

# Brian Gonzales, MSW, LCSW, LAC

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Dynamic and engaging teacher, trainer, and supervisor, dedicated to the growth and development of helping professionals, collaborative community partnerships, and best practices for client success.

## Professional Experience

### Behavioral Treatment Services & Center for Change

#### **Clinical Director**

**June 2013- Present**

- Coordinate and manage all administrative functions for clinical programs, including budget, fiscal requirements, hiring, state contracts/grants, and specialized programming (IRT, DUI, JERP, START, RDDT, CRCF, JBBS)
- Directly supervise Residential, Outpatient, & Quality Assurance Clinical Managers
- Responsible for clinical oversight of 13 facilities throughout the state of Colorado, to include 50 clinical and administrative staff
- Member of the Executive Leadership Team, participating in strategic planning and change initiatives
- Ensure compliance with all Federal, State, and local treatment standards and licensing requirements
- Participate in local and statewide committees: Task Force for the Continuing Study of the Treatment of Persons with Mental Illness who are Involved in the Criminal Justice System & Jefferson County Mental Health and Substance Abuse Sub Committee
- Ensure positive public relations as primary liaison to the community and treatment system, and promotes clinical program to city, county, and state system officials
- Provide training to staff and community about Specialized Populations/Programs, HIV/AIDS, Evidence Based Practices, Crisis Intervention & Multiculturalism to aid in effective support of offenders
- Coordinate graduate internship program as field instructor and supervisor for master level interns

### University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

#### **Adjunct Faculty**

**September 2012- Present**

- Courses: Clinical Social Work Skills, Power-Privilege & Oppression, Clinical Social Work Theory, Intersection of Mental Health-Substance Use & Trauma, & Introduction to Social Work
- Member of MSW Curriculum Committee

### Rocky Mountain Crisis Partners- formerly Metro Crisis Services

#### **Crisis Clinician & Clinical Supervisor**

**January 2012- March 2015**

- Provide assessment, intervention, stabilization, and follow-up for individuals and families, throughout the state of Colorado, experiencing a substance abuse or mental health crisis on 24/7 call line
- Actively collaborate to refer consumers with available law enforcement, medical, spiritual, and mental health agencies and services available
- Provide after hours/crisis support for community mental health agencies within the state of Colorado on the 24/7 call line
- Provide Quality Assurance Monitoring/Supervision for crisis clinicians

### Denver Colorado AIDS Project

#### **Clinical Social Worker & Clinical Supervisor**

**June 2012- May 2013**

- Managed caseload of clients with HIV and AIDS, providing brief psychotherapy for substance abuse, mental health, and dual diagnoses
- Provided brief couples and or family therapy for clients and affected partners/loved ones
- Facilitated process groups for men and women living with HIV and AIDS
- Provided clinical supervision for graduate students in social work and psychology
- Provided group supervision to Prevention Department on individual and group clinical skills
- Assisted in managing counseling department, constructing and implementing policies, to ensure best practices

Synergy Adolescent Services- University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine

**Family Therapist, Evaluator & Clinical Supervisor**

**July 2010- June 2013**

- Managed all referrals and admissions for residential placement, to include: social services, Department of Youth Corrections, and private referrals
- Conduct comprehensive mental health and substance use evaluations, both voluntary and court ordered, providing recommendations for care and treatment
- Managed caseload of adolescent males dealing with substance abuse, mental health diagnoses, and conduct disorder, providing individual, couples, and family therapy
- Facilitate therapeutic process groups for adolescent males, focusing on conduct disorder symptoms and strengthening interpersonal communication skills
- Served as liaison to provide outreach services/consultation to county social services departments, Department of Youth Corrections, and families
- Provide supervision for Human Services and Social Work interns and master level practitioners

Adult Outpatient- University of Colorado Denver School of Medicine

**Social Work Intern**

**January 2010- May 2010**

- Provided individual, couples, and family therapy for voluntary and probation/social services cases, including methadone maintenance
- Conducted substance abuse intake assessments and evaluations
- Co-facilitated/led cognitive behavioral therapy and relapse prevention groups

Outpatient Mental Health- Department of Veterans Affairs

**Social Work Intern**

**August 2009- December 2009**

- Provided brief, individual psychotherapy for Korean and Vietnam war Veterans
- Co-facilitated psychoeducation group on self-esteem for veterans with mental illness
- Co-facilitated process/support group for WWII and Korean War veterans with PTSD

**Education & Licensure**

**University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work**

**June 2010**

Master of Social Work, Clinical Practice Concentration

**Boston College**

**June 2007**

Bachelor of Arts, Biopsychology

**Colorado Licenses**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker: 9923037

Licensed Addictions Counselor: 431

**Publications & Presentations**

Forrest-Bank, S. Nicotera, N., **Gonzales, B.**, Anthony, E., & Jenson, J. (2011, January). *A qualitative study of adaptation and resilience in the context of public housing neighborhoods*. Paper presented at the Society for Social Work and Research Conference, Tampa, FL, USA

Forrest-Bank, S., Nicotera, N., Anthony, E.K., **Gonzales, B.**, Jenson, J. (2013). Risk, protection, and resilience among youth residing in public housing neighborhoods. *Child & Adolescent Social Work Journal*, 30 (6).