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Professional Experience:

Denver Public Schools (August 2007 - present)

School Social Worker- multiple schools

Providing academic supports:

- Facilitating weekly Special Education team meetings
- Writing social/emotional/adaptive reports for Special Education students' IEP meetings
- Managing a large attendance caseload and providing appropriate interventions
- Managing the Student Intervention Team (SIT) addressing academic and behavioral concerns
- Facilitating a co-ed book club for 5th grade students

Providing social/emotional supports:

- Facilitating groups to teach students social skills, using the evidence-based "Why Try" curriculum
- Developed and implemented Positive Behavior Intervention System (PBIS) at Cowell
- Facilitating Restorative Justice interventions in whole classrooms and between peers
- Providing counseling and crisis intervention
- Providing guidance and parenting support to struggling parents
- Building relationships with families to encourage an attendance and trust

Providing outreach/community resources:

- Referring families to community resources:
- Advocating for homeless families
- Managing holiday resource referrals for families in need
- Performing home visits for students with attendance and/or behavior issues

Providing student safety support:

- Providing consultation to school personnel regarding child protection issues and interventions
- Completing child abuse and neglect reports
- Working closely with administration to address discipline and behavior concerns
- Filing truancy court paperwork

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work (January 2011- present)

Adjunct Professor

Position entailed:

- Preparing weekly lectures for and teaching "School-Based Prevention & Early Intervention" class
- Leading classroom discussions
- Grading midterm and final assignments

Internship Experience:

Denver Public Schools (September 2006 – May 2007)

School Social Work intern- West High School's Teen Parent Program

- Teaching weekly classes on teen parenting issues
- Teaching "Partners in Parenting Education" (PIPE) curriculum to parenting teens
- Teaching self-advocating skills to pregnant/parenting teens
- Building relationships with students to encourage regular attendance and graduation

Denver Public Schools (September 2005 – May 2006)

School Social Work intern- Contemporary Learning Academy

- Managing an attendance caseload of students in a "credit recovery" alternative high school
- Co-facilitating a weekly after school girls' group, Voz y Corazon to address community building
- Working closely with multidisciplinary Special Education team to support students
- Operating a school "clothing store" to facilitate the school dress code

Education

Master of Social Work, University of Denver, Phi Alpha Honor Society
Bachelor of Art, Art History, University of Minnesota