Objective

To endeavor to utilize my education and experience as a Marriage and Family Therapist and a DOE mental health supervisor, so that I may better serve our keiki and 'ohana in need, through multi-faceted, healthy, professional, and compassionate therapeutic support as a member of the Mental Health and Substance Abuse, Maui Service Area Board.

Licensure

#332 Marriage and Family Therapist; 01/01/13 - current, HI **#01530 Marriage and Family Therapist;** 03/13/18 - current, NV

Education

2006-2008

Argosy University

Honolulu, HI

M.A., Marriage and Family Therapy

- GPA 4.0
- Argosy Green Club Member

University of South Florida

Tampa, FL

B.A., International Studies

- Cum Laude [GPA 3.53]
- Outstanding Senior [Highest GPA in major 3.98]
- · Golden Key International Honour Society member

University of Nevada, Las Vegas Las Vegas, NV

- Honor's College
- Dean's List multiple semesters
- Full NCAA Division I, Track & Field athletic scholarship

2018 EMDR [Eye Movement Desensitization and Reprocessing] Trained

Employment

09/2021-Current Department of Education State of Hawai`i

District Educational Specialist (TA) [Educational Officer]

01/2018-09/2021 Department of Education State of Hawai`i

Behavioral Health Specialist, V [Supervisor]

11/2017-12/2017 The Delta Academy Student Success Coordinator

N. Las Vegas, Nevada

 Grant funded project coordinator to get 40 students into college from a unique high school setting in a low socio-economic area

12/2012-06/2017 Department of Education State of Hawai`i

Behavioral Health Specialist, IV and V [Supervisor]

- Maui District Crisis Prevention Intervention [CPI] Certified Trainer
- Group & Individual Primary Mental Health Counselor for youth with high-end behavioral challenges, substance abuse issues, a diagnosis on the Autism Spectrum, and/or one or multiple mental health diagnoses that interferes with the student's success in the school environment
- Responsible for providing group counseling, curriculum centering around development and application of recovery from Substance Abuse, Anger Management, coping skills, social skills, etc.
- Crisis Management
- Autism Consultant [12/12 07/13]
- Community networking: establishing and maintaining professional relationships with DOE, DOH, CPS, and other agencies (MYFS, Aloha House, Family Court, judiciary for criminal offenses, etc.)

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10/2012-12/2013 Aloha House, Family Court Drug Court Makawao, HI Intensive Family Therapist

- Intensive In-home Individual and Family Therapy
- Provide support and/or assist client(s) with consistently increasing ability to re-engage appropriately with both active substance abuse recovery and life responsibilities [relationships [parenting], employment, time management, organization [budgeting, etc.]
- Crisis Management
- · Relapse Prevention and skill building/application out in the community

03/2012-12/2012

APS Healthcare, Inc.

Kahului, HI

Care Coordinator

- Case Management: Provide coordinated/cooperative care for adults with SPMI, managing and connecting the consumer with providers related to the social, medical, financial, and/or behavioral concerns associated with complex circumstances.
- Crisis Management: De-escalation of disturbed client (including application of appropriate counseling/therapeut c techniques and CPI, contacting Access Line (i.e. Crisis Mobile Outreach or 911; etc.))
- PSR [Psychosocial Rehabilitation] Mental Health Facilitator: Responsible for guiding group process for adults that have SPMI. Groups review social skills, coping mechanisms, communication skills, self-awareness (personal crisis cues), and basic life skills (i.e. cooking/food preparat on, self-care, hygiene, financial responsibil ty, etc.).
- IOP [Intensive Out-Patient] Facilitator: Provide healthy, positive, solution-focused group process for individuals requiring clinical mental health intervention.
- Responsible for completing all documentation, notes, and appropriate follow-up within 24 hours of provided service.

08/2008-03/2012 Department of Education State of Hawai`i Behavioral Health Specialist, III and IV

- Maui District Intensive Learning Center, Intermediate School
- Group & Individual Primary Counselor for adolescents with one or multiple mental health diagnoses
- Responsible for providing group counseling, curriculum centering around concepts such as recovery from Substance Abuse, Anger Management, coping skills, social skills, etc.
- Crisis Management
- Community networking, establishing and maintaining professional relationships with DOE, DOH, CPS, and other agencies (MYFS, Aloha House, Family Court, jud ciary for criminal offenses, etc.)

09/2007-07/2008 Aloha House, Inc.

Makawao, HI

Counseling Intern

- IOP Substance Abuse Group Co-facilitator & Individual Primary Counselor/Case Manager [Daytime, Upcountry]
- COD Group Counselor [Daytime, Residential]

05/2005-08/2007 Maui Youth & Family Services, Inc. Makawao, HI Adolescent Substance Abuse Counselor / Prevention Specialist

- Employee of the Month [Youth Development: 05/06 & 04/07]
- Responsible for providing weekly group IOP sessions and individual sessions with adolescent consumers in the substance abuse IOP program

References