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Summary:

- Eighteen years of executive experience in social service years, strategically using limited resources to create best possible outcomes-specifically for families impacted by the Juvenile Justice System.
- As executive director, cultivated a trauma-informed agency-wide environment, with exceptional teamwork amongst staff, respect for our clients and the adoption of best practices.
- Collaborated with local police departments and DuPage County Probation to develop community-based diversion programs.
- Through those collaborations and with funding from John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation "Models for Change", developed the framework for the Adolescent Domestic Battery Typology Tool (ADBTT), an innovative tool to assess youth who have been arrested for an act of domestic violence. Conducted presentations and trainings on Adolescent Domestic Battery at the community, state and national levels.
- Developed a state-wide *Crisis Safety Screen* and *Crisis Stabilization Plan* for use with runaway and locked-out youth under the Comprehensive Community Based Youth Services System (CCBYS). Developed and implemented training for the screen and plan.

Experience

1998-Present Northeast DuPage Family and Youth Services (NEDFYS), Executive Director

- Incorporated NEDFYS as a 501(c)(3) agency, and obtained DCFS licensure to provide police social work and CCBYS services for the northeastern portion of DuPage County.
- Oversees day to day functions of the agency, including budgeting, supervision of staff, community outreach, and working with board of directors, etc.
- Implemented several best practices programs consistent with agency mission, including *Functional Family Therapy* (FFT), *Washington Aggression Interruption Training (WAIT)*, *Structured Psychotherapy for Adolescents Responding to Chronic Stress (SPARCS)* and *Step Up*, a group psychotherapy program for adolescents who have been violent at home.
- Serves as a member (co-chair for two years) of the Illinois Collaboration on Youth (ICOY) Training Advisory Board to review current and potential training topics for members and partner agencies.
- Serves as the Leadership Agent for the DuPage Youth Services Coalition, a collaboration and grant monitor for three local youth-serving agencies.

2004-Present Bensenville Teen Center, Independent Contractor

- Hires and supervises staff for an afterschool program for students in grades four through eight
- Manages budget for program
- Serves on the Bensenville Youth Coalition
- Serves as liaison with the Village of Bensenville

1986-1993 Ray Graham Association, Social Work Supervisor

- Oversaw the Specialized Foster Care Program, including licensing specialized foster homes, placing special needs children in homes and monitoring their care.
- Supervised five caseworkers and 40 foster parents.
- Assisted in the development of group homes for adults with developmental disabilities.

Education:

- 1984 Nyack College, Nyack, NY B. A., Psychology
- 1986 Wheaton College Graduate School, Wheaton, IL M. A., Clinical Psychology
- 2000 Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor (Illinois)

References:

- Available upon request