, and human services professionals to ensure that the needs of the inmates were met.

Data Entry Operator, Mutual of Omaha, Omaha, NE, March 2001 – July 2006

- Prepared confidential claims for imaging by indexing, analyzing, faxing and forwarding.
- Electronically researched insurance claims to ensure accuracy of information submitted.
- Electronically forwarded claims to appropriate departments.
- Performed administrative and clerical duties: preparing and proofreading documents and letters, entering lists and tables, editing existing data, and operating office machines such as scanners, copiers, and printers.

HONORS/ACTIVITIES

- Commendable Performance Recognition March 2018
 - Appreciation Award March 2018
 - Grace Abbott School of Social Work Practicum Committee, Fall 2013-2016
 - Monica Blizek Fellowship Fall 2013
 - Phi Delta Gamma Scholarship Fall 2014
 - Nebraska Department of Correctional Services (NDCS) Challenge Recognition Award for Outstanding Performance December 2010
 - NDCS Employee of the Quarter Nominee December 2012
 - NDCS Challenge Recognition Award for Outstanding Performance May 2014
 - NDCS Teamwork Award March 2015
 - NDCS Employee of the Quarter June 2015
 - Grace Tabernacle Church of God in Christ Scholarship Summer 2015
 - National Association for Alcoholism and Drug Abuse Counselors (NAADAC) Minority Fellowship July 2015
 - NAADAC Member July 2015-2016
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