
Professional Education

May 2009 M.S.W. Florida State University School of Social Work; Tallahassee, FL
May 2005 B.A. University of Central Florida, Psychology; Orlando, FL

Focus in Professional Training

Crisis Intervention, Psychological First Aid; Child Development, Adolescents; Pediatric Medical Social Work, Children with Chronic Illness; Sexual Health; Loss & Bereavement; Group Therapy; Family Violence; Chemical Dependency; Various Therapeutic Modalities, namely *Behavioral, Cognitive-Behavioral, Narrative, Interpersonal, Integrated Movement Therapy (Therapeutic Yoga), Sensory-Based Art, Play & Music Therapy, Strengths-Based, & Solution-Focused*

Professional Certification & Honors

LCSW, Licensed Clinical Social Worker, State of Florida, License No. SW11123 (11/22/2012)
Licensed Masters Social Worker (LMSW), State of Louisiana, License No. 11325 (6/2011)
Member, National Association of Social Workers, Florida Chapter, ID# 886509574 (1/09)
Mark DeGraff & Lula Hamilton DeGraff Scholarship Recipient, May 2008
Florida State University's Institute for Family Violence Studies, Research Assistantship, August 2007
AmeriCorps*NCCC Education Award Recipient, July 2006
Golden Key International Honor's Society, May 2005

Professional Grants: Partial Administration &/or Authorship

University of Florida Women's Medical Guild - \$1000, PsychoEducational Materials: Author
Health Psychology at the University of FL - \$500, Virtual Support Group Research: Co-Author
Gainesville Community CATCH Grant - \$\$, Teen Clinic & high school Peer Ed Program: Admin

Additional Certification

Licensure

National Licensure Examination - PASS: 09/10
NASW Member, ID: 886509574
National Provider Identification: 164.951.5164
CEUs: (Info to be added at future time – available upon request)

Psychological

First Aid: National Child Traumatic Stress Network & National Center :PTSD (5/11)
Suicide TALK (4/11)
HIV/AIDS Testing & Counseling: 48 contact hours, 501 continued certification (01/07)
Birth Control Options Counseling: Result Interpretation & Referral: Adoption, Abortion, Hormonal Birth Control (01/07)
Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA): TaxWise Computer Software (3/06)
American Red Cross: First Aid/CPR certified (05/09), Disaster Response Training (09/05)
FEMA Case Management (9/05)
Healthy Lifestyles Instruction: Stress Management, Alcohol Awareness, Team Development (09/05)

Professional Experience

08/11 – Present Milestones in the Making, Lisa Schiavoni & Associates: Gainesville, FL
Licensed Clinical Social Worker: ADHD/Academic Coach, Counselor & Advocate

- Using a cognitive behavioral coaching model with application of multimodal techniques - to provide both in-home & on-site therapeutic support to youth with chronic conditions, such as ADHD; & their respective families.

– Present	<p>Mindful Milestones - An Independent Practice: Gainesville, FL Rainbow Certified Children’s Yoga Teacher, Therapeutic Camp Director</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Facilitating therapeutic yoga - workshops & “private lessons” - to develop the mind-body connection of identified youth as a yoga instructor; creating & facilitating therapeutic camps for specialized populations and their families; offering donation-based community yoga classes to caregivers as a public health initiative; facilitating group therapy to identified populations of youth & caregivers; collaborating with alternate local initiatives to meet our communities ever-changing needs
02/11 – 08/11	<p>LA Spirit @ St. Bernard Project, Greater New Orleans: St. Bernard Parish: Chalmette, LA Team Leader, Crisis Counselor</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided comprehensive support, guidance & supervision to master’s level Crisis Counselors & Resource Linkage Coordinators (Case Managers); maintained a comprehensive understanding of the community’s needs in the aftermath of the Gulf Horizon Oil Spill; provided psychological first aid & other forms of crisis intervention to particularly challenging residents; facilitated weekly case reviews with supervised staff to determine best practice for stabilization & with an end goal to equip & empower residents with the support & skills they needed to recover & thrive; analyzed & compiled data collected by field workers for state-level reports; program evaluation & restoration
11/10 – 02/11	<p>Craniofacial Clinic, Pediatrics, University of Florida: Gainesville, FL Clinical & Medical Social Worker, Case Manager, Interdisciplinary Team Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Responsible for exploring internal & external resources with patients & families, through a process of evaluation & with use of a bio-psycho-social assessment tool created by this MSW; communicating psychosocial concerns to medical team & community agencies; advocating for individualized treatment planning; developing virtual networking sites for caregivers & adolescent patients; monitoring care coordination, family compliance & school accommodation; providing access to concrete resources, financial assistance & legal representation when needed; facilitating client-centered & solution-focused supportive counseling; and assessing for, reporting on & following cases of suspected medical neglect
03/09 – 09/09	<p>Camp Boggy Creek, A Whole in the Wall Camp: Eustis, FL Psych/Social Work Professional, Camp Consultant to Programming Staff *A camp for youth with chronic illness*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Reviewed camper applications for bio-psycho-social suitability; oriented staff on psychosocial implications of life with chronic illness; implemented the use of- and provided direct support to- children accepted on behavior contracts; and provided strengths-based counseling services to campers & camp staff alike
01/09 – 04/09	<p>Shands Hospital at UF: Gainesville, FL MSW Intern - Case Manager, Multidisciplinary Pediatric Oncology/Hematology</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessed the psychological, social, emotional & financial needs of children and their families; and encouraged management of client stressors via a process of supportive counseling, therapeutic intervention, and case management
08/06 – 05/09	<p>Planned Parenthood, Gainesville, FL Outreach Educator & RISKY Business Coordinator *A county-funded teen clinic & peer education program*</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Recruited, enrolled, counseled, provided education to & follow-up supportive counseling for a population of at risk adolescents; created and implemented developmentally appropriate materials on relevant topics; offered HIV and pregnancy options testing and counseling to the community at large
01/08 – 5/08	<p>HealthSouth Rehabilitation Hospital, Tallahassee, FL MSW Intern, Case Manager, Interdisciplinary Team Member</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provided medical case management services with an emphasis on discharge planning to a diverse geriatric population with a myriad of complex medical & psychosocial issues
09/05 – 07/06	<p>Americorps National Civilian Community Corps (*NCCC), Sacramento, CA</p>

