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**SUMMARY**

Over twenty years of dynamic, diversified employment in creating, managing, coordinating, and implementing programs for children, youth, and adults. Excellent counseling skills and teaching experience, creative abilities as a puppeteer, storyteller, and musician.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

COUNSELING 1995 – present/ SUPERVISION 1998 - present

- \* Counsel 20-25 clients weekly; adults, youth and children; mood disorders, anxiety disorders addictions, co-dependency, within private practice.
- \* Supervise two to three Masters' level clinicians weekly.
- \* Counseled 10-18 individual adult and/or youth clients weekly, 10-15 adult group clients weekly, and families or couples for substance abuse and general mental health issues.
- \* Responsible for clients' interventions and placements in rehabilitation, 8 – 10 clients weekly.
- \* Coordinated and managed caseload regarding parole/probation, shelter, and referral for psychiatric evaluation, 8 -10 clients weekly.
- \* Pioneered puppet program for substance abuse prevention for adults and teens, group experience.
- \* Taught coping skills course to clients in early recovery.
- \* Developed puppet therapy for individuals and groups

TEACHING 1983 – present

- \* Adjunct faculty teaching Clinical Case Conference (I&II), (III& IV); Substance Abuse, Group Counseling in Schools, Graduate level.
- \* Co-taught doctoral level Advanced Treatment of Psychopathology
- \* Teaching assistant for graduate level course entitled Helping Relationships, taught two semesters.
- \* Teaching Ethics for Yama Studio/Yama Therapeutics.
- \* Tutored learning disabled children. Successfully prepared them for re-entry into next grade level.
- \* Taught first and second grade classes of 23 - 37 children.
- \* Directed youth choir; performed music and dance.
- \* Planned and directed Specialized Programs for 75 youth.
- \* Developed and executed parent meetings.

SOCIAL SERVICE 1986 - 1991

- \* Live-in caregiver for severely emotionally disturbed girls.
- \* Established behavior management programs and assisted with daily care of girls in temporary care (ages 3 - 10).
- \* Provided crisis intervention day/night shift at Shelter.

ADMINISTRATION 1986 -1991

- \* Supervised and coordinated education programs for 100 - 300 youth (ages 4-15).

- \* Trained, motivated, and directed 15 - 40 teachers.
- \* Increased enrollment in city setting 200%.
- \* Networked as a parish staff member with parish organizations.
- \* Created and taught parent sessions; parenting, childhood development.

#### PUPPETEER 1981 - present

- \* Designed and implemented Vizzini Puppet Therapy Model ©2001. Used Model for research at Hazelden Foundation and documented results in Dissertation.
- \* Developed and marketed puppetry programs and workshops.
- \* Wrote scripts and presented puppet programs on self-esteem, bullying, accepting others, handicapping conditions, abuse, addiction, spirituality.
- \* Trained adults and teens in puppetry techniques.

#### EMPLOYMENT HISTORY 1981 to Present

**Counselor**, Private practice, Mt Washington, MD and Columbia, MD; Metro Maryland Counseling Center, Baltimore, MD; Epoch Counseling Center, Lansdowne, MD; Breakthrough Staff for Ann Smith Counseling and Training, Baltimore, MD; Co-therapist with Nancy Michaelson, CCDC, Baltimore, MD; Cathedral House Re-entry Program, Baltimore, MD, Epoch Counseling Center, Essex, MD (Intern).

**Tutor/Special Education**, Baltimore area, MD

**Musician/Cantor**, St. Mary's Church Govans, Baltimore, MD

**Teacher, Supervisor**, Loyola College, Columbia, MD, St. Michael's Overlea, MD, St. Clare's, Essex, MD, St. John the Baptist, Yonkers, NY

**Puppeteer**, Self-employed freelancing, Baltimore, MD

**Director of Religious Education**, St. Mary's Church Govans, Baltimore, MD (Part-time), St. Agnes Church (Full-time), Baltimore, MD

**Child Caregiver**, Iosogan Group Shelter Home, Baltimore, MD

#### EDUCATION

Ph.D., Pastoral Counseling, Loyola College, MD, (2003), GPA 3.93  
 M.S. Pastoral Counseling, Loyola College, Columbia, MD (1997), GPA 3.94  
 Courses in Theology, Catholic University, Washington, DC, St. Michael's, Vermont (1988, 1989, 1994)  
 B.A. Early Childhood Education, Minor/Special Education, summa cum laude, Towson State University, Towson, MD (1982).

#### **CERTIFICATION/LICENSURE**

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor  
 Nationally Certified Counselor  
 Maryland State Teaching Certificate (until 2009)  
 The Use and Interpretation of the Revised NEO Personality Inventory

#### **PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS AND PRESENTATIONS**

Presenter Division 36 American Psychological Association Religious Research Conference 2003, 2006

Presenter at the American Counseling Association World Conference 1999, 2000, 2001

Presenter Maryland Association for Counseling and Development Conference 2008

Presenter SWORD Conference 2008  
Presenter Counseling Across the Culture's Conference "Drugs In Our Culture," 2006  
Presenter Puppeteer's of America's National Festival Day for the Teaching Artist and Therapist  
2008, 2009  
Retreat Leader/Presenter: Bon Secours Spiritual Center 2004, 2005; Called and Chosen Ministries  
2008; Trinitarian Retreat House 2006, 2007; Washington Retreat House, 2008;  
Member of the American Counseling Association  
Member of the American Psychological Association and Division 36, Psychology and Spirituality  
Member of the Association for Spiritual, Ethical and Religious Values in Counseling  
Member of Kappa Delta Pi, Psi Chi, Chi Sigma Iota, Alpha Sigma Nu

#### **AWARDS**

Maryland State Student Research Grant, 1981  
Named in Who's Who Among American College Students, 1982

#### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES**

My Sister's Place, Homeless Drop-in Shelter, Baltimore, MD  
Bedford Hills Maximum Security Women's Prison, New York  
Maryland State Special Olympics, Towson, MD