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Present Positions

- Independent contractor providing consultation, training, and clinical services for at risk youth
- Adjunct Professor- University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work

Education

Masters in Social Work

Concentration: Children, Youth, and Families

University of Denver- June 1993

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

Colorado State University- December 1973

Past Professional Positions

- 2005-2008 (retired) Coordinator of Sex Offense Specific Services- Colorado Division of Youth Corrections. Provision of supervision and monitoring, program development, training, consultation and technical assistance in the implementation of sex offense specific treatment programming for juveniles adjudicated for sexual offenses. DYC representative and vice chair of the state Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB). Oversight of mental health and sex offense specific contracts and budgets.
- 1995-2005- Mental Health Clinician at Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center (LMYSC), Colorado Division of Youth Corrections (DYC). Services provided included the assessment and treatment of delinquent youth with mental disorders, curriculum development, and staff training and consultation.
- Provision of in-home individual and family therapy for adolescents for the Denver Area Youth Services (DAYS) program. Included pretrial and aftercare services.
- 1985-1995- Management and supervision of secure residential units at Lookout Mountain Youth Services Center (LMYSC). Duties included hiring, supervision, and scheduling of personnel, coordinating program development, and participation on the agency management team.
- Therapist on the child and adolescent team at Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH). Developed curriculum for and provided co-facilitation of psycho-educational and treatment groups as part of a pilot project to provide a continuum of interventions to address sexual behavior problems in elementary schools.
- 1980-1985- Youth Services Counselor at LMYSC. Supervised staff and developed, implemented, and coordinated the treatment program for sexually abusive adolescents at Blue Spruce Unit. Provided individual and group counseling to juvenile delinquents.

Licensure and Board Certifications and Listings

- Licensed as a Clinical Social Worker in the state of Colorado
- Colorado Sex Offender Management Board (SOMB) approved Full Operating Level Treatment Provider and Full Operating Level Evaluator of Juveniles who have Committed Sexual Offenses

Memberships in Professional Societies

- Member of the National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- Clinical Member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Awards

- 2012 National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN): In recognition of commitment to the continued delivery of Academic Coursework for professionals working to stop juvenile perpetration of sexual abuse
- 2010 Gary Burgin Leadership Award by the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board
- 2008 George Kerin Lifetime Achievement Award by the Colorado Child and Adolescent Mental Health Coalition
- 2005 National Adolescent Perpetration Network (NAPN) Pioneer Award: Celebrating 21 years of unique contributions to prevent perpetration of sexual abuse

Committee Appointments

- Member of the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board
- Board member of the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

Training Activities

Conducted extensive training addressing sexually abusive adolescents and delinquent youth, including the following:

1. Co-authored the curriculum and delivered statewide training on the “Evaluation and Assessment of Juveniles who have Committed Sexual Offenses”. Funded by the Institute for Families at the University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work.
2. “Dissonance: The Disconnect Between Research and Policy in Juvenile Sexual Offending”. Plenary address at the NAPN Conference in Denver in February of 2010
3. “Addressing Juvenile Sexual Offending: Setting the Foundation for Moving Forward”. Keynote address at Juvenile Sex Offender Management in the Age of SORNA conference. Dover Delaware in April of 2010
4. “Enhancing treatment planning for sexually abusive youth: What do we need to know?” at the NAPN conference in Atlantic City in April of 2012
5. “Applying research to enhance treatment planning for sexually abusive youth” at the ATSA conference in Denver in October of 2012
6. “A Holistic Approach to Treating Sexually Abusive Youth: Framework and Practice”- NAPN conference in Portland in April of 2013
7. “Using Typologies to Individualize Interventions for Sexually Abusive Youth”- ATSA conference in Chicago in October 2013
8. “A Holistic Approach to Treating Sexually Abusive Youth: Framework and Practice”- statewide training sponsored by the Colorado Sex Offender Management Board
9. “Applying an Evidence Based Framework to Dimensions Associated with Sexually Abusive Behavior”- NAPN conference in Charlotte in May 2014
10. “Applying an Evidence Informed Framework to Factors Associated with Sexually Abusive Behavior”- ATSA conference in San Diego in October 2014

Bibliography

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