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Professional Background

Bilingual licensed social worker with experience in clinical practice, management, teaching, research, and training.

Skill Highlights

- Bilingual (Spanish)
 - Culturally-competent care
 - Areas of clinical experience include cross-cultural practice, domestic violence, family centered services, working with groups, school-based services
 - Clinical supervisor
 - Managing programs related to domestic violence
 - Management of MSW Program at two locations
 - Teaching across content areas in social work practice
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Accomplishments

Broadened programming for Spanish-speaking clients
Provided in-house training for clinical staff
Developed a continuing education certificate program on domestic violence
Continuous education on domestic violence in an academic setting

Professional Experience

07/2007 - Current

Loyola University Chicago - Chicago, IL

Program Director of the Masters in Social Work Programs (7/2015-Present)

Clinical Assistant Professor (7/1/07-Present)

Teach at both the undergraduate and graduate level at School of Social Work

Courses:

Family Intervention and Assessment

Social Work Research Methods

Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

Cultural Diversity

Issues in the Treatment of Women

Social Work Practice with Individuals and Families II

Advanced Social Work Practice with Groups

Clinical Social Work Practice with Family Violence

Starting in Fall 2018: Bilingual Masters in Social Work Program, Online

Family Intervention and Assessment with a Focus on Latinos and Migration (Spanish)

08/2006 - 05/2007

Dominican University - River Forest, IL

Adjunct Professor

Taught at the Masters level at the Graduate School of Social Work

Courses:
Advanced Social Work Practice with Families - Global
Integrative Seminar

08/2006 - 12/2006

Loyola University Chicago - Chicago, IL

Adjunct Professor

Taught at graduate level at the Master's Level at the Graduate School of Social Work
Course: Race, Ethnicity, and Culture

01/1995 - 04/2006

Metropolitan Family Services - Chicago, IL

Social Worker/Program Supervisor

Responsibilities included: Providing school-based groups, and individual, couples, and family counseling, including third party reimbursement contracts. Providing clinical supervision to clinical staff of program; program management, including hiring, assigning, evaluating, and terminating staff; working with domestic violence issues, namely victims and their children; facilitating domestic violence women's support groups; providing support services for victims of domestic violence, i.e. referrals, advocacy and information; assessments for couples at risk for domestic violence; providing domestic violence trainings to staff of other agencies; collaborating with other agencies in improving societal response to domestic violence; working with battered immigrant women and their particular issues; serve in local committees. Duties included all hiring, supervising, and reporting of program-related activities.

In charge of the management of the *Family Violence Intervention Program*, a clinical program providing counseling services using various modalities to survivors of domestic violence and their children. Also supervised clinical staff and provided ongoing training for program staff; expanded program to serve the Spanish speaking families in the community.

In charge of *S.T.A.R. program* management, a school-based prevention program for teen dating violence. Coordinated efforts with schools and supervised program educators.

In charge of *Safe and Sober* program management, a collaboration with an in-patient substance abuse program to address the intersection of domestic violence and substance abuse. Staff was trained on domestic violence, clients and staff learned about the intersection between substance use and domestic violence, teen dating violence information was provided at their youth program, and domestic violence advocates facilitated groups at the substance abuse agency to provide information about domestic violence to substance abusing women.

09/1994 - 08/1997

Southside Christian Counseling Center - Tinley Park, IL

Therapist

Individual, family, and couples therapist

07/1991 - 08/1994

Catholic Family and Community Services - Schenectady, NY
Prevention Social Worker

- Project C.A.R.E.
- Responsible for case planning and managing a caseload of multi-problem families

- Provided aggressive outreach and home-based counseling on a weekly basis to families, couples, and individuals of varied cultural backgrounds, both voluntary and court-ordered
- Collaborated and coordinated efforts with other professionals and agencies.
- Joined efforts with the Schenectady County Department of Social Services, Children's Services Department. This meant working closely with the Child Protective Unit, the Foster Care Unit, the Preventive Unit, the Adoption/Home Finding Unit, Probation, and the court system, including its jails.
- Participated in developing group programs and acted as co-facilitator for two parenting groups per year. These groups addressed topics such as child development, self-esteem, communication, anger management, discipline, and sex education.
- Presented cases to prevention team and agency consulting psychologist.
- Participated at in-house trainings on relevant clinical topic

04/1993 - 05/1994

Union College - Schenectady, NY

Counselor to Students

- Provided individual therapy to students on a voluntary basis.
- Assisted meetings of special groups, such as the African and Latino Association of Students (A.L.A.S.).
- Participated in meetings aimed at increasing awareness and sensitivity toward people of color on campus. The Multicultural Affairs Group (M.A.G.) activities included increasing cultural awareness by focusing on curriculum, hiring and promotional practices, admissions, developing a code of ethics, as well as funding educational activities that promoted culture.

Certifications

Certified Domestic Violence Professional (CDVP)

Education

2008

Loyola University Chicago - Chicago, IL

Clinical Social Work

PhD

Dissertation Title:

An Exploratory, Descriptive Study of Program and Clinical Interventions with Latino Men who Batter

Dissertation with Distinction

1991

State University of New York at Albany - Albany, NY

Social Work

Masters in Social Work

Minority Fellowship

1989

State University of New York at Brockport - Brockport, NY

Psychology

Bachelors of Science

Magna Cum Laude

Publications

Kilbane, T., Freire, P.R., Hong, P.Y., & Price, J. (2014). Advocacy week: A case-based collaborative learning model for teaching advocacy. *Social Work Education, 33*(8), 1054-1069.

Freire, P.R. (2007). Object relations as a theoretical model in the work with low acculturated men who batter. *Praxis. Where Reflection and Practice Meet, 7*, 39-49.

Rodriguez, P. (2001). Factors that influence the development of empathy in group treatment of heterosexual Latino batterers. *Praxis. Where Reflection and Practice Meet, 1*, 21-32.

Additional Professional

Experience

2000-2003

Lifelink - Bensenville, IL

Volunteer/Intern - Partner Abuse Intervention Program

Provided group co-facilitation to mandated domestic violence offenders

Completed assessments

Contacted victims

Worked individually with offenders

Completed reports to court on offender progress/completion