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Professional Experience:

Psychotherapist: Private Practice, 2009 - Present

- Provide individual counseling to adults, adolescents, children and families.
- Provide clinical supervision to social workers seeking licensure.
- Provide group facilitation in the areas of grief and loss, divorce recovery, and healing through art and movement.

Adjunct Faculty: The University of Denver, 2009 – Present

- Teach four courses at The Graduate School of Social Work (social work practice, clinical theories I, clinical theories II & social work with chronically and terminally ill).
- Design coursework, grade papers, and educate graduate students.

Grief Counselor: The Denver Hospice, 2002 -2009

- Provided counseling to individuals, couples and families.
- Provided facilitation and intern training around grief and loss support groups.
- Designed and implemented writing through grief group.
- Designed and implemented programs that focus on intern and staff development, social work development, and contemplative practice within a counseling setting.
- Public speaking and community advocacy around end-of-life issues.
- Provided clinical supervision to staff and counseling interns.
- Developed and implemented curriculum for physician assistant students in end-of-life issues through facilitating small process groups, journal reading/writing groups, and overall palliative care training.
- Managed the Children's Benefit Fund grant within the agency and distributed funds accordingly.

Social Work Liaison: The Denver Hospice, 2006 - 2008

- Facilitated social work meetings.
- Interviewed and hired social workers to fill positions within The Denver Hospice.
- Designed the training program for new social work employees. This training starts the first day of employment and continues through the first three months of their job.
- Mentored new employees and provided supervision, guidance and support.

Senior Clinical Social Worker: Denver Health Medical Center: Adolescent Inpatient Psychiatric Unit, 2001-2002

- Provided teaching and training to psychiatric residents around family therapy, group therapy and systems theory.
- Organized and facilitated family therapy meetings.
- Developed follow up plans for children and their families.
- Facilitated groups with adolescents.
- Participated on a multidisciplinary team.
- Provided individual therapy when appropriate.
- Connected adolescents and their families with resources in the community.
- Treatment planning and discharge planning.

Family Group Conference Coordinator: Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, 1999-2001.

- Organized and facilitated family group conferences.
- Provided training and information within the agency and in the community about family group conferencing.
- Performed diligent relative searches and provided information to families about family group conferencing.
- Provided group and individual LCSW supervision.

Intensive Family Therapy Caseworker: Arapahoe County Department of Human Services, 1998-1999

- Provided in-home family therapy and home based services to families in crisis.
- Provided strength-based solution focused family therapy.
- Developed treatment plans and provided case management.
- Wrote court reports and represented ACDHS within the court system.

Education:

Master of Social Work, June 1997

University of Denver, CO

Bachelor of Science, June 1994

Colorado State University, Fort Collins, CO

Affiliations/Volunteer Experience:

- ❖ Licensed Clinical Social Worker, #992331
- ❖ N.A.S.W.
- ❖ Volunteer with The Wellness Initiative
- ❖ Volunteer with Colorado School of Mines International Friendship Program