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Education

University of Southern California, *Master of Social Work (MSW)* 2002
San Francisco State University, *BA Psychology* 2000

Experience

VITAS Innovative Hospice Care June 2002 – Present

Bereavement & Volunteer Manager 2004 – Present

Responsible for the design, implementation and evaluation of all agency bereavement programs, volunteer programs and community outreach efforts to meet the needs of clients, families, service providers and community members.

- Supervise delivery services of four chaplains and five social workers
- Ensure compliance with all federal and local regulations
- Facilitate support groups for service providers, client families and community members on grief and loss issues
- Recruit, train, supervise and evaluate MSW interns and clinical pastoral education interns
- Manage recruitment, training and retention efforts for general volunteers
- Lead educational seminars and trainings at hospitals, nursing homes, community centers, and colleges on issues related to end-of-life, senior care, family support and volunteer programs
- Coordinate annual bereavement conferences featuring palliative care experts and service providers

Social Worker 2002-2004

Responsible for management of case load of 50-60 patients and their families dealing with palliative related issues.

- Conducted patient psychosocial assessments
- Designed specialized patient care and family support programs to meet the client psychosocial needs
- Provided direct counseling support to clients and their families
- Identified appropriate resource and referrals to meet client and family needs

Didi Hirsch Community Mental Health Agency Sept 2001- May 2002

- MSW Intern
- Conducted psychosocial assessments
- Created individualized treatment plans for individuals, couples, and families
- Facilitated Individual therapy and Group Therapy

Los Angeles Gay and Lesbian Center Sept 2000 – May 2001

- MSW Intern
- Conducted Psychosocial Assessments
- Created individualized treatment plans for individuals, couples, and families
- Co-facilitated support groups for victims of domestic violence