

# L.M.S.W. / HUMAN SERVICES PROFESSIONAL

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## S O C I A L   W O R K E R

### Professional Profile:

Dedicated licensed social worker with training and hands-on paid, intern, and volunteer experience providing individual and group support, assistance, advocacy, and counseling to various populations. Comfortable interacting with diverse groups, including individuals of all ages, ethnic groups, socio-economic backgrounds, and diagnoses. Patient and respectful with people with communication and developmental disorders.

#### Core Skills:

Coalition Involvement ... Advocacy ... Training / Presentation ... Written / Oral Communication ...  
... Assessment ... Research / Client Interviews

#### Summary:

- Encouraged and motivated clients to take ownership and pride in achieving their goals.
- Created rapport with clients based on trust, open communication, and mutual respect.
- Communicated with family members and interacted with various community services.
- Facilitated groups on such topics as coping skills and behavior modification.
- Provided assistance in academic, daily living, recreational, and social interaction activities.
- Prepared intake assessments and annual reassessments and followed treatment plans.
- Participated in staff meetings, planning sessions, and special training programs.
- Maintained accurate and confidential case and progress notes.

### Education:

State University of New York at Buffalo, Amherst, New York

#### Master of Social Work

5/01

Concentration: **Health, Mental Health and Disability**

QPA: 3.52   Received Kristopher L. Braselton Memorial Award, 5/01

Edinboro University of Pennsylvania, Edinboro, Pennsylvania

#### Bachelor of Science – Social Work

12/94

Dean's List   Major QPA: 3.5   Overall QPA: 3.2

Nominated for *Who's Who Among American College Students*

#### Professional development training:

Western New York Regional Representative for Partners in Policy Making Graduates      3/06-Present

Assisted in the planning of an advanced leadership conference, facilitate group meetings, and plan activities.

Partners in Policymaking Program

11/03

Legislative Advocacy Day – The Role of Advocacy in Social Work, UB School of Social Work

4/03

Vulnerability, Resilience, and Social Work Practice, UB School of Social Work

4/03

The Changing Face of AIDS, Erie County Medical Center

5/99

Curbing the Cycle of Domestic Violence: Healing the Hurt, WNY Psychiatric Association

4/96

### Employment:

People Incorporated

6/07-4/09

#### Transportation Coordinator

Scheduled transportation for people with developmental disabilities to a variety of self-advocacy and community inclusion activities. Schedule vehicle maintenance, attend monthly staff meetings, and completed monthly billing reports. Assist with scheduling and billing for the Family Education and Training Program.

**Social Worker I**

Coordinated case management needs for eight individuals who were dually diagnosed with mental health and developmental disabilities. Attended weekly clinical meetings and discussed consumer needs. Followed up with concerns as appropriate. Developed risk management plans, completed quarterly progress notes, comprehensive functional assessments, referral documentation and correspondences. Facilitated social skills group bi-monthly and self-advocacy group monthly. Performed service coordination and linkage with residential, day services, vocational rehabilitation services, and other supports appropriate to each individual upon his/her discharge.

AmeriCorps, New York State Self-Advocacy Association, West Seneca, New York

4/01-12/02

**Team Leader / Advocate**

Intervene on behalf of individuals requiring assistance from New York State agencies. Promote consumer forums, schedule presentations, and address special interest groups. Provide planning analysis and recommendations for conferences.

- Served as Chair of 2003 Regional Self-Advocacy Conference and assisted with the Developmental Disability Awareness Day (5/01, 5/02, and 5/03), and the National Self-Advocacy Conference (9/02).
- Participated in Rochester and Regional Self-Determination Committees.
- Received numerous Certificates of Appreciation and Achievement for "outstanding service."

Volunteers in Service to America (VISTA), Buffalo, New York

10/99-8/00

**Counselor / Advisor**

Worked at inner-city Boys and Girls Club, assisting members achieve academic and recreational goals. Participated in program designed to keep young men and women off the streets and out of the drug culture. Co-facilitated Torch Club meetings to build members' leadership skills.

**Intern Experience:**

AmeriCorps, Developmental Disabilities Services Office, West Seneca, New York

9/00-4/01

**Social Work Intern**

Provided assistance to the New York State Self-Advocacy Association, Western Region.

Erie County Medical Center, Buffalo, New York

1/99-5/99

**Intern**

Researched health conditions for the Immunodeficiency Clinic. Attended case management meetings.

- Participated in and assisted with the Western New York Spring Conference on AIDS: Tools for Change.

Crawford County Care Center, Saegertown, Pennsylvania

8/94-12/94

**Counseling Intern**

Completed care plans for long-term adult residents. Provided counseling and support to clients and updated family members. Contacted local service providers on behalf of residents.

- Facilitated six-week group on coping skills and four-week group on behavior modification.

Gertrude A. Barber Center, Erie, Pennsylvania

10/93-11/93

**Pre-Field II Intern**

Provided one-on-one assistance and interaction with clients with dual diagnoses of mental retardation and mental health problems. Attended inter-disciplinary team meetings and prepared fund-raising materials.

- Completed 90-day progress notes and annual reassessments.

**Volunteer:**

Compeer, Buffalo, New York

1/02-Present

Provide weekly contact, companionship, and support to adults with mental illnesses.

Omstead Center for the Visually Impaired

8/06-2/07

Scheduled appointments and made follow up calls for the Low Vision Clinic. Assisted with data entry and filing for the Human Resources Department.

Hamburg Senior Services Department, Adult Day Services, Hamburg, New York

4/97-8/97, 6/98-8/98

Compiled case histories, arranged and provided meal service, assisted with activities, and encouraged participation. Received Certificate of Appreciation for "contributions to the welfare of the citizens of the community."