

Experience

Clinical Social Worker / Independent Practitioner 3/2017 to Present
The Therapy Center – Wichita, KS

- Provide assessment and psychotherapy for children, adults and families
- Consulting and training
- Mental Health First Aid instructor

Part Time Clinical Social Worker / Independent Practitioner 12/2013 to 7/2018
Advocates for Behavioral Health – Wichita, KS

- Provided assessment and psychotherapy for adults and families

Director of Crisis and Outpatient Services 01/2008 to 3/2017
COMCARE of Sedgwick County – Wichita, KS

- Provided assessment, crisis intervention, brief therapy, case consultation and clinical supervision.
- Led the development and implementation of COMCARE's Community Crisis Center in collaboration with 12 organizations. By offering voluntary crisis treatment options, the program reduced the county's involuntary state hospitalizations by 50%.
- Collaborated with the City of Wichita to implement a Mental Health Court.
- Led a quality improvement initiative for crisis hotline that resulted in joining the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline network.
- Implemented tele-video crisis services and contracted with four mental health centers spanning 11 counties to offer crisis services in rural areas.
- Developed budget recommendations, monitored program performance, and monitored revenue and expenses to assure operation within budget parameters.
- Promoted the Mental Health First Aid educational program, co-authored a successful local grant application to fund trainings and provided trainings to over 400 in our community.

Program Manager 05/2006 to 01/2008
COMCARE of Sedgwick County – Wichita, KS

- Provided leadership for 32 supervisors, therapists and case managers in 24/7 programs.
- Provided assessment, crisis intervention, brief therapy, case consultation and clinical supervision.
- Planned and implemented the Sedgwick County Offender Assessment Program (SCOAP), a mental health jail alternative program for adults with mental illness.
- Collaborated with local mental health advocates, Via Christi Health, Wichita Police Department, Sedgwick County Sheriff's Office, and others to develop a local Crisis Intervention Team (CIT) training program for law enforcement.
- Developed and opened a 4-bed Crisis Residential Stabilization Unit for adults.

Mental Health Services Coordinator

02/2005 to 06/2006

CONMED, Inc. at the Sedgwick County Jail – Wichita, KS

- Provided mental health assessment and intervention to jail inmates.
- Provided training and consultation to law enforcement officers on behavior and safety management for inmates.
- Recruited, trained, supervised and evaluated full time and part time therapists.

Senior Social Worker

10/2002 to 02/2005

COMCARE of Sedgwick County – Wichita, KS

- Conducted assessments for mental health, addiction treatment, case management, and homeless services.
- Provided individual and group therapy for adults recovering from mental illness and addiction.

Practicum Student/Outpatient Therapist

08/2001 to 10/2002

Family Consultation Service – Wichita, KS

- Provided assessment, individual and group therapy for adults and children.
- Provided Parent Management Training classes and in-home family therapy.

Education

Master of Social Work: Family-Centered Social Work Practice
Newman University – Wichita, KS

MiniMPA - Master of Public Administration Certificate
Wichita State University – Wichita, KS

Bachelor of Music: Music Education
Friends University – Wichita, KS

Professional Licensure

- Kansas Licensed Specialist Clinical Social Worker (LSCSW)
- Kansas Licensed Clinical Addictions Counselor (LCAC)

Honors

- 2017 Mental Health Professional of the Year, National Alliance of Mental Illness Wichita
- Leadership Wichita Class of 2015, Wichita Metro Chamber of Commerce
- 2015 Service Provider of the Year Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness Wichita
- 2011 Service to Consumers Award, National Alliance on Mental Illness Wichita
- 2007 Practice Excellence Award, Wichita State University School of Social Work