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Objective

To further enhance professional development by practicing social work in the Judicial System. To assist, enhance, and gain further understanding of the Judicial System to effectively improve employee productivity, program efficacy and ultimately enhance the services clients receive which impact, community safety and the client's wellbeing.

Experience

2000-2003 Catholic Charities Hawai'i Honolulu, HI
Office Support Staff, Therapeutic Services

2003-2007 Catholic Charities Hawai'i Honolulu, HI
Outreach Worker, Safe and Sound Program

2007-2010 Catholic Charities Hawai'i Honolulu, HI
Outreach Worker, Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services

2010-2013 Catholic Charities Hawai'i Honolulu, HI
Family Counselor

Comprehensive Counseling and Support Services

- Assessed family needs and provided support through counseling to parents experiencing Child Welfare Services Involvement and family challenges.
- Provided supervision to Case Managers and Outreach Workers as a collaborative team to address family needs and challenges.

Collaborated with therapists and treatment team to provide case direction to ensure child safety in the family system.

2013-2015 Hawai'i State Judiciary Honolulu, HI
Social Worker III

Provided direct casework and related services for the full range of cases within the scope of a department's social work program; made independent analysis of client's situation; made reasoned conclusion as to preferred course of action and provided necessary services and treatment; prepared case records and court reports; and performed other duties as required.

2015-2019

Hawai'i State Judiciary

Honolulu, HI

Social Worker IV

- Provided intensive social case work and related services in the most complex cases presenting a wide range of psycho-social problems and provided support to the unit's supervisor and colleagues.
- Provided Temporary Assignment (TA) duties as Supervisor. Assisted with creating a template for standardized reports to court.
- Assisted in case planning/paper reduction committee with monitoring, tracking, and providing feedback in case planning with clients and the interface with efficiency of data input.
- Assisted in Aloha Fund Committee to increase staff morale by providing events throughout the year to engage and promote office solidarity (2 years)
- Maintained High Case load work with General Supervision cases, Conditional Release Cases and high-risk probation cases.

August 2019 – October 2019 Social Worker IV Probation Officer at Pre-Sentence Investigation (PSI). Processed Mental Examination files to be reviewed by Forensic Coordinators to determine fitness of defendants. Conducted Pre-Sentence investigations and provided court with recommendations for sentencing.

Provided Correction Program Check List (CPC) Assessment and Evaluation in collaboration with CPC Team to assess, evaluate, and provide feedback to a Substance Abuse Treatment program.

2019 – 2020

Hawai'i State Judiciary

Honolulu, HI

Social Worker V

- Plans, organizes, coordinates and manages the social work services of an operational unit or directs a social work program of limited scope and complexity; and performs other duties as required.
- Developed a Virtual Community Service Project to help defendants' complete community service orders during the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Managed overall operations of the Adult/Juvenile Community Service and Restitution Unit. Streamlined processes to increase worker morale and efficiency.
- Created an environment of change to increase staff participation and engagement in program goals.

12/2020 – 04/2021 Temporarily Assigned to DV and TRO unit as Program Administrator

- Addressed staff and program needs on a continual basis to work towards standard practices which reduces workload pressures on staff and increases program capacity.
- Collaborate with program specialists, administrators and agencies to provide comprehensive services during the COVID-19 pandemic.

2021 – Present

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Social Worker VI

- Develop strategies for program efficiency and effectiveness.
- Develop training opportunities for staff to enhance skills when working with adult offenders.
- Develop a gender responsive, trauma informed specialized program/court to meet the needs of women who are justice involved (Women's Court).
- Developed curriculum and program policies and procedures to meet the needs of staff and participants in the supervision of offenders, petitioners to the court, and to justice involved women.
- Manage three units that provide adult, community supervision, process temporary restraining orders, and a specialty court for women.
- Collection and evaluation of program statistics to inform and improve services and outcomes.

TA Duties for Social Service Manager - Manage Adult Client Service Branch which included addressing employee matters, client matters, provider and addressed systemic needs of adult community supervision.

Education 2007-2012 University of Hawaii at Manoa Honolulu, HI

- Bachelors of Social Work (2011)
- Masters of Social Work (2012) Advance Standing Course Work
- Licensed Social Worker (2014)

Interests 2001- Present Hālau Nā Mamo o Pu'uanahulu Kapahulu, HI

- Assist and organize fundraising events for the hālau.
- Volunteered to preserve and reforest endangered and indigenous flora in Oahu's rainforests.
- Assist Kumu Hula in the teaching of mele and oli (songs and chants).
- Traveled and experienced different cultures in perpetuating and sharing the Hawaiian culture through hula, mainly in Japan.

Accomplishments Past and Present Community Service/Ongoing Training/Skills

- Facilitated focus group meetings for consumers and service providers for a research study of a Dual Diagnosis Substance Abuse Treatment Program on Hawai'i Island (2012).
- Facilitated group exercises through dance to emphasize the importance of self care at the National Community Health Worker Conferences (2009-2012).
- Licensed Social Worker in the State of Hawai'i
- Level of Service-Revised (LSI-R) Certified
- Case Load Explorer
- Motivational Interviewing
- Collaborative Case Work
- CPC Assessor (2024 in Training)
- Created a Virtual Community Service Program to service client during pandemic as an alternative to traditional community service work.
- Facilitated the formation of a Women's Court, developed and implemented psychoeducational groups, comprehensive assessments, and included a cultural component into the Mohala Wahine to address wellbeing through a holistic approach
- Licensed Resource Caregiver