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Professional Experience

2016 to Present, Center for Child Protection, A Children's Advocacy Center, Clinical Supervisor, Austin, TX

2015 to 2016, Center for Child Protection, A Children's Advocacy Center, Protective Parenting Program Manager, Austin, TX

2011 to 2015, Center for Child Protection, A Children's Advocacy Center, Family Support Counselor, Austin, TX

2010, Communities in Schools of Central TX, Master of Science in Social Work Internist, Austin, TX

2009, Travis County Health and Human Services, Parenting in Recovery Program, Master of Science in Social Work Internist, Austin, TX

2006-2010, SafePlace, Children's Advocate, Austin, TX

Certificates and Licensure

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners, License Number 55322

Awards

Recipient of the Counselor Advocate and Support Staff Scholarship, Women's Independence Scholarship Program 2008, 2009 & 2010

Education

University of Texas at Austin, Master of Science in Social Work, Clinical Concentration, 2011

Texas State University, Bachelors in Science of Sociology, 2005

Practical Experience

Clinical oversight of therapeutic services at The Center for Child Protection, 2016 to Present
Work within a multidisciplinary team, specifically the Travis County Child Protection Team (civil, criminal and medical professionals), 2011 to Present

Individual, group and family therapy services for children and families who have experienced trauma related to abuse and neglect, 2011-Present

Parent coaching and family therapy for parents and families involved with the Child Protection Team due to issues of abuse or neglect, 2011 to Present

Clinical assessment of parent risk and protective factors for parents involved with the Child Protection Team, 2011 to Present

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Psychotherapeutic group facilitator, 2011 to Present

Clinical Supervision to undergraduate and graduate level clinical interns, 2012 to 2016

Coordination of grant and case management services for three local high risk middle schools as part of the United Way's Middle School Matters collaboration with The Center for Child Protection, 2011 to 2013

Crisis intervention and support services to children and families residing in a domestic violence emergency shelter, 2006-2010

Media Coverage:

Publications:

Nyquist, K. & Thompson, S. Center for Child Protection (2016, April). *Raise a Super Kid: How to guide your child with loving consistency*. Featured article in Austin Family, pp. 14-15. Online Magazine: <http://www.austinfamily.com/raise-a-super-kid-how-to-guide-your-child-with-loving-consistency/>

Thompson, S. Center for Child Protection (2016) *Supporting Children with Mental Health Issues*, Featured on HelpandHope.org, Parenting Tips, Mental Health: http://www.helpandhope.org/Parenting_Tips/Articles/mental-health.asp

Thompson, S. Center for Child Protection (2016) *Ensuring a Healthy Pregnancy and Newborn: A developmental Approach for Parents*, Featured on HelpandHope.org, Parenting Tips, Pregnancy and Newborn: http://www.helpandhope.org/Parenting_Tips/Articles/pregnancy-and-newborn.asp

Trainings Attended/Continuing Education

Training and Experience in: Clinical Supervision, Clinical Administration, Trauma Informed Care, Trauma and Developmental Risk, Child Development, Dynamics of Abuse and Neglect, Impact of Abuse and Neglect on Children and Families, Parent Risk and Protective Factors, Family Violence Dynamics,

Attendance at the following trainings:

The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Phase 2 Certification- in training, Dr. Bruce Perry, The Child Trauma Academy, Houston, TX, January 2018 to present

The Neurosequential Model of Brain Development, Dr. Bruce Perry, AISD Mental Health Symposium, 2017

Inaugural Texas Clinical Supervision Conference, The Steve Hicks School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, November 2017

Trust Based Relational Intervention One-day Overview, Texas Christian University Institute of Child Development, 2017

