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Areas of Specialty

Field Education & Administration
Collegiate Instruction/Advising
Academic/Career Counseling
Program Planning/Development
Medical Social Work
Family Centered Intervention
School Social Work/Education

Mental Health Services
Clinical Case Management
Community Outreach
Child Welfare & Attendance
At-Risk Youth Services
Inter-agency Collaboration
Family Reunification

Education/Certifications

Licensed Clinical Social Worker

State of California, Board of Behavioral Sciences

Issued January 2014

Master of Social Work

California State University, Fresno

August 1999 – May 2001

Pupil Personnel Services Credential

California State University, Fresno

Issued May 2001

Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

California State University, Fresno

January 1996 – December 1998

Associates of Arts Degree in General Studies

Reedley Community College

August 1993 – May 1995

Work Experience

Assistant Professor/Program Director

July 2018 – present

Fresno Pacific University

Social Work Program, Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Advise and mentor students in the Bachelor of Arts in Social Work program. Oversee social work program in traditional undergraduate program. Manage budget, supervise field coordinator, adjunct faculty, assistant positions in department. Assessment and analysis of student outcomes, co-administrate CSWE accreditation standards, analyze and develop curricular plan of the major, advise social work student club, teach 7-9 courses in an academic year. **Courses taught:** Introduction to Social Work, Foundations of Social Work Practice, Cultural Competency, Volunteerism, Studies of Domestic Violence, Introduction to Social Science Research, Senior Field Seminar, Senior Thesis.

Clinical Faculty/Field Coordinator

August 2015 – June 2018

Fresno Pacific University

Social Work Program, Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Provide field instruction to BSW students in the field internship, coordinate placements, certify agency partners, train and advise field agency personnel, facilitate learning plans with students and agency supervisors, collaborate with community agencies (nonprofit, for profit, and public); develop field policies, manage student affairs related to internship, advise students on social work profession; report on learning outcomes to accreditation body; write CSWE (Council on Social Work Education) benchmarks, curriculum development, Courses taught: Field Seminar, Introduction to Social Science Research, Senior Thesis, Introduction to Social Work, Foundations of Social Work Practice.

On-Call Licensed Clinical Social Worker

Oct. 2014 – July 2015

VA Central California Health Care System, Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

On-call, per diem clinical social work at Veteran's Hospital; 5150 certified, ER crisis referrals with Veteran population; Assess risk for 5150; admissions to psychiatric department; collaborate with ER physicians, nurses, and psychiatrists.

Adjunct Social Work Instructor

Jan. 2013 – July 2015

Fresno Pacific University

Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Teach undergraduate social work courses: Senior Thesis, Introduction to Social Science Research, Urban Society and the Welfare State.

Substitute School Social Worker

May 2011 – July 2015

Fresno Unified School District Prevention & Intervention

Job Responsibilities:

Serve as a link between school, families, and communities; crisis management with students; risk assessments; clinical case management; connect families to resources and referrals; student counseling services; child welfare and attendance services; support school staff on social/emotional concerns on campus; multidimensional assessments;

formulate case plans with students and families; advise school administration on best practices for student wellness.

Adjunct Social Work Instructor

August 2010 – July 2015

West Hills Community College

Lemoore, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Develop student learning outcomes for courses taught; lesson and curriculum development; advise students on social work profession. Classes taught: Introduction to Social Work, Case Management and Eligibility, Individual and Group Support, Substance Abuse Counseling.

Program Coordinator, Unpaid

Teacher/Mentor, Unpaid

Nov. 1997 – July 2015

Family Worship Center

Girls Ministries, Sanger, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Coordinate mentoring program; train program sponsors/mentors; develop and plan enrichment activities for girls ages Preschool to High School; implement and tailor national curriculum: *Girls Ministries* from National Assemblies of God, plan and organize community events; engage in community development with girls in program; service plan activities with girls and mentors; teach curriculum, develop program policies; engage with parents and families.

School Social Worker

June 2003 - June 2006

Fresno Unified School District

Prevention & Intervention

Job Responsibilities:

Serve as a link between school, families, and communities; crisis management with students; risk assessments; clinical case management; connect families to resources and referrals; student counseling services: individual and group services; facilitate psychoeducational groups; clinical services with middle school students; child welfare and attendance services; support school staff on social/emotional concerns on campus; multidimensional assessments; formulate case plans with students and families; advise school administration on best practices for student wellness; assist in the development of school social work protocol; provide trainings to school staff on anti-bullying.

