

# **Laura A. Harter, MSW, LCSW**

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## **Summary of Accomplishments**

- Proven ability to work effectively with individuals, groups and families to address physical and mental health needs as a care manager and therapist
- Over eight years non-profit experience building positive, strength-based relationships with individuals, families and community partners
- Extensive experience in program coordination including supervising staff, grant writing and reporting, yearly audits and timely documentation of client visits
- Highly successful at working with seniors to address the unique needs of aging, in the context of both care management and therapy
- Demonstrated commitment to the Social Work Code of Ethics

## **Employment History**

Care Manager/Program Coordinator, Senior Solutions Department, Jewish Family Service of Colorado, Denver, Colorado

August 2011-present

- Provide geriatric care management to seniors with the goal of helping seniors maintain their independence and safety in their own homes
- Coordinate Hearts and Hands Program, the only home based program for people living with HIV/AIDS in the state of Colorado
- Serve as an Expert in Aging for Age Forward Consulting Services offered to seniors and families to address the changing needs of seniors in their homes
- Provide home-based counseling services for seniors dealing with grief and loss, anxiety and depression and a variety of other mental health need

Therapist, Master's Level Intern, Crittenton Children's Center, Kansas City, Missouri.

August 2010 – April 2011

- Used a variety of treatment modalities to provide individual, group and family therapy to adolescents in psychiatric residential treatment facility
- Assisted residents and families in learning and utilizing a variety of conflict management, healthy communication and coping skills
- Performed clinical assessments with clients to address all mental health, behavioral, substance use and educational needs
- Worked collaboratively with interdisciplinary teams, including parents and/or state appointed guardians, to address treatment needs

Lead Medical Case Manager, Boulder County AIDS Project. Boulder, Colorado.

June 2007 – May 2010

- Provided medical case management to individuals living with HIV/AIDS
- Assessed clients for referrals to mental health treatment, substance use treatment, domestic violence services and other resources as needed
- Interacted with a diverse group of clients from all ages, economic situations and

- sexual orientations and tailored services to fit their individualized needs
- Served as the case management liaison (April 2008-May 2009) to federally funded infectious disease clinic to strengthen relationships with community partners and assist clients in having medical needs met

Care Provider, Kids at Heart, Fort Collins, Colorado

August 2004 – July 2007

- Respite provider for foster, kinship and recently adoptive families in a closely monitored group environment
- Addressed the specific needs presented by children ages five and under, including those with developmental disabilities and histories of severe trauma
- Provided a secure and stable environment with age appropriate group activities for children based on developmental needs
- Addressed behavioral challenges and maintained consistent communication with parents to ensure specific needs of each child were addressed

**Education and Training**

- Masters of Arts, Social Work, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
- Certificate in Service Learning, University of Kansas
- Bachelor of Arts, Social Work, Colorado State University, Fort Collins, Colorado
- Dialectical Behavior Therapy Training, Missouri Department of Mental Health
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Online Training, Medical University of South Carolina
- Secondary Trauma Resiliency Training, Vital Hearts: The Resiliency Training Initiative

**Related Activities**

- Board of Directors, The Delores Project. Chair of Programs Committee.
- Task supervisor for BSW and MSW students from both University of Denver and Metropolitan State University of Denver, including several PROGRESS students
- Selected speaker for Before The Mourning Series through Feldman Mortuary
- Selected to attend Yeshiva University Wurtzweiller School of Social Work Field Education Conference, New York, NY
- Presenter at YOLO Conference, Jewish Wisdom on Aging Well
- Recipient of Distinguished Service Award from Jewish Family Service for exemplary service to the organization
- Nominated for Margo Award for Excellence in Field Education, University of Kansas