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Education:

- Master of Science in Counseling and Psychology, May 2019, Troy University, Troy, AL 36082
- Bachelor of Arts in Legal Studies/Criminal Justice, May 2012, University of West Florida, Pensacola, FL 32514
- Associate of Arts in Pre-Law, May 2010, Pensacola State College, Pensacola, FL 32504

Work Experience:

Lakeview Center Inc.

November 2016 – Present

Community Mental Health

Pensacola, FL

Case Manager for Home Intervention-(Community Action Team)

- Provide services that enhance home, school, and community partnerships, while actively addressing mental health barriers that interfere with student performance and achievement by bringing clients and families together and creating an environment that is conducive to effective treatment planning and problem solving.
- Implemented service needs assessments, service needs plans, and service plan reviews to assist clients and families with essential tools to address mental health needs, behavior needs, and educational needs and transition from alternative school placement to traditional school placement, as well as facilitating group discussions on issues such as: avoiding the school to prison pipeline; conflict resolution; community engagement etc.
- Provided mental and behavioral health services to clients and families that have been referred by community agencies for treatment.
- Worked with Sylvan Learning Center (SLC), which sought to link client and families to academic tutoring in effort to reduce client inappropriate behavior in the school setting, as a result of being frustrated for having a lack of understanding in academics.
- Identify student and family needs to provide proper referrals to assist the student and family to community resources.
- Address the psychological and social well-being of clients labeled as having a Mental Health Disorder (MHD).

Motivate the Youth Mentoring Program (MTYM-P)

January 2017 – December 2018

Pensacola, FL

Mentor

- Empowered youth to resolve current issues and helped develop coping strategies for the future.
- Provided a model for a healthy, trusting relationship through clear communication and setting appropriate communication.
- Acknowledged their strengths, talents and gifts and encouraged them to find ways to use them.

Alabama Department of Corrections

July 2015 – July 2016

Holman Correctional Facility

Atmore AL,

Certified Correctional Officer

- Enforce polices and procedures to help with maintain order in the institution.
- Supervise activities of inmates.
- Aid in rehabilitation and counseling of offenders.
- Inspect facilities to ensure that they meet the rules and regulations for the Department of Corrections.
- Search inmates for contraband items.
- Conducted security checks of the dorms/cells.

Whataburger Inc.

February 2013- February 2015

Gulf Breeze, FL

Crew Member

- Maintained high standards of customer service during high-volume, fast-paced operations.
- Prepared a variety of foods according to customers' orders or supervisors' instruction, following approved procedures.
- Prepared all food orders within a specified time frame.

Office of Public Defender for First Judicial Circuit of Florida
Pensacola, FL

October 2010 – April 2012

Staff Assistant/Legal Intern

- Helped with Client Intake's and Subpoenas.
- Conducted Legal Research.
- Helped Prepare for Depositions.
- Assisted Attorneys with paperwork for First Appearances, Arraignments, Jury Selection, and Jury Trials.
- Prepared Legal Motions for Court Proceedings
- Helped with Secretarial Duties: filing paperwork and scheduling appointments.

Affiliations:

- Member of Phi Alpha Delta Law Fraternity (PADLF)
- Florida Youth Shine(FYS) Alumni
- Chairman of Youth Advisory Board for First Circuit of Florida (YAB).
- Motivate The Youth Mentoring Program (MTYMP)
- Epsilon Mu Lambda Chapter Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. (2019).
- Student Government Association.
- African American Student Association.

Trainings:

-Health and Safety -Ethics & Professionalism -HIPAA Privacy/Security Compliance -First Aid -Case Management
-Sexual & Other Harassment -Client Rights/Grievance -Incident Reporting -CPR & CPI
-Cultural Competency -Confidentiality -Abuse Reporting -WRAP

Skills:

Proficient use of Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, and Excel. Also proficient use of social media applications Facebook, and YouTube, and Problem solving,

Leadership and Services Roles:

Chairman of the Florida Youth Shine (CFYS), 2008 – 2012

- Advocated with elected officials at the local and state level for policies that empower youth in foster care to live a normal life and become leaders in communities.

Youth Advisory Board President for Independent Living First Circuit, (2008-2012)

- Attend meetings with representatives of organization.
- Planned events and voted for community and youth events.