Social Work Practitioner

June 2001 - June 2003

Fresno County DCFS

K-Six Early Intervention Program

Job Responsibilities:

Case management services to students and families at elementary school site; prevention services provided to school, students and families at risk of entering child welfare system; parenting education to court ordered parents involved with family court services and child protective services; group counseling to students; individual counseling; family assessments and services; referrals and resources; liaison between school and child protective services; child welfare and attendance support; school staff advising regarding social/emotional supports to children and families.

Prevention Specialist

Dec. 2000 – May 2001

SUSD, Girl Power! Program

Sanger, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Facilitate enrichment activities; large group psychoeducational services; lead discussions with girls regarding self-esteem, efficacy, education, and risky behaviors; teach curriculum related to girls self esteem and preventing involvement in risky behaviors.

School Social Work Intern

Sept. 2000 – May 2001

Sanger Unified School District

Sanger, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Link between school, families, and community; individual and group counseling; parenting support; school support on areas of social/emotional concerns; coordinate referrals and resources to families in need; multidimensional assessments, interviewing, case management; mentoring; risk assessments.

Child Welfare Social Worker

June 2000 – August 2000

Feb. 1998 – July 1999

Fresno County DCFS

Guardianship; Fresno, CA

Reunification; Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Risk assessments; WIC knowledge; reunification services to children and families; referrals and resources; case management; develop mutually agreed upon goals related to court mandates; assessing child welfare; certifying homes for placement of children; home visits to conduct welfare checks; court documentation; testifying in court; facilitating placements for children; supervising visits between children and biological parents; collaborate with community agencies; assessing guardianship plan and goals; developing concurrent plan for placements.

Child Welfare Social Work Intern

Sept. 1999 – May 2000

Kings County Human Services

Emergency Response; Hanford, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Emergency response referrals; case management with children and families; welfare checks; home visits to assess child welfare; case documentation for court; family assessments; develop mutually agreed upon case plans; assessing client motivation; supervise visitation between children and biological parents; collaborate with community agencies for resources and referrals.

Social Work Extra Help

Jan. 1998 – Dec. 1998

Fresno County DCFS

Court Unit; Fresno, CA

Job Responsibilities:

Home visits throughout the state; case documentation for court proceedings; case management; family reunification services and facilitation; supervise visitation between parents and children; assess for child wellbeing; assessment of family reunification services; assess motivation for change; refer clients for court appointed referrals; support unit with documentation, visits, multidisciplinary team meetings, and other relevant services for children and families.

Relevant Experience/Skills

- Instruction in Higher Education
- Student Advising
- BSW Program Direction/Administration
- Curriculum Development
- Field Placement Coordination/Administration
- CSWE Benchmark Writing & Planning
- Graduate & Undergraduate Intern Field Supervisor (CSUF & FPU)
- Community Outreach
- Program Development
- Faith Based Services
- Individual and Group Counseling Services
- Clinical Case Management Services
- Crisis Intervention (Threat Assessments, 5150 procedures)
- Attendance Policy Development
- Parent Educator
- Trainer/Conference Speaker
- Certified District Trainer (Anti-Discrimination/Bullying)
- CPI Certified (Violence Prevention and Intervention)
- Family Counseling Services
- Knowledge of Welfare & Institutions Code/Education Code
- Medical Social Work

Awards and Affiliations

Safe Families for Children (Bethany Christian Services), Leadership Team Member 2017
North American Network of Field Educators and Directors, Member 2017
Central California NACSW Conference, Organizing Committee, 2015
Association of Baccalaureate Social Work Program Directors, Member 2015
National Association of Social Workers, Member 2015
North American Association of Christians in Social Work (NACSW), Member 2008
Employee of the Month, Fresno County Dept of Children & Family Services, 2002
Project Purple (gang prevention and neighborhood development), Advisory Committee 2001
Dean's List, CSUF, 1998 & 2000

Presentations & Publications

CASCWA Conference, “*Utilizing Social Workers in Schools to Address Truancy*”-
Presenter 2006

Family Worship Center Women’s Presentation, “*Experiencing Joy in Our Circumstances*” – Presenter October 9, 2010

**NACSW Social Work & Christianity Journal: Sandy Hook, Connecticut 06482.
Book Review Published Winter 2017 - *Hope, Help and Healing for the Depressed*
(Tossell, 2015)**

**Northern American Association for Christians in Social Work (NACSW)
Workshop Co-Presenter:
“*Thriving Social Work Program for Adult Learners: Faith Implications*”
NACSW Convention 2018**