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Professional Experience

Mental Health Partners Boulder, CO	July 2012 - Present	Bilingual Parent-Infant Specialist , provide family and group therapy focused on the parent-infant dyad to improve attachment and address the spread of generational trauma; facilitate psycho-education on early childhood development and attachment to promote positive growth; encourage healing and emotional regulation through DBT skills and practice; coordinate referrals and care across many community-based providers including the Department of Housing and Human Services, Child Find, Primary Care Physicians, the Mapleton Center, Genesis, Workforce, and other local non-profit organizations. <i>Qualified to offer expert testimony on Attachment Theory and Parent-Child Relationship in Boulder County Courts.</i>
University of Denver Denver, CO	September 2013 - Present	Adjunct Faculty Member , instruct foundation and concentration year curriculum through the University of Denver, Graduate School of Social Work; prepare weekly lectures, support students in learning, collaborate with lead faculty on assignments, evaluate students work for academic achievement.
Community Reach Center Thornton, CO	February, 2011 – July 2012	Bilingual Early Childhood Therapist , provided individual, family and group therapy to children and their families; utilized directed and non-directed play therapy interventions to help children and their families express, process and resolve past and current stressors in developmentally appropriate ways; facilitated parent psycho-education on early childhood development and the parent-child relationship; coordinated referrals and care across many early childhood services, including speech and occupational therapy, educational systems, Child Find, pediatricians and psychiatrists.
Savio House Longmont, CO	September, 2009 – January, 2011	Functional Family Therapist (FFT)/Sexual Abuse Intervention Therapist (SAI) , provided individual and family therapy designed to strengthen family systems, increase global family functioning, and mitigate risks of relapse using a strength-based, relational focus; provided offense specific treatment to juvenile sex offenders and their families according to the Sex Offender Management Board standards (SAI Team only). Services provided in both English and Spanish languages.
El Buen Pastor Guanajuato, Mexico	March, 2009 – July, 2009	Support Group Leader , Facilitate group therapy sessions for women recovering from domestic violence in a shelter setting. Sessions conducted completely in Spanish covering topics ranging from parenting skills to domestic violence, empowerment, self-esteem, and self-care.

Las Libres Guanajuato, Mexico	November 2008 – March, 2009	Support Group Co-Leader , Co-facilitate weekly, home-based group therapy sessions for vulnerable women in central Mexico. Curriculum focused on overcoming trauma and oppression through education and the fostering of individual and community resources.
Denver Family Institute Denver, CO	December 2007 – June 2008	Intern , conducted individual, couples, and family therapy using systemic, strength-based practice; completed assessment and treatment planning; coordinated with community-based programs; participated in peer observation, individual and group supervision; assisted with grant writing, marketing, and client intake.
Boulder County Department of Social Services Boulder, CO	August, 2006- June, 2007	Ongoing Child Protection Intern , assisted primary caseworker in open ongoing child protection case work, developed treatment plans, co-facilitated Nurturing Program parenting skills class, assisted with investigations of reported child abuse and neglect, prepared progress reports for court review, participated in multi-service staffings, assisted in reunification planning, worked with families to explore themes including empathy, child development, and personal motivation, responsibility and self care.
Texas Council on Family Violence Austin, TX	September 2001- August 2002	Grant Writer ; supported a \$6.8 million dollar operating budget through government, foundation, and corporate grants; prepared and submitted grant applications; researched prospective donors; managed and maintained grant database; wrote articles for quarterly newsletters. This position required a thorough understanding of the nature of domestic violence, the programs of the organization, and strategies for overcoming violence.
H.O.P.E. Group Mesa, AZ	January 2000-August 2001	Habilitation Therapist ; provided habilitation therapy involving speech, occupational and social development for a five year-old autistic child.

A c a d e m i c E x p e r i e n c e

University of Denver	September 2005-June, 2008	Graduation Date, June, 2008 Masters of Social Work Cumulative GPA: 4.0
Denver Family Institute	September 2007 – September, 2011	Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy
Arizona State University	August 1997-May 2001	Graduation date: May, 2001 Bachelor of Science in Economics; Bachelor of Arts in Political Science; International Business Certificate Cumulative GPA: 3.90

Trainings and Post-Graduate Education

Practice-Based Intensive Dialectical Behavior Therapy Training	May 6-9, 2014	32 hour training presented by PESI: Trainer, Lane Pederson, Psy.D. LP, DBTC
Toward an Embodied Self: Attachment, Dissociation, and EMDR	April 12, 2013	6 hour training presented by The Boulder Institute of Psychotherapy and Research: Keynote Speaker, Ulrich Lanius, Ph.D.
Understanding the Neurobiology of Trauma: Implications for Working with Sexual Assault Survivors	January 24, 2013	3 hour training presented by Moving to End Sexual Assault: Keynote Speaker Janine M. D'Anniballe, Ph.D.
Dyadic Developmental Psychotherapy/ Attachment-Focused Family Therapy	October 9, 2012	7 hour training presented by Boulder County Department of Human Services: Keynote Speaker, Daniel Hughes, Ph.D.
DC: 0-3R Overview	September 8, 2011	6 contact hours of training on early childhood diagnosis and intervention using DC: 0-3R, facilitated by Karen Frankel, PhD.
The Impact of Trauma on the Developing Child	August 3, 2011	7 hour training presented by the North American Council on Adoptable Children: Keynote Speaker, Dr. Bruce Perry
Eco-Systemic Play Therapy Focusing on Early Childhood Mental Health	June 22, 2011	3 hours of systemically based play therapy intervention and training with Dr. Sue Ammen
17th Annual CAPT Conference	March 26, 2011	“Play Therapy: Healing Mind and Body,” Keynote Speaker, Dr. Byron Norton
Functional Family Therapy Replacement Training Series	October 2009-December 2009	Completed the three-part replacement training series with FFT, Inc. on the delivery of Functional Family Therapy (FFT).