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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Sept 2010 - present

Adjunct Professor

- Policy analysis.
- Evaluation and research methods including quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Oversee student research projects including the design, data collection and write-up of results in both quantitative and qualitative methods.

Special Needs Trust Manager

Nov 2014 - present

Trustee and Sole Fiduciary

- Manage investments.
- Bookkeeping.
- Coordinate medical benefits and services for special needs adult.
- Medical Power of Attorney.
- Power of Attorney.

Department of Regulatory Agencies

Feb 2012 – Feb 2015

Board Communications Manager

- Created and managed internal division communication processes between 20 licensing boards and internal technical support.
- Ensured the functionality of division's online services for professionals, consumers and internal staff.
- Edited licensing board newsletters and board manuals.
- Maintained board web pages for consumers and professionals.
- Assigned to Senior Management Team.
- Created and implemented website evaluations using techniques such as focus groups, usability testing and surveys.
- Oversaw website technological enhancements.
- Reviewed all website analytics and submitted monthly report to board directors.

Public Strategies, Denver, CO

Resource Development and Website Manager

Sept 2008 – Jan 2012

- Provided technical assistance to federal grantees which included auditing programs for performance and submitting reports to the Department of Human Services Administration for Children and Families Office of Family Assistance using both quantitative and qualitative methods.
- Built relationships across the U.S. with the Office of Family Assistance grantees, policymakers, program administrators, coalitions, contract researchers, private foundations and community based organizations.
- Administered author contracts and edited all products submitted (60+ products per Fiscal Year) for both content and grammar.
- Managed budgets and deliverables for website hosting/design and research sub-contractors.
- Facilitated research and policymaker work groups.
- Supervised Project Specialist and Research Assistant.
- Served as project liaison to federal project officer.
- Oversaw website usability testing for three different audiences.

- Wrote and edited website content in content management system (CMS).

Colorado Coalition of Adoptive Families Board

Secretary of Board

Jan 2008-Jan 2012

- Edited bylaws
- Recorded board minutes

The Adoption Exchange, Denver, CO

Sept 2006 - Sept 2008

Adoptive Families Program Coordinator/Recruitment Response Team Specialist

- Aided prospective and licensed adoptive families (in English and in Spanish) on how to maneuver through the child welfare system in Colorado.
- Facilitated Spanish Adoptive/Foster Parent Recruitment program for Colorado, Wyoming, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska, Iowa, Missouri, and Kansas.
- Assisted Montana DHHS and Wyoming DFS with recruitment of adoptive families for Administration for Children and Families Children's Bureau.
- Participated in Children's Bureau roundtable discussions on the recruitment and retention of foster and adoptive families and post-adoption services.
- Served on the Foster Care and Permanency Task Force (SB 07-064) Children and Families subcommittee, which included making presentations and reporting on research over issues such as CORE services, TANF, foster youth emancipation, adoption subsidies, Child and Family Service Reviews, and kinship care (was also on planning committee and assisted with writing the bill).
- Served on the Mental Health Planning and Advisory Council Children and Families subcommittee. Consisted of providing information on latest research and making presentations on child welfare and its relationship to Medicaid.
- Built relationships with community resources by making presentations and doing site visits to county, state and federal entities.
- Taught adoption information class to families, which gave an overview of the child welfare system, including foster care, foster-adopt and adoption programs.
- Developed and managed budget.

National Conference of State Legislatures, Denver, CO

Jan-Sept 2006

Contract Research Assistant

- Tracked and coded adoption bills and legislation for all fifty states.
- Interviewed key legislative staff and legislators involved in drafting adoption legislation.
- Created interviewing protocol for project.

Research Analyst

- Provided child welfare policy technical assistance to state legislatures and various legislators on Child and Family Service Reviews, adoption subsidies, caseworker best practice, racial disparity in child welfare and court/agency collaboration.
- Wrote child welfare legislation summaries.
- Wrote monthly newsletter for all fifty state legislatures on kinship care.

EDUCATION

MSW –Policy and Program Management

University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work, Denver, CO with Honors.

BA Psychology

University of Denver, Denver, CO

CERTIFICATION

Project Management Professional

AWARDS

APEX Communication Award
University of Pittsburgh Semester at Sea

**Rachel Yarbrough Derrington, MSW, PMP
Publications**

Author

"A History of Child Welfare Policy," *Fostering Families* magazine, June/July 2007

"Adoption Competent Therapists: What Does the Research Tell Us?" *Fostering Families* magazine, May 2008

"Child Welfare Caseworker Visits with Children and Parents: Innovations in State Policy," NCSL, spring 2006

"Crisis Periods for Adoptive and Foster Children," *Fostering Families* magazine, August/September 2007

"Kinship Care Legislative Champions," *State Legislatures* magazine, October 2006

"Kinship Care Newsletter for Legislators" Monthly e-newsletter, February-July, 2006

Co-Author/Contributor

Reports & Case Study

"Building Standing Capacity" Case Study, NHMRC, 2009

"Foster Care and Permanency Report to Governor Bill Ritter of Colorado, Chief Justice Mary Mullarkey, Judiciary Committee, Health and Human Services Committee, and the Colorado General Assembly," June 2008

"Lessons Learned in Relationship Education for Disadvantaged Youth," Report to Annie E. Casey Foundation, in press

Research Briefs

"Domestic Violence, Making Distinctions: A Guide for Practitioners," NHMRC, 2010

"Grandparents Raising Grandchildren," in press, OMI

"Juvenile Delinquency and Family Structure: Implications for Marriage and Relationship Education", NHMRC, 2009

"Parents Raising Autistic Children," in press, OMI

"Research Synthesis: A Snapshot of Emerging Trends in Marriage/Relationship Education 2008," NHMRC, 2009

"Research Synthesis: A Snapshot of Emerging Trends in Marriage/Relationship Education 2009," NHMRC, in press

"Tribal Marital Systems," NHMRC, 2009

Fact Sheets

"Covenant Marriage: A Fact Sheet," NHMRC, 2009

"Gender Roles and Marriage," NHMRC, 2009

"Stepfamilies in the U.S.," NHMRC, 2009

How-to Guides

"Engaging Men in Marriage Education," NHMRC 2009

"How to Partner with Existing Social Service Systems," NHMRC, 2010

"Recruiting Engaged Couples for Premarital Education," NHMRC 2009

Tip Sheets

"A Personal Perspective in Talking to Your State Legislator about Marriage and Relationship Education" NHMRC, 2009

"A Win-Win Partnership: MRE and Child Support Enforcement," NHMRC, 2010

"A Win-Win Partnership: MRE and Head Start," NHMRC, 2010

"A Win-Win Partnership: MRE and Child Protective Services," NHMRC, 2010

"Blended Families," NHMRC, 2009

"Considering Culture in Marriage Education," NHMRC, 2009

"Getting Involved in the Legislative Process in your State" NHMRC, 2009

"Getting Married (Again): Tips for Blending Families," 2009

"How Stress Affects a Relationship," NHMRC, 2009

"Intermarriage: What Marriage Educators Should Know," NHMRC, 2009.

"Responsible Fatherhood and Healthy Marriage: What's the Connection?" NHMRC, 2010

“Relationship Education and Teen Pregnancy Prevention: What’s the Connection?”
NHMRC, 2010

“Strategies for Couples Dealing with a Financial Strain,” NHMRC, 2009