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- Applying the Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics to Work with Traumatized and Maltreated Children in the Travis County Child Welfare Setting*, Dr. Bruce Perry, The Center for Child Protection, 2017
- The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Phase 1 Certification (120 hours of training)*, Dr. Bruce Perry, The Child Trauma Academy, Houston, TX, January 2017
- Parent-Child CARE (PC-CARE)*, University of California Davis PCIT Training Center, 2016-2017
- Strengths-Based Supervision Training Project*, Cynthia Lietz, Professor, Arizona State University, 2016
- Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light*, Mollyanne Vasquez, The Center for Child Protection, 2016
- Perinatal Mood Disorders*, Elaine Cavazos, LCSW, Beth Thomas, LCSW and Melissa Bentley, M.A., Pregnancy and Postpartum Health Alliance of Texas, 2016
- Mindfulness Based Stress Reduction*, Diane Renx, M.A., L.P.C, 2016
- Desensitized to Death: The Lethality, Assessment & Investigation of Strangulation*, Kelsey McKay, Travis County District Attorney's office, March 2016
- Mindfulness Based Parenting with Mothers in Substance Use Treatment*, Dr. Diane Abatemarco, National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center 2015 Webinar Series, 2015
- Resiliency in the Helping Profession: Recognizing Risks and Building Strengths*, Nora Druipple, Austin, TX, June 2015
- Cross Discipline Trauma Conference of Central Texas*, Austin Child Guidance Center, March 2015
- Pedophilia among Child Molesters: Sexual Attraction versus Opportunistic Offenders*, Darrel B. Turner, PhD, 2015
- Nurturing Parenting Facilitator Training*, Sonya Thorn, LCSW, Nurturing Parenting Programs, 2015
- Child Welfare Training: Spotlight on Sexual Exploitation*, The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children, 2015
- The Art of Clinical Supervision: Board Approved Clinical Supervisor Training*, Tammy Linseisen, The University of Texas at Austin, 2015
- Ropes/Challenge Course: Low Elements Certified*, Ropes Works, December 2014
- Prenatal Alcohol and Drug Exposure during Pregnancy*, Amanda Toohey, MSW and Leah Davies, LMSW, Texas Office for the Prevention of Developmental Disabilities, 2014
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy for Traumatized Children Training Program*, University of California Davis PCIT Training Center, 2014
- Field Instructor Seminar*, UT School of Social Work, The University of Texas at Austin, 2014
- Individual Sessions:
- Moral Courage: Putting principles into Action*, Dr. Kimberly Strom Gottfried
- Dilemmas in Supervision*, Tammy Linseisen & Sarah Swords
- Field Instructor Training*, Dr. Anna Escamila, School of Behavioral and Social Sciences, Department of Social Work, St. Edwards University, 2014
- Therapeutic Interventions for Infants and Toddlers: Effective Strategies for Behavioral Issues and Overall Mental Health*, Jennifer Robers Miller, M.S., LPC, 2014
- Parent Child Interaction Therapy for Traumatized Children Web Course*, University of California Davis, 2014
- Say What? Understanding the Medical Findings in Child Abuse*, Dr. George Edwards, Dr. Beth Nauert, Dr. Lauren Gamble, Michael Svoboda and Heather Ashley, 2013

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Stewards of Children: Darkness to Light, Amanda Van Hoozer, The Center for Child Protection, 2013

Public Benefits 101, Renee Trevino, Attorney, Texas Rio Grande Legal Aid, 2013

Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics Case-Based Training Series, Dr. Bruce Perry, Child Trauma Academy, 2013

Individual Sessions:

Session 1, January 11: Introduction and NMT as Evidence-Based Practice, Dr. Bruce Perry

Session 2, January 25: Mobius Care and the Tile & Grout Method, with Discussant Dr. Kristi Brandt

Session 3, February 8: Fetal Alcohol Syndrome: FAS & FASD

Session 4, March 1: Domestic Violence and Children

Session 5, March 15: Addressing Sensory Processing Problems, with Discussant Marti Smith

Session 6, March 29: Sexualized Behaviors in Children, with Discussant Gizane Indart

Session 7, April 12: Psychostimulants and Children

Session 8, April 26: Traumatic Loss and Grief

Session 10, May 24: The Frontal Cortex and Impulse Control

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners Jurisprudence Exam, 2013

Field Instruction 101: The Fundamentals of Teaching Social Work Students in the Field, Robin Smith, LCSW and Sarah Swords, LCSW, The University of Texas, 2013

Field Instructor Training: Are They Ready?, Elaine Cavazos, The University of Texas, 2013

Touchpoints Individual Level Training, Mary Sondgeroth, Laura Koenig and Bonnie Hahn, United Way for Greater Austin, 2013

Social and Emotional Learning Booster Workshop, Stephanie Rainbolt, M.Ed., ACPS, Lifeworks, Austin, TX, 2013

Revolutionizing Diagnosis and Treatment Using the DSM-5, Robert Bogenberger, MA, Ph.D., 2012

