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EDUCATION

The University of Georgia Athens, GA
Master of Social Work May 2003

Internship experience with Barrow County Department of Family and Children Services
Internship experience with Hall County Department of Juvenile Justice

Appalachian State University Boone, NC
Bachelor in Sociology with a concentration in Social Control August 1998

Internship experience with Piedmont Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Envision Athens, Inc. Athens, GA
Executive Director April 2022 to Present

- Develop a visionary, yet achievable, multi-dimensional strategy that will serve as the foundation of the Community and Economic Development Plan.
- Move the agency forward as the catalyst, convener, and champion of progress in addressing our community's most pressing needs and optimizing our opportunities for collaborative community development.

The Cottage Sexual Assault Center & Children's Advocacy Center, Inc. Athens, GA
Executive Director November 2007 to April 2022

- Rebuilt and maintained crisis and counseling services to survivors of child abuse and sexual assault for the Western Judicial Circuit along with Oglethorpe and Madison Counties.
- Rebuilt and maintained relationships with agency partners including law enforcement, DFCS, school systems, the District Attorney's Office and other local non-profits
- Develop both local and statewide policy affecting response to child abuse, sexual assault, sexual assault kit backlog, campus response to sexual assault and response to commercially sexually exploited children
- Built a \$200,000 money market fund along with increasing the annual budget by \$600,000
- Lead and supervised 9 full time staff, 8 part time staff, 5 interns and 46 volunteers

The Tree House, Inc. Winder, GA
Child Services Program Director May 2003 to November 2007

- Conducted over 1000 forensic interviews of children during allegations of child abuse for the Piedmont Judicial Circuit
- Coordinated the Multi-Disciplinary Team response to child abuse for the Piedmont Judicial Circuit
- Provided individual therapy and support groups for child victims and their caregivers
- Provided expert testimony in Superior Court and Juvenile Court proceedings

Piedmont Judicial Circuit District Attorney's Office Winder, GA
Victim/ Witness Coordinator May 1998 to August 2001

- Prepared cases for indictment, arraignment and prosecution along with an Assistant District Attorney
- Worked closely with survivors of child abuse, domestic violence, sexual assault and homicide in court preparation and testimony
- Contributing member to the Barrow County Multi-Disciplinary Team response

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Piedmont Rape Crisis Center, Inc. Hoschton, GA

Board Member/ Crisis Volunteer

January 2004-January 2007

- Founding member of the Board of Directors
- Created policies for a developing sexual assault center serving the Piedmont Judicial Circuit
- Volunteered time responding to survivors of sexual assault to provide accompaniment during forensic medical exam

University of Georgia, School of Social Work

Athens, GA

Adjunct Professor

August 2014 to present

- Teach both MSW and BSW students during the field placement/internship experience
- Lead discussions in selfcare, trauma response, boundaries, social work code of ethics and professionalism
- Conduct site visits with internship placements for each student

Fox Valley Technical College

Appleton, WI

Assistant Professor

March 2015 to present

- Development and facilitation of in person and online courses related to community prevention of child sexual abuse and understanding the dynamics of child sexual abuse
- Working with a team of professionals across the nation that provide different skills in the development and facilitation of courses to professionals in the field of child abuse

STATEWIDE POLICY INVOLVEMENT

- Update of statewide Child Abuse Protocol
- Development of statewide Sexual Assault Response Team Protocol
- Update standards for Children's Advocacy Centers as membership to the Children's Advocacy Centers of Georgia
- Development of standards for Sexual Assault Centers as accredited for CJCC funding
- Development of Sexual Assault Kit Backlog Victim Notification protocol and website
- Development of Commercially Sexually Exploited Children statewide hotline