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EDUCATION

- Ph.D.** *Current Doctoral Student, Second Year**
University of Connecticut - School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT
- M.P.A. December 2014, **Master in Public Administration**
Post University- John P. Burke School of Public Service & Education, Waterbury, CT
- M.S.W. May 2012, **Master of Social Work**
University of Connecticut- School of Social Work, West Hartford, CT
Concentration: Clinical Casework, Children & Families
- M.S. August 2008, **Master of Science – Education**
University of Bridgeport, School of Education, Bridgeport, CT
- B.S. December 2004, **Bachelor of Science - Human Services**
University of Alaska –Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
Concentration: Women & Children; Minor: History
- A.A. December 2003, **Associate of Arts**
University of Alaska- Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
- A.A.S. December 2003, **Associate of Applied Science**
University of Alaska – Mat-Su Community College, Palmer, Alaska
Concentration: Substance Abuse
- Certification December 2003, Conflict Resolution Certification
University of Alaska-Anchorage, Anchorage, Alaska
- Certification 2003, Human Resource Management Certification
Cornell University- School of Industrial and Labor Relations, Ithaca, NY

Professional License

2014- present State of Connecticut Licensed Clinical Social Worker Lic # 8867

Current Research

- 2016 Co-Principal Investigator
Living in the Shadow of Maltreatment, University of Connecticut & Department of Children & Families, Child Welfare Evaluation of Intake Cases Willimantic Office
- 2016 Principal Investigator
Responses to Education Truancy – Unconscious Bias in Connecticut Education, Juvenile Justice & Child Welfare Systems

Professional Appointments

- July 2016-
present **Fellowship** - Harvard Lab for Youth Mental Health
Harvard University
Department of Psychology, Faculty of Arts and Sciences

- August 2015 –
present **Teaching Assistant**
University of Connecticut School of Social Work, MSW program
Courses: Research Methods, Macro Foundations
- February 2015-
present **Social Worker 2**
State of CT - University of Connecticut-John Dempsey Hospital
Department of Psychiatry – Clinical support to psychiatry resident
education. Conducts clinical evaluations of patients in emergency
department and recommends treatment level of care & referrals
- May 2014-
present **Crisis Clinician**
Wellmore Behavioral Health
Conducts emergency mobile crisis evaluations, mental status exam, and
stabilization for children and adolescents in home, schools, and hospitals
- February 2013-
May 2014 **Clinician**
Wellmore Behavioral Health
IICAPS (Intensive In-home Child & Adolescent Psychiatric Services)
Yale Child Study Center trained
Utilized Yale model to stabilize children & adolescents through intensive
in-home therapy in 4 domains: individual, family, education & community
- May 2014-
February 2015 **Social Worker**
State of CT - Department of Children & Families – Danbury area office
Child Welfare Investigator of abuse/neglect referrals, collaboration with
local social services for referrals, multidisciplinary evaluations of
traumatized children, and ongoing assessment of safety/risk
- January 2013-
June 2013 **Child Services Worker**
Solnit South Inpatient Child/Adolescent Psychiatric Hospital
State of Connecticut – Department of Children & Families- Riverview
Inpatient psychiatric direct therapeutic care, observation, support, crisis
prevention/intervention, facilitating psycho-educational groups
- September 2011-
January 2013 **Community Truancy Clinic –Child Welfare Liaison**
Waterbury Public School District – Waterbury Region Children’s Probate
Court Pilot- under the direction of Hon.Judge Thomas Brunnock- provided
prevention services to reduce truancy/educational neglect & child welfare
involvement of families at risk of truancy court/child welfare involvement
- August 2009-
June 2010 **Internship- Crisis Clinician**
Wellmore Behavioral Health – Emergency Mobile Crisis
Conducts emergency mobile crisis evaluations, mental status exam, and
stabilization for children and adolescents in home, schools, and hospitals
Short term outpatient clinical stabilization
- September 2009-
June 2010 **Internship- School Social Work**
Blessed Sacrament School (Contracted through Wellmore Behavioral Health)
Provided weekly clinical support and group social skills building
- April 2007-
May 2007 **Internship/Practicum School Social Work**
Regional School District No.16 – Long River Middle School –Prospect,CT
Participation in Core/Unified Arts Courses, Parent Meetings, PPTs, and
department meetings, facilitated grief/loss group

- June 2005-
January 2013
(7.5 years) **Social Worker**
State of CT - Department of Children & Families – Waterbury area office
Child Welfare direct services social worker conducting child welfare
investigations of abuse/neglect. Managed ongoing treatment comprised
of medically complex, dual diagnosis, and traumatized children/families
- August 2003-
May 2004 **Department of Juvenile Justice - Wasilla, Alaska Youth Court**
Internship- Minor Diversion Program
Completed intake evaluation with first time offending juveniles & families;
monitored legal process in youth court arraignments; Facilitated minor
consuming mandated educational program for adolescents aged 11-18;
Applied for & awarded grant National Association of Youth Court (NAYC)
- August 2002-
May 2003 **Kids are People, Inc. – Saxton Youth Shelter**
Internship- Level 2 Emergency Stabilization & Assessment Center
Provided behavioral rehabilitation services (BRS) and temporary
residential care for children ages 11-18 who are in immediate danger in
their current environment, who need short term, temporary placement, or
may need stabilization and assessment of their needs.

Non-Social Work Professional Work Experience:

- February 14, 2005-
April 7, 2005 Legal Administrative Support
Secor, Cassidy & McPartland, PC
- April 2005-
June 2005 Human Resources Executive
Federated Logistics & Operations [Macy's/Bloomingdale's]
- November 2000-
December 2004 Administrative Coordinator
Tesoro Corporation [**Fortune 100**]
Human Resources duties: Payroll, FMLA, Recruiting, Training, Retention
\$390+M P&L & projection budgeting

Honors, Awards, Memberships & Trainings

- June 2016 Outstanding Service Award
University of Connecticut Health - General Adult Psychiatry
- 2014-2015 State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families
Racial Justice Committee Member
- 2012-2013 State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families
Partners In Change Provider DRS Committee Member
- 2011-2013 State of Connecticut Mandated Reporter Trainer
- 2011 State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families
Differential Response Services (DRS) Committee Member
- 2010 Chair – 1st Annual Community Provider Fair
- July 2010 State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families
Investigations Training – Child Welfare Investigator
- 2009-2011 State of Connecticut Department of Children & Families
Community Provider Action Committee Member – Waterbury
- 2009 Court Appointed Expert in Child Welfare – Honorable Judge J. Baldwin