Working with Trafficked Domestic Minors, Kirsten McDermott, M.A., Lifeworks, Austin, TX, 2012

Beyond Consequences, A new understanding of difficult behaviors, Heather T Forbes, LCSW, 2012

Reframing Adolescent Risk Taking and Resistance, Dr. Eric Toshails, Austin Healthy Adolescent Initiative, 2012

Introduction to Social and Emotional Learning, Stephanie Rainbolt, M.Ed., ACPS, Lifeworks, Austin, TX

The Ethics of Self Care, Yoga and Talk, Kelly Inselman, LCSW

Strengthening Connections Between Parents and Children Affected by Substance Abuse, HIV and Trauma, The National Abandoned Infants Assistance Resource Center, 2012

Individual Sessions:

Good Beginnings: Buffering Risk in Pregnancy and the First Year of Life, Mary Claire Heffron, PhD, Children's Hospital Oakland, CA

Drug Endangered and/or Traumatized Children: Treatment Considerations in an

Samantha Zuniga Thompson, LCSW

Innovative Transdisciplinary Model of Care, Kiti Freier Randall and Jenae Holtz, SELPA Children's Center

Becoming Trauma Informed: Opportunities and Challenges for Staff and Clients

Strengthening, Maria Frontera and Una Majmudar, Family Centered Home Visitation

The Impact of Trauma and Neglect on the Developing Child, Bruce Perry, MD, PhD

Vicarious Traumatization, Elke Rechberger, Psychology By Design, Inc.

When our Bridges Don't Connect: Core Concepts Enhancing Diversity-informed

Practice, Chandra Ghosh Ippen, PhD, Child Trauma Research Program

Somatic Experiencing: A cost effective Intervention for Reconnecting Families, Suzie

Gruber and Jerry Allen, Somatic Experiencing Private Practice

Trauma Matters: The Connection between Addiction, Mental Health and Trauma,

Stephanie Covington, PhD, LCSW

Cherish the Family- A Holistic Approach to Serving Women with Multiple Service

Needs, Stephanie Scott, Maria Hernandez and Omayra Sellas-Lamberty,

Cherish the Family

Trauma and Recovery, Tonier Cain, Motivational Speaker

Best Practices for Visitations and Family Time, Katie Compton, CFLE and Stephanie Sifuentes, LCSW, 2013

Play Therapy Symposium, The University of Texas School of Social Work, 2012

Individual Sessions:

After Trauma Strikes: Play Therapy with Children and Help for the Practitioners who

assist them, Nancy Boyd Webb, DSW, LICSW, RPT-S

Using Interactive Rhythm for Play, Interpersonal Understanding and Social Integration, Kenya

Masala, Source Consulting

Ethics, Best Practices and the Brain: The Use of Artmaking in Play Therapy, Megan L.

Vanmeter, MA, LPC-AT, ATR-BC

Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners Jurisprudence Exam, 2011

Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy On-line Training Course, 2011

Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Susana Rivera, Ph.D., 2011

Austin's 6th Annual Conference on Human Trafficking, Central Texas Coalition Against Human

Trafficking and Austin Human Trafficking Task Force, 2010

Individual Sessions:

Fighting for Our Freedom- Human Trafficking in the US and Latin America, Michelle

Contreras

A Look at Human Trafficking in Texas, Kaye Woodard-Hotz, Denise Donnelly and

Caitriona Lyons

Victim-Centered Human Trafficking Investigations, Detective James McBride

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Trauma and Cultural Competency, Michelle Contreras

Beyond The Immediate: Looking at Long-term Needs for Victims of Trafficking, Bill Bernstein, Laurie Cook-Heffron and Sandy Sheppard

The Domestic Prostitution of Children, Sgt Byron Fassett

Ethics in Providing Services to Victims of Human Trafficking, Dr. Jennie Barr

Presentations

Child Abuse Identification for Mandated Reporters, Mendez Middle School, Austin, TX, 2012

Signs and Symptoms of Bullying and Safety Planning with your Child, Mendez Middle School, Austin, TX, 2012

Implementation of The Neurosequential Model of Therapeutics at The Center for Child Protection, Travis County Model Court/Collaborative Council Meeting, Austin, TX, 2017

Professional References

Barbara Jefferson, Clinical Director (512) 472-1164
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