Program Member, Peer Helper

A 10 month, team-based national & community service program providing public service to nonprofit agencies across the country whose projects focus on areas of unmet human needs, public safety, education, environment, and disaster relief

- Provided direct assistance to nonprofit & governmental agencies, including the Mississippi Hurricane Recovery Hotline, which involved *crisis intervention and case-management*; FEMA, *assessment & case-management*; Winnemucca School System of NV & Bureau of Land Management, *in-school mentorship & tutoring assistance*; VITA (Volunteer Income Tax Assistance) of Phoenix, *direct tax assistance & financial planning services*; Cameron Emergency Operations Center, & Hands On New Orleans, *supervisory roles involving assessment, case-management & manual labor*

1997 – Present

Privately Employed Childcare Provider, Tutor, Mentor & Coach

- Received specialized training, implemented skills accordingly; designed & utilized developmentally appropriate activities for children with a range of learning & behavioral disabilities

Research Experience

08/07 – 5/08

Florida State University’s Institute for Family Violence Studies, *Research Assistant*

- Prepared a compilation of internet research on the prevalence of domestic violence within a population of FL law enforcement and under the direct supervision of the center’s JD. Said research has been used to attract interest in developing an online curriculum for FL law enforcement and their families

Teaching & Professional Lecturing Experience

07/10

Florida Cleft & Craniofacial Association, Annual Conference

- Lectured on the topic of Bullying – identifying factors & subsequent interventions presented to a group of CMS (Children’s Medical Services) Nurse Case Managers (30 minutes)
- Lectured on the topic of Bullying – symptomology & interventions (primary, secondary & tertiary) presented to a group of parents (1.5 hours)

03/09 – 09/09

Camp Boggy Creek, Whole in the Wall Camp, *Psych-Social Work Professional*

- Hosted two 1hour presentations on child abuse & mandated reporting to ≥ 70 summer staff;
- Presented information on psychosocial implications of life with a particular chronic condition prior to the initiation of each session to ≥ 125 staff & volunteers; illness groups covered included HIV, epilepsy, cancer, JRA, hemophilia, sickle cell, IBD, kidney disease, spina bifida & craniofacial anomalies

08/06 – 05/09

Planned Parenthood of North Central Florida, *Community Outreach Educator*

- Guest lecturer within Alachua County school systems K-12; topics discussed were pertinent to the issues of reproductive anatomy, sex & sexuality, birth control methods, sexually transmitted infections/diseases, teenage pregnancy, condom negotiation & assertive communication

Service

2012 – Present

Founding Board Member

Gainesville Equality Youth (G.E.Y.) *PsychoEducational Support Group for LGBTQ Youth*

2012 – Present

Volunteer Certified Children’s Yoga Teacher

Various Non-Profit & For-Profit Community Initiatives: Gainesville, FL

2009 – Present

Volunteer Psych-Social Worker; Co-Producer of Teen Transition Program

Camp Boggy Creek: Eustis, FL

1/10 – 02/11

Administration

Caregiver Support: Truth & Beauty, *Online Support Group & Networking Opportunity for Caregivers to Children with Craniofacial Differences*: Virtual Site

1/10 – 02/11

Administration

Autobiography of a Face, *Online Support Group & Networking Opportunity for Adolescents with a Craniofacial Condition*: Virtual Site

12/08 – 02/10	Administration ID Entourage , <i>Online Support Group & Coaching Opportunity for Insulin Dependent Adolescents</i> : Virtual Site
08/03 – 02/11	Volunteer Florida's Diabetes Camp , Deland, FL
09/04-12/04	Volunteer Place of Comfort , <i>HIV/AIDS Community Support</i> : Orlando, FL
02/05-04/05	Volunteer Ronald McDonald House : Orlando, FL

*Professional Reference Available Upon Request