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## EDUCATION:

- University of Southern California, 2000  
Pupil Personnel Services Certification (post-masters program)
- University of California at Los Angeles (UCLA)  
Masters of Social Welfare, 1995
- California State University Northridge (CSUN)  
Masters of Arts, Sociology and Social Research, 1992
- California State University Northridge (CSUN)  
Bachelor of Arts, Sociology and Social Research, 1989

## WORK EXPERIENCE:

### July 2020 to Present:

***Telamental Health: Teladoc and Betterhelp*** – adolescents, adult individuals and couple's therapy.

- Individual (adolescent and adult) and couples therapy to address a number of issues/concerns, such as, anxiety, depression, relationship issues, parenting concerns, co-parenting, communication issues, blended families, cultural and identity struggles (including LGBTQ+), career challenges, grief/loss and midlife review/decision making.
- I utilize cognitive behavioral therapy (CBT), solution focused techniques, strength-based approaches, positive psychology, Gottman approach and mindfulness.
- Expertise in child/adolescent issues related to family separation/divorce, co-parenting, parenting, custody conflicts and expert witness testimony.

### 09/12 to Present

***Field Instructor for MSW students @ CSUN and CSULB***, Ventura County Superior Court, Ventura, CA

- Provide Supervision to MSW students during their field placement.
- Facilitate learning objectives, application of Social Work skills, values, insight and self-awareness throughout the field placement experience.
- Develop and Provide group supervision focusing on community agencies and participation in community activities in order to augment student learning.
- Conduct assessments of student progress and problem solve when issues arise.
- Mentor students during and after placement ends, providing guidance, referrals and references to previous students.

### 06/07 to Present and

**2/06- 8/06** ***Child Custody Mediator/Probate Investigator***, Ventura County Superior Court, Ventura, CA

- Work with families, children, attorneys and minor's council to facilitate agreements for child custody and visitation issues. Ongoing assessment, psychoeducation and short-term solution focused interventions.
- Mediate guardianship visitation or "joined parties" on Family law cases.
- Responsible for ensuring "best interests" of children and assessing safety or detriment concerns (i.e. mental health, substance abuse, developmental needs, domestic violence, etc)
- Prepare agreements, partial agreements and recommendations for the parties and court regarding child custody and visitation issues.

- Focus on strength-based interventions to reduce acrimony between parties.
- Conduct probate investigations: guardianship and conservatorship cases involving detainer issues for children and competency, care and legal rights of developmentally disabled adults, elderly and those with brain injury or neurocognitive impairments.
- Prepare detailed court reports, including in depth assessments and recommendations.
- Collateral contacts with medical and mental health professionals, Adult Protective Services, Child and Family Services, Regional Center, school administrators/staff, law enforcement and any other persons who may contribute information useful in preparing recommendations to the Court.

**8/06- 6/07**     ***Counselor***, Agoura High School, Agoura Hills, CA

- Provide students with information and guidance concerning educational and career opportunities; assist students with decision making concerning educational and career goals. Review and track student transcripts for four-year planning.
- Provide short term counseling, assessment and intervention for students struggling with mental health, substance abuse, family, social and peer difficulties. Assess for self-harm and suicidality. Provide appropriate resources for students and families.
- Identify and provide services/interventions to students with special needs, academic struggles, attendance difficulties, retention, special education and GATE students.
- Register and schedule all students on case load. Assist students with course selection, remediation of courses and academic goals.
- Individual meetings with seniors to assist in college application, letters of recommendation, appropriate post-secondary goals.
- Responsible for disseminating information to students and families on college entrance requirements and resources for PSAT, SAT I and II, and ACT
- Write letters of recommendation for students regarding admissions, financial aid, scholarships and EOP.

**2/00- 2/06**     ***Prevention and Intervention Coordinator***, Parkview Middle School, Lancaster, CA

- Early identification and assessment of academic and psychosocial barriers which interfere with student's achievement. Individual and group counseling for students related to divorce, self-esteem, motivation, anger and social skills
- Special education collaboration for students transitioned out of special education. Follow-up and support to students and families following transition.
- Collaboration, consultation and participation in school/staff efforts to maximize learning and achievement in all students.
- Crisis intervention for student and families, linkage to community services, follow-up support, transitions back into academic setting.
- SST Coordinator for Middle School. Facilitate, problem solve, design interventions, follow-up and tracking of students struggling academically, behaviorally, attendance and social emotional issues which interfere with academic success.
- Programs – provided group anger management classes, social skills classes, “Too Good for Drugs curriculum (608), peer mediation skills, goal setting, and academic support.
- In-service trainings for staff and administration on – “Effectively working with at-risk students”, “How to run a meeting”, common psychosocial issues of adolescents, adolescent development, depression and suicide and mediation skills and techniques.
- Grant Writing: Boveing Corp. grant for after school academic support programs (awarded \$3,000.00), State of California Grant for Violence Prevention (awarded \$10,000.00), co-author with site Principal of CSRD educational grant for school reform (awarded \$500,000.00).

- Developed and implemented the first Peer Mediation program that ran for 5 years at the school.  
**First program ever in the district**

**1996 - 2000 *Maternal/Child/Adolescent Social Worker, Antelope Valley Hospital, Lancaster, CA***

- Perform psychosocial assessments and mental health services – crisis intervention, brief counseling, end of life decision making, grief and loss, suicidality, substance abuse, domestic violence, adoption, surrogacy, child abuse referrals, etc.
- Provide consultation for multidisciplinary team, education, referral and linkage to community resources, case management and discharge planning for NICU, Pediatric and Maternal units.
- Provide in-service, education and implementation of policy and procedures to medical staff and nursing students. Discuss psychosocial issues and stressors affecting patient and family coping, adjustment and level of functioning.
- Multidisciplinary team member for Infant Follow up Clinic for NICU population (collaboration with Cedar Saini – OT and PT). Dr and nursing services from Antelope Valley Hospital.
- Collaborate with medical staff and multiple community agencies – Child Protective Services, Sherriff's, Regional Center, private mental health agencies, etc.

**1994 – 1996: *Medical Social Worker and Hospice, Visiting Nurses Association, Antelope Valley***

- Conduct home visits, assessments and planning for individuals with chronic and short-term medical issues which render them home bound.
- Provide Families and individuals with community resources and information on accessing benefits and supports.
- Short term solution focused counseling for families dealing with grief, adjustments to medical diagnosis/situation, physical health limits and impact on their lives and families.
- Collaborate with nursing team on setting and meeting goals to best support individual and families.
- Facilitated child/adolescent grief group.

**REFERENCES: Available upon request**