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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY: As a social service worker, developed solutions regarding why people do not conform to positive and healthy social norms. On a case-by-case basis, developed solutions that emphasized biological, psychological and sociological causes. Focused on treating people addicted to opiates. Functioned as a recovery coach in various settings.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

St. Patrick Center – Social Worker

2018 – Present

Received referrals that identified people with an addiction to illegal narcotics such as heroine and medical prescriptions such as OxyContin. Focused on solving opiate addiction by treating people with medications that block pleasure receptors within the brain.

- Treated opiate use disorder with methadone or buprenorphine. Opiate addiction impacts the life of the addict and the people around them. Encouraged addicts to join support groups for people with similar addictions.
- Addressed sociological causes for drug dependency. Addicts model negative behaviors that become a matter of habit in the memory of significant others. Family members exposed to these negative actions often mirror these behaviors.
- People cannot model behaviors to which they lack exposure. This makes selective exposure a powerful tool for socialization. Support groups focus on keeping drug use from the view of children. Narcotic addiction stems from biological causes and learned behaviors.

Addiction Therapy Organization – Social Worker

2014 - 2017

Children, exposed to detrimental behaviors, need to be exposed to positive modeling and selective exposure in order to be sheltered from negative behaviors and rewarded when they do not mirror the behaviors of influential addicts.

- Children imitate behaviors learned from significant others who reward the child when he or she exhibits positive behaviors. Significant others and support groups reward conformity and punish nonconformity to ensure a higher level of well-being for all participants.
- Selective exposure, modeling and a reward and punishment system allow children to identify with the person demonstrating positive socialization. Identity demonstrates behaviors that adolescents want to mirror. Identity creates a bond between the child and the significant other.
- Support groups create social norms related to realities, values and expectations. Important behaviors called mores serve a significant role for group members administering rewards and punishments relevant to the violation or acceptance of mores.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

Master of Sociology • Florida University • 2012 – 2014 • Graduated Magna Cum Laude

Bachelor of Psychology • Independence University • 2008 – 2012 • Graduated Summa Cum Laude