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## Curriculum Vitae

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### ACADEMIC PREPARATION

San Diego State University, Master of Social Work, 1998  
Concentration: Mental Health

Whittier College, Bachelor of Arts, 1995  
Concentration: Social Work  
Specialization: Public Child Welfare

### TEACHING AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE

#### Lecturer/Field Liaison

8/2019 – present

*California State University Fullerton, Department of Social Work*

**MSW 510 Social Work Practice I**

**MSW 511 Social Work Practice II**

**MSW 540, 541 Social Work Field Instruction I**

**MSW 542, 543 Social Work Field Instruction II**

Assist students with applying theory to practice in field settings

Promote NASW Code of Ethics in practice and field settings

Promote cultural diversity in class and field settings

Facilitate student clinical development and clinical confidence in practice settings

Assist students with integrating the nine social work competencies

Utilize strength based approaches to facilitate student learning processes

Maintain contact with field instructors and conduct field visits to evaluate student progress

Field Instructor for Cal-SWEC 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> year students

Social Work Department Alumni Celebration Committee

Social Work Department Community Engagement Committee

Social Work Department Graduation Committee

Social Work Department Student Awards Committee

Social Work Department Faculty Advisor

Pa'lante Fellowship Program Faculty Mentor

College of Health and Human Development Allied Health Academy Faculty Mentor

College of Health and Human Development Graduate Student Success Committee

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Social Work Department Community Engagement Committee

Social Work Department Graduation Committee

College of Health and Human Development Scholarship Selection Committee

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Social Work Department Community Engagement Committee

Social Work Department Bilingual Curriculum Committee

Social Work Department Student Status review Committee Substitute

**Lecturer/Field Liaison****8/2016 – 5/2017***California State University Fullerton, Department of Social Work***Clinical Supervisor/Field Liaison***California State University Fullerton, Center for Healthy Neighborhoods***MSW 510 Social Work Practice I****MSW 511 Social Work Practice II****MSW 541, 542 Social Work Field Instruction II**

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Social Work Department Alumni Celebration Committee  
Clinical Supervisor at Center for Healthy Neighborhoods

**Lecturer/Field Liaison**

**1/2016 -5/2016**

*California State University Fullerton, Department of Social Work*

**Director of Programs and Services**

*California State University Fullerton, Center for Healthy Neighborhoods*

**MSW 541 Social Work Field Instruction I**

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Social Work Department Faculty Advisor  
Social Work Department Community Engagement Committee  
Coordinated and managed new programs at CSUF Center for Healthy Neighborhoods

**Lecturer/Field Liaison**

**8/2015 – 12/2015**

*California State University Fullerton, Department of Social Work*

**MSW 540 Social Work Field Instruction I**

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Social Work Department Community Engagement Committee

**Adjunct Professor****8/2014 – 5/2015***Whittier College, Department of Sociology, Anthropology & Social Work***SOWK 240 Introduction to Social Work**

- Introduced students to the field of social work
- Education on the history of social work in America
- Explored various roles and settings in which a diverse client population is served
- Introduced the main theoretical perspectives that guide practice
- Education on the core values and ethics of the profession
- Emphasized themes of social and economic justice
- Coordinated coursework with Director of Social Work Department

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE****Field Instructor****08/2015 - present***Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Whittier*

- Provided outreach to CSUF, Dept. of Social Work to secure a MOU for student placement
- Collaborate with Director to develop student learning objectives within the agency
- Provide individual supervision and support
- Education of domestic violence population, cultural components and evidenced-based practice
- Promote core values of social work and NASW code of ethics
- Ensure student compliance with agency policy and procedure
- Participate in field visits and complete comprehensive evaluations

**Clinical Supervisor****06/2007 - present***Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Whittier*

- Developed Mental Health Program for the shelter residents considering all legal and ethical issues
- Created Informed Consent, Limits to Confidentiality, Client Rights and Release of Information Forms
- Created Psychosocial Assessment specific to the domestic violence population
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary staff members to enhance the children's support group, parenting and "mommy and me" groups
- Develop and facilitate ongoing group training for interdisciplinary staff
- Provide clinical supervision and support to MSW, MSW Intern, case manager and MFT Intern
- Provide community outreach to promote awareness of domestic violence and support for the agency (presentations at Rio Hondo College, Presbyterian Intercommunity Hospital, Soroptimist, Lions Club, National Charity League, and Shelters Right Hand)
- Collaborate with Director to further develop programs, policies, and evaluate program effectiveness

**Clinical Social Worker****06/2007 - present***Women's and Children's Crisis Shelter, Whittier*

- Provide individual and family therapy to children residing in shelter
- Utilize evidence-based trauma-focused practice methods
- Utilize crisis intervention and suicide assessment
- Assess for child abuse and comply with reporting mandates
- Complete psychosocial evaluations and treatment plans

Ongoing consultation with the women's therapist  
Collaboration with interdisciplinary staff and as well as protective services, legal counsel, etc.

**Clinical Supervisor**

**8/2005 - 6/2007**

*The Whole Child, Whittier*

Managed Student Program for interns from Whittier College  
Provided interim Field Instruction for students from CSULB and USC  
Provided individual and group supervision and support  
Education on assessment, diagnosis, treatment planning and intervention  
Ensured student compliance with agency and DMH policy  
Promoted core values of social work and NASW code of ethics  
Participated in Field Faculty Training at USC  
Participated in field visits and completed comprehensive evaluations

**Clinical Social Worker**

**06/1998 - 06/2007**

*The Whole Child, Whittier*

Provided individual, family and group therapy to children in outpatient treatment  
Provided school based therapy and shelter based therapy on contractual basis  
Designated Mental Health Provider for court mandated Family Preservation clients  
Collaborated on the Multidisciplinary Case Planning Committee with county social workers, in-home counselors, probation officers, etc. for Family Preservation cases  
Designated Mental Health Provider for Private Insurance and Victims of Crime clients  
Conducted intake, assessment, DSM-IV diagnosis, treatment planning, intervention and discharge  
Utilized crisis intervention, suicide assessment and intervention  
Assessed for child abuse and complied with reporting mandates  
Active on Quality Improvement Team and Peer Review Committee  
Interim Program Management for the Service Coordination Unit  
Provided supervision to LCSW's, MSW's, BSW's and MFT's  
Organized client referrals, case assignments and crisis services

**Children's Social Worker**

**06/1995 - 8/1996**

*Department of Children and Family Services, Los Angeles*

Investigated and evaluated cases of child abuse to determine need for out of home care  
Managed cases from Emergency Response to Permanency Planning  
Conducted on going home visits to assess risk and evaluate child's well-being  
Assisted parents and foster parents in meeting the social and emotional needs of the child  
Utilized community resources to meet needs of child  
Collaborated with teachers, therapists, physicians, probation officers etc.  
Assisted parents and foster parents understanding of plan for care of the child  
Provided extensive documentation on case progress for Children's Court

