

Susan Weinstein

Education:

Graduate: MSW & MA 1998, University of Denver, Denver, Colorado, USA
Master of Social Work & Master of Arts in International Studies

Undergraduate: B.A., High Honors, 1991, Rochester Institute of Technology
Major: Criminal Justice Concentration: Psychology

International Protection Experience

The University of Denver, Josef Korbel School of International Studies
Humanitarian Assistance Program

Adjunct Faculty

September 2012- present

Currently developing a curriculum for a Masters level course that will begin January 2013 on Humanitarian Assistance. Working title for the course: The concept of International Protection: Preparation for future humanitarian workers--theoretical and practical perspectives on humanitarian assistance with an emphasis on vulnerable populations.

The International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse and Neglect (ISPCAN)

Consultation and Technical Assistance Program Manager

August 2010-February 2011

Assisted with the development of and collaborated on projects which provided technical assistance and consultation for developing countries seeking to establish, develop, or enhance their child protection systems in accordance with the United Nations' Convention on the Rights of the Child and in alignment with best practice-evidenced based models of child abuse data collection, management, treatment and prevention interventions. Denver, CO.

United Nations- High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Global Training Officer, GBV and Child Protection

International Protection Capacity Section (Women, Children, and Community Development)

January 2007- September 2007

Based in Geneva, Switzerland: Designed and developed ideas for an organization wide, global training program further developing the Age, Diversity, and Mainstreaming project's effectiveness which educated and instilled 'best practice' and a community/rights based approach into protection activities. Such framework later became incorporated into all staff's daily functions, program design, and policies yielding effective implementation of refugee protection with an emphasis on women and children's protection. Duties included budget management, resource allocation and development, coordination and collaboration with numerous UN agencies and NGO's.

United Nations- High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)

Gender and Child Protection Officer

May 2005- December 2006

Based in El Geneina, West Darfur, Sudan. Designed and reviewed programs, and program proposals, monitored, evaluated, and collaborated on budget management, provided consultation and technical support and training for over 40+ women and children's centers run by NGO implementing partners throughout West Darfur. Designed and implemented Gender Based Violence (GBV) and Child Protection trainings for NGO and UN staff, community members, local government, police, and African Union. Co-chaired the Gender Based Violence Working Group and represented UNHCR in all child protection working groups in the field and at the Khartoum level. Collaborated with the community, local government, UN agencies, NGO's, and the African Union to ensure women and children's protection in Darfur.

The International Rescue Committee (IRC)

GBV Program Manager

October 1999- April 2000

Designed, developed, and implemented a community and rights based program on Gender Based Violence (GBV) and in direct coordination with the child protection program in Sierra Leone. Developed an

assessment design utilizing qualitative and quantitative methods, documented human rights abuses, counseled adult and child survivors, recruited, managed, and trained local staff, developed and facilitated trainings for local governmental agencies, communities, and local staff on a variety of GBV and child protection issues.

International Catholic Migration Commission

Social Work Intern

Summer 1997

Based in Zagreb, Croatia: Assisted in various duties: refugee processing, documentation, development and teaching of the cultural orientation program, led women's support groups, crisis intervention, community collaboration and referral with service providers, policy analysis, and proposal development.

Additional international volunteer experience from 1992-1996 including Bosnia, Croatia, and South Africa.

Other Professional Experiences:

Aurora Mental Health Center at Advanced Pediatrics and Associates

Integrated Clinical Therapist

October 2011-present

Provide consultative mental health assessments and interventions as part of a collaborative team with medical providers. Also provide in office therapeutic services and treatment to children and families of Advanced Pediatrics as needed.

The Denver Parenting Coach, LLC

& Counseling for "Tweens, Teens, and Twenty-Somethings"

Owner and practitioner

August 2008- Present

Provide in home parent coaching and parenting education to increase parenting skills and confidence creating safer families for children to prevent child abuse and neglect. Also provide outpatient child, adolescent, and young adult individual counseling in a private clinical practice.

Denver Public Schools

Teen Parent Social Worker

2000-2005 & January 2008-August 2010

Designed, developed, and implemented a Teen Parent Program at Montbello High School. Worked collaboratively with the School Based Health Clinic and School Social Worker. Provided crisis intervention and ongoing counseling and case management for teen parents and pregnant students with a focus on child abuse prevention, trauma treatment, parenting education, domestic partner education and violence prevention, and promotion of self-sufficiency. Other duties in elementary and middle schools included behavior management, 1:1 crisis counseling, attendance and truancy court, special education assessments and reporting, child abuse prevention and reporting, housing, food, clothing, and other emergency assistance, mental health support and referral.

The Community and Child Health Foundation at Children's Medical Center

Child & Adolescent Therapist

January 2009-August 2010

Provided individual/family assessment, crisis intervention, and ongoing psychotherapy/counseling from a trauma informed treatment perspective and case management for low income/Medicaid children and families seen by pediatricians from the Children's Medical Center.

Volunteers of America

Case Manager for *Theodora House/Brandon Center*

March 2002- May 2005

Duties included case management and program support for homeless women and children in emergency shelter.

Denver Department of Human Services

Sr. Social Caseworker

1998-1999 & 2000

Social work and case management in youth protection services aged 12-18. Child protection included

referrals, counseling, crisis intervention, court report writing, community collaborative efforts, state trainings, abuse investigations, treatment planning, evaluation, assessment, and intervention.

Adams Community Mental Health Systems

Mental Health Worker

1997

Part time in a therapeutic milieu day treatment **preschool** for with traumatized children who were physically and sexually abused.

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Denver Department of Social Service's Family Crisis Center

Case Service Aide III

1997

Provided milieu support and intervention for abused, neglected, and other children in crisis removed from their homes or placements due to child abuse investigations.

Ecumenical Refugee Services, Church World Services

Case Manager and Employment Counselor

October 1996 to June 1997

Worked with refugees resettling in the Denver metro area. Duties included a variety of case management responsibilities and extensive collaborative efforts with many private and public social service providers for children and families. Participated in a limited role in sponsorship development and staff training.

Licensure

LCSW: Licensed Clinical Social Worker License #1198, December 2008: Colorado DORA

Colorado Department of Education: School Social Work Professional License since 2000

Professional Associations and Service

NASW: National Association of Social Workers

University of Denver Joseph Korbel School for International Studies:

Humanitarian Assistance Program

Advisory Board member

February 2011- present

Languages

Serbo-Croatian: Medium Proficiency

Spanish: Basic comprehension. Would require re-immersion to increase speaking proficiency.

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