

Education

- 5/01 **Columbia University School of Social Work**, New York, NY
MSW/ Concentration: Clinical Practice, Health & Mental Health
- 5/98 **Bucknell University**, Lewisburg, PA
Bachelor of Arts in Biology/ Minor in Education

Professional Experience

- 12/18 - present **PEP Foundation**, Summit, NJ
Behavioral Coordinator
- * Coordinate SEL program for adolescent program participants
 - * Facilitate adolescent group meetings, provide individual and family support as appropriate
 - * Provide psychosocial assessments and collaborate with team to support growth and unique needs of participants
 - * Assess post-secondary student transitional needs, develop emotional wellness goals, collaborate with campus supports
 - * Post secondary student telehealth sessions
 - * Crisis assessment and intervention
 - * Parent and staff education regarding behavioral interventions, adolescent development, and mental health factors impacting academic growth
 - * Design and facilitate parent/adolescent workshops addressing adolescent emotional health and academic success
- 9/13-3/16 **Hospice of New Jersey**, Bloomfield, NJ
Clinical Social Worker, Per Diem
- * Educated families on hospice philosophy and patient care options
 - * Responsible for psychosocial assessment
 - * Provided individual and family counseling and crisis intervention around end of life concerns
 - * Multidisciplinary collaboration to ensure comprehensive management of patient and family needs
- 9/02-9/07 **Center for Exceptional Families**, Madison, NJ
Social Worker, Per Diem
- * Responsible for coordination of family support program for families managing developmental disabilities
 - * Facilitated sibling support groups for children with developmentally disabled siblings
- 2/05-11/05 **The Valerie Fund Children's Center at Morristown Memorial Hospital**, Morristown NJ
Pediatric Oncology/Hematology Clinical Social Worker
- * Provided ongoing individual and family counseling to pediatric patients and family members
 - * Participated in family meetings to provide education and support to family members during initial diagnosis, treatment planning, disease progression, and periods of crisis
 - * Connected families to community support services and resources for managing complex financial issues
 - * Collaborated with school systems as part of the school re-entry program to assist the school community in managing the specific academic, emotional, and social needs of a child/adolescent with a serious illness
 - * Multidisciplinary team collaboration to enhance staff/family communication and highlight psychosocial considerations for holistic care
- 1/02-1/05 **Gilda's Club Northern New Jersey**, Hackensack, NJ
Program Manager, Child and Adolescent Program
- * Developed, managed, and implemented a comprehensive program of social and emotional support for children and adolescents touched by cancer

- * Responsible for facilitation of all support groups for children and adolescents
- * Designed developmentally appropriate group activities for grieving children, children diagnosed with cancer, and those with family living with cancer
- * Responsible for developing, coordinating and conducting training for volunteers
- * Facilitated adult program orientation meetings and conducted intake sessions
- * Facilitated support groups for adults living with cancer
- * Developed joint programs by partnering with community organizations
- * Collaborated in the development of a monthly calendar; including lectures, workshops, and social events

7/01-1/02

Family Connections, Orange, NJ

Clinician, Specialized Family Services

- * Provided individual and family counseling to high risk child/adolescent clients
- * Conducted mental status evaluations with court-mandated adults prior to sentencing hearings
- * Collaborated with community systems as needed; including medical and behavioral health care professionals, DCP, Essex County Schools, and the Essex County Juvenile Justice Commission

9/00-5/01

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

Social Work Intern, Neurology, Pain & Palliative Care, and Pediatric Oncology Services

- * Assessed cancer patients and families for counseling needs and interventions with respect to stage of illness
- * Provided individual and family counseling
- * Facilitated weekly support group for caregivers of adult neuro-oncology patients
- * Functioned as a member of a multidisciplinary treatment team

9/99-5/00

Christ Hospital, Jersey City, NJ

Social Work Intern, Behavioral Health Department

Project Second Chance (intensive outpatient substance abuse program for DCP involved women)

- * Provided individual therapy, case management, and co-facilitated psychoeducation/ therapy groups

Psychiatric Emergency Room

- * Conducted psychosocial assessments on individuals presenting in psychiatric crisis
- * Developed treatment plans consistent with appropriate level of care

Women's Project (group based program addressing the variety of issues facing women of the community)

- * Co-facilitated a self-esteem/assertiveness group for women

Volunteer Experience

2013-2020

Rainbows for all Children, Sparta, NJ

Program Coordinator (2017-2020)

- * Oversight of support program for children ages 5-12 experiencing loss due to family separation, divorce or death
- * Provided referrals as needed for community services and additional mental health support

Group Facilitator (2013-2020)

- * Facilitated support groups for program participants

Professional Affiliations, Licensing, Certifications

2001

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

2001

Licensed Social Worker, NJ

2005

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, NJ

2013

Certified Rainbows facilitator

2025

Academy of Food Allergy Counseling

