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EDUCATION

BSW, Texas Southern University, Magna Cum Laude, August 1980

MSW, University of Houston, May 2003

PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

License - Licensed Master Social Work

Areas of Specialization - Child Welfare; Title IV-E

Professional Programs - UH/UHD Partnership Program

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCES

University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

2021 to date: Title IV-E Consultant

- Assists the CWEP Principal Investigator and the CWEP Director in funder connections
- Assists with the development of DFPS and related contract preparation and CWEP budgeting.
- Assists the CWEP team in planning and implementing Title IV-E funded activities.
- Reviews CWEP reports and makes recommendations.
- Serves as a member of the Curriculum Committee and assists in an independent study course offered to CWEP students in the summer semester.

2011 to 2021: Child Welfare Education Project Director

- Plan, develop and administer the Child Welfare Education Project which is a collaborative effort between the Graduate College of Social Work and the Texas Department of Family and Protective Services.
- Develop and monitor annual budgets and provide annual progress reports to funding agencies.

- Direct the activities of staff to include hiring, training, work direction, termination and performance appraisals.

CLINICAL/PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services (DFPS)

2004 to 2011: Child Safety Specialist

- Review high risk cases and consult with staff to assist in making case decisions.
- Develop and deliver training to new and tenured Child Protective Services (CPS) staff for best practices.
- Serve as Field Instructor for MSW students at the University of Houston, Graduate College of Social Work

2003 -2004 Foster Care and Adoption Program Director

- Provided insight, supervision and direction for the Foster Care and Adoption Program.
- Hired and managed supervisory level staff.
- Provided clinical consultation, program and policy interpretations and clarification.
- Managed and reviewed budget within the program.
- Reviewed home studies for potential placements.

2001 – 2003: Permanency Program Director

- Handled permanency issues regarding children in the conservatorship of DFPS and helped strategize ways to move these children through the CPS system.
- Developed, implemented, and monitored proper service delivery.

1994-2001: CPS Supervisor II/ Basic Skills Development (BSD) Coordinator/Trainer

- Coordinated the Basic Skills Development training for entry-level caseworkers.
- Update and revise assigned curriculum on an as needed basis.
- Delivered mandated regional training.
- Supervised new CPS caseworkers during their first three months of employment and completed required personnel actions including hiring, and termination.

1991 – 1994: CPS Supervisor

- Supervised a Unit which was responsible for providing permanency for children who were in the foster care system.

1983 – 1991 CPS Specialist I – IV

- Provided ongoing casework services for abused and neglected children and their families.

- Testified in court on cases in which removal of the child from the home was necessary due to safety issues.
- Served as an advocate for families in crisis.

1980 – 1983 AFDC Eligibility Worker

- Interviewed applicants to determine eligibility for AFDC
- Food Stamp and Medicaid benefits.
- Recertified clients for the continuation of services.

TEACHING EXPERIENCES

Partnership Training Skills (“PTS”): UH-UHD Foster-Parent Training

SELECTED INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE PRESENTATION

Chen, X., Huang, Y., McCarty, D., Hou, L., Cheung, M., **Walker, A.**, & Taylor, P. (2021). Partnership Training Skills: Service learning as leadership training in a BSW/MSW collaboration project. Juried “oral communication” presentation, Joint World Conference on Social Work Education and Social Development, Rimini, Italy. June 28 to July 1, 2020 (Virtual oral presentation for the International Social Work Education & Development online conference, April 15-17, 2021; Live Q&A on April 16, 2021).

TRAINING PRESENTATIONS

- Interviewing Children and Adults
- Family Assessment
- Child Placement
- Permanency Issues
- Risk Assessment
- Child Abuse and Neglect
- Family Reunification
- Foster Care and Adoption
- Child Safety
- Human Development
- Time Management
- Case Management