

BRENDA J. LEGASPI, MSW, LCSW

QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker experienced in leading a successful team of Master Level Social Workers, interns, support staff, and volunteers in providing direct care to program recipients. Adept at counseling individuals and families, program management, grant writing, and procuring community resources. Graduate School Instructor with both traditional and online teaching experience. Presenter of trainings and research findings at the local and state levels for community education and marketing of special programs. Ethical and diplomatic team player capable of multi-tasking, being self-directed, taking initiative, and problem-solving.

Core competencies include:

- ❖ Research, Analysis, & Investigation
- ❖ Written & Oral Communication
- ❖ Leadership, Strategy, & Program Administration
- ❖ Problem Solving & Solution Delivery
- ❖ Training & Teaching
- ❖ Mentoring and Clinical Supervision

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY, TALLAHASSEE, FL

Teaching Faculty I

2020-Present

Instruct Master of Social Work students in core competencies of Field Education. Assist in the placement of students in field education internships. Teach master-level courses online in collaboration with the department faculty lead. Mentor students and provide guidance. Serve as a Field Education Liaison.

ADVENTHEALTH, HOSPICE CARE OF EAST FLORIDA, PALM COAST, FL

Bereavement Coordinator

2018-2020

Bereavement Social Worker-Team Lead

2017-2018

Bereavement Social Worker/Medical Social Worker

2008-2017

Provided direct clinical services to the terminally ill and their bereaved families through individual, family, and group counseling. Directed support staff in maintaining database of care recipients for follow-up in compliance with Medicare guidelines. Trained volunteers, new employees, and interns in company protocol and policies. Evaluated service delivery through outcome measurement. Analyzed data to develop improved service delivery. Provided clinical supervision and oversight to Medical Social Work team.

Key Highlights

- Served on the hospital's Bioethics Committee as the MSW representative
- Planned and implemented biannual memorial service
- Networked with local care providers to extend program services to the community

UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA, ORLANDO, FL

Adjunct Instructor

2009-Present

Teach master-level courses online with turn-key curriculum developed by the department faculty lead. Mentor students and provide guidance. Serve as Field Education Liaison.

Courses Taught

- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I.
- Generalist Field Education I
- Generalist Field Education II
- Generalist Field Education III
- Clinical Field Education I
- Clinical Field Education II
- Clinical Field Education III
- Clinical Practice with Individuals
- Clinical Practice with Groups
- Clinical Practice with Families
- Children's Services in Social Work Practice
- Social Work Practice I: Generalist Practice
- Diverse Client Populations
- Foundations of Behavioral Healthcare Policy and Social Work Practice
- Integrative Generalist Field Seminar I
- Integrative Generalist Field Seminar II
- Integrative Generalist Field Seminar III
- Integrative Clinical Field Seminar I
- Integrative Clinical Field Seminar II
- Integrative Clinical Field Seminar III

Children’s Therapist

2006-2008

Conducted comprehensive biopsychosocial assessments, diagnosed individuals utilizing the DSM-IV, and developed appropriate treatment plans for children and adolescents. Created and taught psychosocial education courses for children and their parents. Provided individual, family, and group counseling. Coordinated care with outside providers such as behavior analysts, school personnel, foster families, guardian ad-litem, and the Department of Children and Families.

Key Highlights

- Served on an interdisciplinary team to offer outpatient and IOP services to children and adolescents
- Developed and implemented therapeutic group programs for children, adolescents, and parents
- Provided expert testimony in court proceedings

MSW Student Intern

2005-2006

Provided individual, group, and family counseling to residents of the group home. Trained in play therapy and sand tray therapy techniques. Taught Positive Parenting curriculum to court-ordered parents in the community.

Program Director, DriveABLE©

2005-2006

Assistant to Chief Executive Officer

2004-2005

Medicaid Waiver Specialist

2000-2004

Monitored state funded programs for Medicaid/Medicare compliance through random audits. Conducted field visits with program recipients. Planned and executed community education and outreach events and provided technical training workshops. Managed an \$8.2 million budget. Participated in community outreach to assess for healthcare, insurance, and transportation needs. Met with community groups to provide education on transportation alternatives, driving ability, and transportation alternatives. Conducted comprehensive psychological assessment using the DriveABLE© software program. Assisted in grant writing and management of Florida Department of Transportation, Winter Park Foundation, and Robert Wood Johnson Foundation grants.

Key Highlights

- Served on a State of Florida Advisory Board for Transportation Alternatives
- Developed a community referral network within healthcare and social service systems
- Developed collaborative relationship with the Orlando mayor, Chief of Police, and State Representatives for addressing senior driving issues
- Advocated for transportation alternatives for the elderly by meeting with local representatives, judges, and law enforcement
- Presented program material and research findings to professionals at state conferences

Program Intern

1998-2000

Planned and executed a weekly creative platform of teen programming. Mentored at-risk youth. Recruited and trained program volunteers. Grant writing and fundraising responsibilities to support full-time staff and program costs.

Customer Service Representative/Claims Adjuster

1997-1998

Served as representative in call center to answer policy holders’ inquiries and submit claims for utilization review. Reviewed claims for accuracy.

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Master of Social Work • University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, May 2006

Graduate Certificate in Marriage and Family Therapy • University of Central Florida, Orlando, FL, May 2006

Bachelor of Science, Public Affairs, Concentration: Management • Indiana University, Bloomington, IN, May 1996

LICENSURE

Clinical Social Worker, State of Florida, Issued 2008; **Qualified Supervisor**

Professional Broadcaster, 1991