

# ERIKA CUFFY, MSW

## Education

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Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL

**Master of Social Work**

August 2016

Southeastern University, Lakeland, FL

**Bachelor of Social Work**

May 2015

- Received the Most Outstanding Student award for the Social Work program at Southeastern University
- President of Phi Alpha Social Work Honors Society
- Teacher's assistant for Human Trafficking course at Southeastern University

May 2015

August 2014 - May 2015

January 2014 - May 2015

## Clinical Experience

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**Southeastern University Campus Counseling Center**, Lakeland, FL November 2021 - Present

*Registered Clinical Social Work Intern*

- Facilitated short-term counseling sessions for students that signed up to receive counseling
- Carried a caseload of 10-20 clients based on the need
- Conducted social-emotional groups for 5-8 clients at a time.
- Documented all counseling notes using the platform TheraNest

## Academic Experience

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**Southeastern University**, Lakeland, FL

July 2020 - Present

*BSW Field Director/Assistant Professor*

- Courses taught:
  - Field Seminar and Practicum I & II
  - Field Observation
  - Preparation for Field
  - Social Welfare Policy
  - Human Trafficking in America
- Managed all student needs pertaining to senior year internships
- Collaborated with community social service providers to place students at a diverse set of agencies
- Conducted all mid-evaluations and final evaluations for BSW students in their internships
- Planned and executed all field related trainings and celebrations for community field educators
- Worked in partnership with the International Field Coordinator to place students to conduct their internships in other countries.

## Child Welfare Experience

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**Polk County Schools**, Bartow, FL

September 2019 - July 2020

*Regional School Social Worker*

- Provided school social work services to one priority middle school and other specified middle schools in designated region
- Conducted Social History assessments for students in the Individualized Education Program process
- Facilitated individual and group counseling for high needs students in designated schools
- Managed truancy records and interventions for students stationed at the priority school

- Collaborated with school personnel in developing and implementing a Multi-Tiered Systems of Support to ensure student needs are met

**One More Child, Lakeland, FL**

January 2018 – September 2019

*Open Doors Outreach Network Regional Advocate- Anti-Trafficking Program*

- Provided advocacy to verified and high-risk victims of human trafficking over six counties
- Arranged multidisciplinary resources for victims of human trafficking and their families
- Problem-solved crises 24/7 while on call
- Addressed complex trauma with each client and coordinated with families and/or case management team to provide best practice
- Collaborated daily with therapeutic team that each client was given through the program

*Adoption Specialist- Adoption Program*

- Provided birth mother and father counseling services
- Coordinated infant adoptions between birth families and adoptive families
- Facilitated home study assessments with adoptive families
- Maintained contact with hospitals, doctor's offices, Medicaid and other social service agencies
- Met with pregnancy centers on a weekly basis to collaborate services for birth families

**Success 4 Kids and Families, Tampa, FL**

October 2016 – December 2017

**Tampa General Hospital**

*Family Resource Coordinator, Healthy Start and Healthy Families Programs*

- Completed Healthy Start records screens on all newborns in Hillsborough County and provided educational information on Women & Infant Health.
- Completed Healthy Families assessments to determine families' eligibility for intensive home visitation services to promote positive parent-child interaction and child development.
- Provided and advocated for appropriate care coordination and services for clients with hospital staff, social workers and Child Protection Services.
- Collaborated with hospital social workers on a daily basis to provide best practice for patients.

**Center for Health Equity, Quincy, FL**

March 2016 – August 2016

*Family Health Advocate, Gadsden Woman to Woman Program*

- Provided case management services for pregnant women and women with young children
- Built and utilized knowledge of the wide range of government benefits that may be available
- Conducted peer support group sessions with high school aged girls
- Provided crisis intervention clinical counseling services
- Worked closely with the migrant population assisting them with any needs they may have had

**Florida Baptist Children's Homes, Lakeland, FL**

August 2014 – May 2015

*State Headquarters and Porch Light Intern*

- Worked with various programs to update their manuals and filing systems.
- Created training manuals for future employees
- Conducted group sessions for the clients in the Porch Light program

Community Engagement Experience

**The Dream Center of Lakeland, Lakeland, FL**

August 2011 – May 2015

*Group Facilitator/Mentor*

- Led life skills groups for girls ages 13-18
- Provided one on one mentoring services
- Assisted with the creation of Christmas and Valentine's Day events

**Youthworks Inc.,** Puerto Rico

May 2014 - August 2014,

*Service Coordinator*

July 2017 - July 2017

- Coordinated volunteer opportunities groups of 30 to 80 people at one time
- Helped build cross-cultural and cross-generational communication and relationships
- Networked with various community leaders
- Worked with people from a variety of backgrounds on a short-term and long-term basis
- Provided crisis intervention for youth
- Delegated specific tasks for staff
- Spoke in front of large groups of people

### Licenses/Certifications/ Skills

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- Licensed Clinical Social Worker - in progress
- Bilingual (English/Spanish)
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Google Drive
- **Healthy Families/Healthy Start Certifications:** Working with Families Who Have Severe Mental Health Issues, Supporting Families Affected by Domestic Violence: Strategies to Assist Healthy Families Staff, Understanding Substance Abuse Families, Partners for a Healthy Baby, and Safe Baby Plus