

JAMES M. SCHRAGE, MSW

*[Contact info redacted
for online publication]*

EDUCATION

California State University, Long Beach
MSW, Master of Social Work

May 1993

University of California, Irvine
BA, Psychology

September 1990

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FOUNDER & CEO

February 2004 to present

Families Uniting Families, Long Beach, CA

Created 501 (c) 3 non-profit State of California licensed foster family agency. Co-wrote Foster Family Agency (FFA) program (2002) and reauthored FFA program (2016) to align our program with new law AB403 (1/1/2017), incorporated agency in State of California, developed Board of Directors, obtained facility licenses through State of California—Department of Health and Human Services Community Care Licensing Division (CCL), obtained contracts with LA & Orange Counties for foster families to assist children under community care with services provided by agency, and developed adoption program (2012). Established parenting program, Project Fatherhood (2010), that has served over 500 fathers. Established agency adoption program and State of California adoption license (2014). Tend to day-to-day operations, fund development, marketing & social media, and administration of agency programs that include facilitating the long range and strategic development of the agency. Established Professional Internship program that accepts students from 6 universities that has successfully worked with 101 bachelor and masters level students. Lead and prepared agency's FFA program for national accreditation through CARF International-awarded 3-year Accreditation in November 2017. Managed agency budget of \$71,000 (2004) to \$2,500,000 (projected 2021). The agency has never had a lawsuit nor are any pending. The agency was recognized by Congressman Allan Lowenthal and the Congressional Coalition on Adoption Institute on September 25, 2018 as an "Angel in Adoption". In November 2018, we were also recognized by Regina Napper and Mayor of Long Beach, Robert Garcia for our excellence in community service.

ADMINISTRATOR

September 1995 to June 2004

Homes of Hope Foster Family Agency, Long Beach, CA

Managed the day-to-day operations of social work program and administration of Long Beach site.

Provided supervision and guidance to supervising social workers, social workers, and clerical staff. Assigned cases and foster homes to social workers. Made routine visits to foster homes to ensure quality of program and our services. Resolved conflicts through group conferences for both staff and foster families. Facilitated staff meetings. Trained professional staff. Interviewed and hired staff. Completed annual employee performance reviews in partnership with staff.

- Initiated record keeping system for personnel/professional paperwork to ensure audit compliance (1996)
- Developed Long Beach sub-office site (1997)
- Created Agency MSW Internship program with California State University, Long Beach and University of Southern California Schools of Social Work (1999)

LECTURER/FIELD LIAISON

September 2002 to Present

California State University, Long Beach

Lead field seminar of first and second year MSW students (SW 596 A/B & 680 A/B) via group process to examine role of student intern experience. Guide students through a theoretical examination regarding roles and relations of the student intern, values and ethics, and the art of practice of professional social work. Assist students with Learning Agreement goals, objectives and their attainment. Act as Liaison between their field placement (Field Instructor), and School of Social Work. Revised syllabus and curriculum for SW 670 (2006) with Dr. Steve Wilson. Instructor (MSW): SW 670 Leadership & Management, SW 500 Foundations in Generalist Multi-Cultural Social Work Practice, SW 503A Human Behavior, and SW 643-Child Welfare (Summer 2012). Instructor (BA & BSW): HHS 100 SkillsforLiving, SW220 Introduction to Social Welfare, and SW 442 Foundations in Generalist Multi-Cultural Social Work Practice

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Social Work Abroad Program (SWAP)

January 2010 to May 2016

Co-founding member, Field Liaison & Secretary-Board of Directors

Co-founded 501 (c) 3 non-profit organization that serves to support the development of professional social workers through a practicum and living abroad experience. Recruited, developed and supported home stay families for 2014 pilot. Recruited, interviewed and selected participants for inaugural program (2014) practicum experience. Forged connection with La Universidad Nacional, Heredia, Costa Rica to provide work opportunities for social work practitioners in a 6 week work/home stay experience in Heredia, Costa Rica 2014 (pilot) & 2015. Developed cost reimbursement structure and acted as seminar liaison for practitioner placements through daily support and seminar facilitation. Provided on-ground support during 6 week program. Take minutes for board meetings.

UCLA/CSULA Social Work Summer Internship 2007, Ghana-Africa
Field Liaison Faculty

February-August 2007

California State University, Long Beach

Field Instructor - Department of Social Work

April 2000 to Present

Faculty Representative-SWAG Alumni Support Committee

September 2004 to May 2007

Board Member - National Assn. of Social Workers (Long Beach)

December 2001 to December 2002

Board President – CSULB Alumni Association, Social Work Chapter

February 1999 to June 2003

Community Advisory Committee Member (Dept. of Social Work)

August 2000 to August 2001

Guest Presenter:

California State University, Dominguez Hills, CSUDH: Introduction to Human Services

California State Polytechnic University, Pomona: Introduction to Human Services

California State University, Los Angeles (CSULA): Field Seminar, Introduction to Child Welfare

Whittier College, Whittier: Introduction to Social Work

Chaffee College, Rancho Cucamonga: Introduction to Sociology

Citrus College, Azusa: Marriage and Family, Latino Studies, Introduction to Sociology

California State University, Long Beach: Administration, Community Projects, MSW Program

Long Beach City College

Field Supervisor- Human Services Program

February 2001 to May 2001

Jaycees of Huntington Park, California

May 1997 to May 1999

YWCA Teen Program, Santa Ana

September 1989 to November 1989

SPECIALIZATIONS

Child and Family Service Reviewer/Agile Staff, Children's Bureau (Washington DC)/JBS International

Round 2: Montana (August 2008), Illinois (August 2009), & Puerto Rico (July 2010)**Round 3:** Vermont (June 2015), Indiana (June 2016), North Dakota (September 2016), Alaska (May 2017), Missouri (August 2017) Montana (September 2017), New Hampshire (April 2018), Illinois (May 2018), & Alabama (August 2018).

Bilingual Fluency – Spanish (speak, write, and read)

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Building Leaders in Social Work Education: Pathways to Success
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania
Council on Social Work Education

October 30- November 2, 2008

Building Leaders in Social Work Education: Pathways to Success
Mesa, Arizona,
Council on Social Work Education

February 10-11, 2007

RECOGNITION

Distinguished Alumnus - MSW Alumni
5th Annual Social Work Celebration
CSULB School of Social Work
California State University, Long Beach

March 7, 2012

Commendation for 10 years of Service to Community– Families Uniting Families
LA County Board of Supervisors

February 2014