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Baltimore, Maryland 21251

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Over twenty (20) years of providing Social Work services to individual, families, groups, communities, and organizations. Social Worker committed to empowering people to wholeness.

CORE COMPETENCIES

Individual and Group Therapy
Case Management
Treatment Goals

Oral/Written Communication
Community Development
Relationship Building/Engagement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Morgan State University
1700 East Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251
Supervisor: Dr. Dana Wilson
Telephone: 443-885-3537
Employer may be contacted

MSW Faculty
September 2019-Present

The core goal of the Master's Social Work (MSW) Program is to promote human and community well-being. The program prepares students to practice in the urban community in a wide range of settings with diverse populations addressing issues such as poverty, social and economic injustices, and combating those conditions that limit human rights.

- Prepare and deliver lectures to graduate level students on topics such as family behavior, child and adolescent mental health, and social intervention evaluation
- Initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions
- Evaluate and grade students' class work, assignments, and papers
- Maintain regularly scheduled office hours to advise and assist students
- Keep abreast of developments in their field by reading current literature, talking with colleagues, and participating in professional conferences

Institute for Life Enrichment
5601 Loch Raven Blvd-Suite 301, Baltimore, MD 21239
Supervisor: Dr. Monifa Jackson
Telephone: 410-908-6551
Employer may be contacted

Therapist
December 2016-December 2017

Institute for Life Enrichment specializes in providing therapeutic services to youth with serious emotional disturbance, persons with mental health and substance abuse disorders, persons with Post-Traumatic Stress

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Disorder, Veterans, persons with Traumatic Brain Injury, lesbian, gay, bisexual, or transgendered clients, and forensic clients.

Pressley Ridge Treatment Foster Care

25 N. Caroline Street, Baltimore, MD 21231

Supervisor: Damon Thompson, LCSW-C

Telephone: 443-629-8486

Employer may be contacted

Treatment Coordinator

February 2016-December 2016

Pressley Ridge Treatment Foster Care provides community-based therapeutic care in specially trained foster families for children who have been traumatized by severe neglect and/or abuse, and who are experiencing emotional, behavioral, and/or psychiatric problems.

- Provide therapeutic services to adolescents, their families, and foster parents
- Document meetings, contacts, and case progress by completing paperwork, progress notes, and writing plans of service
- Maintain regular communication through phone calls and home visits with foster/adopt parents
- Lead monthly meetings with foster parents to review youth progress and overall functioning of the foster parents, as well as assist foster parents in designing behavior interventions and responding to youth behavior
- Assess and evaluate new behavioral therapy clients and provide diagnoses
- Provide crisis intervention services to clients in individual counseling and group sessions
- Use cognitive behavioral therapeutic techniques
- Help clients recognize and confront maladaptive behavioral patterns
- Complete all treatment notes and chart documentation

Morgan State University

1700 East Cold Spring Lane, Baltimore, MD 21251

Supervisor: Professor Yvonne Green

Telephone: 443-885-3537

Employer may be contacted

BSW Adjunct Professor

January 2010- May 2019

The core goal of the Bachelor's in Social Work (BSW) Program is to promote human and community well-being. The program prepares students to practice in the urban community in a wide range of settings with diverse populations addressing issues such as poverty, social and economic injustices, and combating those conditions that limit human rights.

- Prepare and deliver lectures to undergraduate students on topics such as family behavior, child and adolescent mental health, and social intervention evaluation
- Initiate, facilitate, and moderate classroom discussions
- Evaluate and grade students' class work, assignments, and papers
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Healthcare Living for Families

9216 Liberty Road, Randallstown, MD 21133
Supervisor: Ernestina Simmons
Telephone: 410-701-7384
Employer may be contacted

Therapist
August 2010- Present

Healthcare Living for Families is an outpatient treatment center that specializes in the evaluation and treatment of individuals and families. Comprehensive therapeutic services ranging from medication management; psychological testing, individual, group and family therapy and school based mental health services.

- Provide individual, family, and group therapy
- Draft and submit appeals for additional client treatment as necessary
- Prepare all required paperwork as requested by CTS.
- Outline and coordinate clients' treatment
- Conduct and coordinate Treatment Team planning and meetings

Parker Therapeutic Services, Inc.

1501 St. Paul Street, Suite 130, Baltimore, MD 21202
Supervisor: Deanna Dishman, LCSW-C
Telephone: 410-800-4480
Employer may be contacted

Clinical Case Manager
July 2009- December 2011

Parker Therapeutic Services, Inc. is a therapeutic, Maryland foster care program designed to integrate the structure and services of a residential treatment facility, with a less restricted community-based setting.

- Provided therapeutic and case management services to treatment foster children
- Assessed and provided clinical insight of client needs and behaviors
- Assisted the Senior Management Team with duties as assigned
- Represented the agency at court and all client related meetings
- Supervised treatment foster parents
- Documented all clinical sessions
- Provided crisis intervention services to clients and families

TIME Organization

2901 Druid Park Drive, Suite A 202, Baltimore, MD 21215
Supervisor: Dr. Bryan Miller
Telephone: 410-419-1125
Employer may be contacted

Program Director
May 2007- October 2011

Time Organization is a community based mental health center that provides mental health services, substance abuse services and a multitude of other mental health and substance abuse related services.

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- Attained the authorization status for individuals referred to the Therapeutic Behavioral Services program (TBS) and Psychiatric Rehabilitation Program (PRP)
- Processed, tracked, and maintained all TBS and PRP referrals
- Conducted initial assessments, APS authorizations records, and Individualized Rehabilitation Plans (IRP); including timely re-authorizations and IRP updates
- Supervised Case Interventionist Staff concerning clients service delivery efforts
- Systematically reviewed client records for completeness and compliance including required documentation, appropriate signatures, and treatment related interventions
- Systematically documented and communicated with clients, families, referring workers, and/or clinicians regarding clients' treatment, progress and appropriateness of service delivery
- Communicated with MAPS-MD regarding authorizations and treatment/service needs of referred clients and clients in care
- Provided training, consultation, and supervision to Case Interventionist Staff as it related directly to client/family interventions and IRP goal attainment

EDUCATION

Morgan State University

Baltimore, Maryland
Ph.D. of Social Work candidate
August 2017 - Present

University of Maryland, Baltimore

School of Social Work

Baltimore, Maryland
Masters of Social Work
May 2006

Morgan State University

Baltimore, Maryland
Bachelors of Social Work
May 2003

LICENSE

Licensed Certified Social Worker-Clinical (LCSW-C)

Baltimore, Maryland
September 28, 2016

AFFILIATIONS

Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity Incorporated
Baltimore Alumni Chapter
Baltimore, Maryland

Publications

Rice, J., Jones-Eversley, S. D., Gilliam, C. C., Dickens, D., & Henderson, H. (2026). Partnering with Black Funeral Home Directors to Reduce Mortality and Gun Violence. *Social Work in Public Health*, 41(2), 87–101. <https://doi.org/10.1080/19371918.2025.2559987>

Dickens, D., Gwynn, D., & Green, K. (2024). Hip-Hop Infusion in Social Work Education. *Urban Social Work (Online)*, 8(1), 48–64. <https://doi.org/10.1891/USW-2024-0002>

Green, K., Dickens, D., Thurman, D., & Van Sluytman, L. G. (2024). The Disproportionate Use of Corporal Punishment on African American Children in U.S. Schools. *Journal of African American Studies (New Brunswick, N.J.)*, 28(2), 193–206. <https://doi.org/10.1007/s12111-024-09646-9>