

DONNETTA S. WASHINGTON, DSW, LCSW, LICSW, CCTP

— Advanced Trauma-Informed & Clinical Social Worker | Child Welfare Expert | Field Education Coordinator—

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dynamic, dedicated, and licensed Social Worker, Therapist, and Field Education Coordinator, recognized for over 15 years of experience bridging families with community resources. Brings a wealth of academic and hands-on clinical expertise spanning diverse roles, from a CPS investigator to a Behavioral Mental Health authority in pediatric emergency settings.

- ◆ **Specialized:** Deep-rooted in child welfare, having contributed as a foster care training specialist, supervisor, and Treatment Care Coordinator at DFCS State Office, underscoring a holistic understanding of family dynamics.
- ◆ **Research-oriented:** Embarks on vital research endeavors centered on suicide prevention and lethal means counseling, advocating for families in crisis during unanticipated emergency department visits.
- ◆ **Educationally Robust:** Commensurate academic qualifications with degrees from premier institutions such as Clark Atlanta University and Barry University intertwined with a myriad of licenses, impactful presentations, and an unyielding commitment to nurturing family well-being.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Child Welfare Expertise | Clinical Supervision | Academic Instruction | Crisis Intervention | Pediatric Mental Health | Community Liaison | Foster Care Training | Clinical Licensing | Suicide Prevention Strategies | Behavioral Health Consultation | Trauma-Informed Clinician | Leadership in Social Services | Conference Presentations | Family-Centered Care | Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

EDUCATION

Doctorate in Social Work (DSW) Barry University, Ellen Whiteside School of Social Work	April 2023
Masters in Social Work (MSW) University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work	May 2008
Bachelors in Social Work (BSW) Clark Atlanta University, Whitney M. Young, Jr., School of Social Work	May 2007

CERTIFICATIONS AND LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) State of GA	#CSW007505
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) State of AL	#4693C
Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) State of VA	#0904015122
Licensed Independent Clinical Social Worker (LICSW) Washington, D.C.	#LC200002460
Certified Clinical Trauma Professional (CTTP) Evergreen Certifications	#415742

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

The University of Georgia	Athens, GA
Field Education Coordinator – Title IV-E Program	July 2023 – Present

- Foster a learner-centered environment and tailor instruction toward individual student needs for the Professional Practice in Foster Care and Adoption course (SOWK 7170) as well as the Intro SW Prof and Field Education course (SOWK 7115E).

Barry University	Miami, FL
Co-Instructor	Spring 2023

- Co-led the Leadership, Advocacy, Policy Practice course (SW 687) for a group of graduate students focused on articulating complex concepts grounded in research that empowered students with the required tools to drive impactful change outside the classroom.

CLINICAL PRACTICE

Behavioral Mental Health Consultant Children's Healthcare of Atlanta – Egleston, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	July 2021 – Present
Contract Therapist Ableto, Inc., <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	March 2021 – Present
Adult/Geriatric Clinical Social Worker Wellstar Atlanta Medical Center, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	December 2020 – January 2022
Therapeutic Program Specialist Georgia Department of Human Services, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	July 2014 – July 2021
Social Services Supervisor Georgia Department of Human Services, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	July 2014 – July 2021
Social Services Lead Case Manager Georgia Department of Human Services, <i>Atlanta, GA</i>	July 2014 – July 2021
Foster Care Licensing Trainer Lifeline Children Services, <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	October 2012 – November 2013
Senior Social Worker Jefferson County Department of Human Resources, <i>Birmingham, AL</i>	February 2011 – October 2012
Social Services Case Manager Douglas County Division of Family & Children Services, <i>Douglasville, GA</i>	April 2010 – January 2011
Child Development Worker Rainbow House, Inc., <i>Jonesboro, GA</i>	March 2009 – January 2011
Mental Health Professional Clinical Intervention Specialists, LLC, <i>Jonesboro, GA</i>	June 2008 – June 2009

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Chaudhary S, Morris E, Chivily C, Gillespie S, *Washington D*, Artis A, Fraser K, Lazarus S, Costa A, Call N, Rupp J, Simon Harold. Reducing Firearm Access for Youth At-Risk for Suicide in a Pediatric Emergency Department. Poster. Pediatric Academic Societies Meeting, Washington, DC, April 2023.

Chaudhary S, Chivily C, Morris E, Gillespie S, *Washington D*, Artis A, Fraser K, Lazarus S, Costa A, Call N, Rupp J, Simon Harold. Reducing Firearm Access for Youth At-Risk for Suicide in a Pediatric Emergency Department. Oral Presentation. Injury Free Coalition For Kids National Conference, Fort Lauderdale, FL, Dec 2023.

Chang, Tim & *Washington, S*. Grooming Behaviors and Human Trafficking. The Georgia Society for Clinical Social Work, Atlanta, GA, February 2023.

Chaudhary S, Morris E, *Washington D*, Artis A, Fraser K, Lazarus S, Costa A, Call N, Rupp J, Simon Harold. Reducing Firearm Access for Youth At-Risk for Suicide in a Pediatric Emergency Department. Oral Flash Science and Poster. National Research Conference on Firearms Injury Prevention, Washington D.C., November 2022.

Morris E, Chaudhary S, *Washington D*, Artis A, Fraser K, Lazarus S, Costa A, Call N, Rupp J, Simon Harold. Reducing Firearm Access for Youth At-Risk for Suicide in a Pediatric Emergency Department: A Pilot Study. Poster. Annual Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2022.

Chaudhary S, Morris E, *Washington S*, Artis A, Fraser K, Lazarus S, Costa A, Call N, Rupp J, Simon Harold. Reducing Firearm Access for Youth At-Risk for Suicide in a Pediatric Emergency Department: A Pilot Study. Oral Flash Science and Poster. Annual Southeastern Pediatric Research Conference, Atlanta, GA, June 2022.

Washington, S. Accessing Mental Health Resources. World Mental Health Day Town Hall, Marietta, GA, October 2021.

FEDERAL GRANT REVIEW

Chair: DHHS—ACF, FYSB Sexual Risk Avoidance Education	August 2023
Reviewer: DHHS—ACF, ORR Unaccompanied Children Residential Shelter/TFC	January 2023
Reviewer: DHHS—ACF, FYSB Street Outreach Program	June 2022
Chair: DHHS—ACF, FYSB Personal Responsibility Education Program (PREP)	August 2021
Chair: DHHS—ACF, FYSB Title V Competitive Sexual Risk Avoidance Education	July 2021
Reviewer: DHHS—ACF, OTIP National Human Trafficking Hotline	July 2020
Chair: DHHS—ACF, OTIP Domestic Victims of Human Trafficking Services and Outreach	July 2020
Chair: DHHS—ACF, OTIP Look Beneath the Surface Regional Anti-Trafficking	August 2017
Reviewer: DHHS —ACF, CB Trauma-Integrated & Trauma-Focused Practice in CPS	August 2011
Reviewer: DHHS —OPHS, OAH Teen Pregnancy Prevention	July 2010
Reviewer: DHHS —OPHS, OWH Straight Talk on Preventing HIV/AIDS	September 2009

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Ongoing Research: Emory University Pediatric Medicine Physician and Emory University's Institutional Review Board (IRB) approved lethal means counseling research focused on providing counseling and safety planning interventions with families in the pediatric emergency department while administering gun safety cases if the family does not have one.