

MISSION

To be an effective and collaborative partner with public and private entities in improving the well-being of children and their families in Maui County and the State.

EDUCATION

Master of International and Intercultural Management, [REDACTED], School for International Training-World Learning, Brattleboro, Vermont, USA.

Bachelor of Science in Social Work, [REDACTED], University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines.

14th Place (out of over 1,200+ examiners), [REDACTED] Philippine Social Work Board Exam.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Chief Executive Officer

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (Acting/Interim CEO from August 2014-March 18, 2014; regular CEO from March 18, 2015-present)

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, I ensure that the mission and goals of MFSS are upheld and carried out by monitoring the strategic plan and program outcomes. I am responsible for the overall programmatic, administrative, and fiscal management of MFSS in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and standards. I ensure the sustainability of the agency through resource development, by practicing personnel and legal accountability, and by maintaining positive community relations.

Director of Early Childhood Education and Services

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (May 2008-present)

I was responsible for the program management of Early Head Start and other early child development services of the agency. I managed program planning activities, performance quality improvement, and implementation of services and program components. I actively participated in the Executive Leadership Team of the agency to promote integration of all programs and services. I represented the agency in various groups for the purpose of collaboration and coordination of services.

Program Supervisor, Early Head Start

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (August 2003-June 2008)

I supervised Parent-Child Educators in providing home-based services to income and categorically-eligible pregnant women and families with young children. I developed and implemented procedures in line with the Head Start Act and the Head Start Program Performance Standards and Other Regulations, with the overall purpose of promoting school readiness. I served as the Disabilities Coordinator of the program and worked with other agencies in providing services to children with special needs.

Clinical Supervisor, Healthy Start Program

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (October 2001-August 2003)

I supervised Family Support Workers in providing home-based services to expecting families and families with children 0-5 years old, in promoting a nurturing environment for the children, and in facilitating healthy child development. I represented the agency in various State meetings in relation to Healthy Start implementation.

Ombudsperson

School for International Training (SIT), Brattleboro, Vermont, USA. (July 2000-May 2001)

I carried out the mission of enhancing the quality of life of a diverse student population of SIT through advocacy, integration in the school systems, and community-building. I regularly attended the school's administration meetings to present students' concerns and recommendations. I assisted the student body in identifying and accessing resources to meet their academic goals.

Social Worker

Department of Human Services-Child Welfare Services, Maui, HI, USA. (Nov. 1998-May 1999)

I coordinated and prepared service plans with other service providers for families of children who were referred to the agency for child abuse and/or neglect. I conducted regular visits with assigned parents and caregivers and supported them in achieving their goals including reunification with their children.

Planning Officer

Bondoc Development Program (BDP), bilateral program between the Philippine Government and the Federal Republic of Germany, Quezon Province, Philippines. (March 1995-June 1998)

I ensured formulation and supervision of medium term and annual plans of operations of the program based on community needs assessment and progress reports. I facilitated strategic planning and coordinated with content-area specialists and program management to ensure program goals and outcomes were being met.

Social Worker

Philippine Refugee Transit Center (PRTC), Pasay City, Philippines. (March-August 1992)

I was responsible for coordinating prompt delivery of basic social services for Vietnamese refugees under the supervision of PRTC and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). I advocated for additional support and resources for the refugees to alleviate their living conditions in the transit center.

Training Officer

KAISAHAN Tungo sa Kaunlaran ng Kanayunan at Repormang Pansakahan (Solidarity towards Agrarian Reform and Rural Development), Quezon City, Philippines. (December 1993-March 1995)

I conducted training and needs assessment of partner groups including non-government organizations; developed corresponding training modules with focus on agrarian reform and rural development; and served as facilitator and speaker based on community needs.

Community Organizing, Training Specialist, Planning and Monitoring Officer

PROCESS (Participatory Research, Organization of Communities and Education towards Struggle for Self-Reliance), Inc., Northern Luzon, Santiago, Isabela, Philippines. (January 1991-December 1993). I conducted training needs assessments for the staff and partner organizations and served as facilitator and speaker based on training needs. I monitored programs and projects by conducting on site visits in the field areas. I updated and consolidated progress reports from partner local organizations necessary for future strategic planning of the organization. I met with potential national and international donors and presented the agency's accomplishments.

Other Affiliations:

- Member, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ECCS CoIIN), Maui Impact Community Team and Strategic Management Team, October 2016 to present
- Core Member, Ho`oikaika Partnership, July 2014 to present
- Member, Child Welfare Services-Maui County Advisory Council, October 2015 to present
- Member, Early Childhood Education Advisory Council, University of Hawaii-Maui College, July 2008 to present
- Secretary, Head Start Association of Hawaii/Outer Pacific, October 2011-March 2015
- Board Member, Iao Preschool, Maui, August 2008-July 2010