

# DIANA RARICH, MSW, LCSW

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## EDUCATION

M.S.W., *Magna Cum Laude*

University of Denver, 2000

B.S., *Cum Laude* with honors in Social Work

Skidmore College, 1996

## TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Adjunct Professor

*University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work: 2012-Current*

- Developed and Taught Graduate Social Work Courses:

*School Social Work interventions*

*Group Work with Children and Adolescents*

*Evidence Based Practice.*

- Instruction delivered through lecture, activities, assignments and online environments.
- Taught in-person, hybrid, and online formats. Utilized BlackBoard and Canvas Content Management System.

## HUMAN SERVICES EXPERIENCE

School Social Worker

*Jeffco Schools, 2002-present*

- Designed & facilitated groups for students regarding anxiety, social skills, self-concept, and conflict management.
- Provided ongoing social, emotional, behavioral and adaptive assessments and interventions in accordance with IEP laws and evidence based practice.
- Counseled youth with issues including depression, family and peer conflict, sexuality issues, future and career planning, and substance abuse.
- Collaborated with students, families, staff, and community regarding student needs, and treatment review.
- Department Chair: Managed successful health fair, sponsored two clubs.
- Presentations at national Arc conferences and evening parent training series about transition planning.
- Facilitated school mental health provider online community and trainings, served on district crisis response team and helped develop district mental health provider evaluation rubric.

Senior Social Caseworker - Child Protection Intake

*Denver Human Service, 2000- 2003*

- Conducted investigations of child abuse and neglect.
- Collaborated with other service agencies to obtain information and initiate services as necessary.
- Assessed and created initial treatment plans including kinship placement, filing petitions in Denver juvenile court and linking clients to community resources.
- Field instructor for MSW student.

Graduate Student and Training Intern

*Denver Human Services, 1999- 2000*

- Interned with the trainer and parent educator in the family and childrens' division.
- Wrote components of the child protection curriculum and conducted parenting classes.
- Created online resource guide which is now used by over 300 workers daily.
- Assisted with City of Denver Human Services re-accreditation process in 2000.

Home Supervisor

*New Outlook, Inc., 1998- 1999*

- Facilitated communication between caseworkers, foster parents, school staff, GALs, biological parents and therapists for children in foster care.
- Assisted in making appropriate placements and treatment plan implementation.
- Provided on-call crisis intervention. Provided training for parents and education about children's needs.

Youth Treatment Counselor

*CCH-Tennyson Center for Children and Families, 1996-1998*

- Formed therapeutic relationships with children: provided individual counseling, interventions, group design and facilitation in residential and school milieus.
- Managed unit finances, selected and trained new staff, scheduled shift coverage and organized community involvement.
- Utilized experiential education and challenge-by-choice concepts within activities.

**SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY**

- American Red Cross* Since 2000
  - Local and national Disaster Response Mental Health Volunteer. Educational coordinator.
- National Association of Social Workers* 2001-2006
- School Social Work Association of America*
  - Served as treasurer, president, and delegate assembly board member. Member of school social work committee and coordinator of annual conferences. Presented at national and local conferences.
- Denver Safehouse* Since 2011
  - Monthly volunteering with their clients and staff for stress management.
- American Diabetes Association* Since 2002
  - Fundraising over \$7400, camp planning committee, and volunteer staff for children living with Type 1 diabetes.
- Challenged Athletes Foundation, NSCD and Adaptive Adventures* Since 2001
  - Fundraising and event planning. Teaching individuals with a variety of disabilities in skiing, rock climbing, biking, swimming, and rafting.
- Skidmore College* Since 1996
  - Alumni representative and interviewer.

**CROSS-CULTURAL EXPERIENCE**

- Personal global learning and service *During Sabbatical: 2012- 2013*
  - Traveled to 11 countries delivering direct service to children, training in self-care-of-providers, and case consultation to an organization working against human trafficking and orphaned youth.
- Adventures in Missions Since 2006
  - Led national and international service projects for up to 60 people in a variety of locations including Haiti, Gulf Coast, Atlantic City, Puerto Rico, and Peru.
- Conversational ability in Spanish

**PRESENTATIONS and PROFESSIONAL development**

- Denver School Social Work appreciation 2004
  - Presented to department mental health provider during school social worker appreciation month
- Full life ahead: Transition planning for students 14-21 years old 2008
  - National Association of School Social Workers conference presenter
- Facilitated professional learning communities and multiple trainings at the district level to support compliant, best-practice services for students and families.

**HONORS, AWARDS and AFFILIATIONS**

- Child Welfare Stipend University of Denver, 1999
  - Title IV-E \$22,000 Financial award for academic excellence towards service in child welfare.
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker State of Colorado Department of Regulatory Agencies
- School Social Work License Colorado Department of Education
- Periclean Honor Society Skidmore College, 1996
- National Association of Social Workers and School Social Workers of America
- Colorado School Social Work Association
- National Educators Association and Colorado Educators Association