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## Education & Training

**Master of Social Service Administration**, University of Chicago, Chicago, IL  
**Bachelor of Science**, Criminal Justice, Chicago State University, Chicago, IL  
CPAIP - Certified Partner Abuse Intervention Professional – Certificate #2015 1261  
CADC – Certified Alcohol & Drug Counselor – Certificate #31951

## Areas of Expertise

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| ▪ Juvenile Justice         | ▪ Substance Abuse     | ▪ At Risk Youth       |
| ▪ Training Facilitation    | ▪ Domestic Violence   | ▪ Case Management     |
| ▪ Trauma Informed Practice | ▪ Employment Services | ▪ Violence Prevention |
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## Professional Experience

**HEKTOEN, CHICAGO, IL**

MARCH 2018 – PRESENT

### **TRAUMA INTERVENTION SPECIALIST**

- Engage clients in the immediate aftermath of a violent injury, often in the hospital setting, offering crisis intervention, trauma-focused psychoeducation, and outreach for person with injuries due to community violence. Complete full psychosocial assessments including criminal justice involvement & trauma histories.

**BREAKTHROUGH URBAN MINISTRIES, CHICAGO, IL**

OCTOBER 2017 – PRESENT

### **VIOLENCE PREVENTION EVENTS MANAGER**

- Responsible for the overall administration and execution of outdoor public programming with special emphasis on summer programming including strategic and long-term program planning, implementation strategies, consultation and direction to other program administrative personnel.
- Coordinated community events that were implemented to deter crime in targeted areas that were at highest risk of community violence. Targeted audience was males who were of the highest risk of violence and or criminal justice involvement.

**ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF JUVENILE JUSTICE, ST. CHARLES, IL**

NOVEMBER 2015 – February 2018

### **JUVENILE JUSTICE SPECIALIST**

- Completed 6 weeks of secure residential facility training at the Department of Corrections Campus in Springfield, Illinois.
- Facilitate social development services focused on providing for the care, safety, well-being, and personal development of juvenile youth ranging from 14 – 20 years old
- Committed to developing juvenile youth social skills that focused on accountability, limit setting, and appropriate communication with peers and staff

**Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, CHICAGO, IL**

AUGUST 2015 – JUNE 2017

### **Intern for Youth and Family Services - Aftercare**

- Coordinate and manage an assigned caseload, providing a range of prescribed treatment services to youth within an assigned team setting;
- Provide group and individual counseling services to youth throughout their contact with the Department
- Conduct assessment to evaluate youth and determine appropriate and effective counseling treatments
- Conduct crisis intervention counseling in response to incidents such as arrest, experiencing gun violence, and/or running away from placement

**BREAKTHROUGH URBAN MINISTRIES, CHICAGO, IL**

OCTOBER 2014 – OCTOBER 2015

**EMPLOYMENT SPECIALIST**

- Provided direct employment preparation and retention services at a transitional housing center to clients impacted by homelessness, felony convictions, and substance abuse & mental health issues; services included job coaching, skills training, assessment, counseling, intervention, and advocacy
- Coordinated volunteers and events services such as resume writing workshops, mock interviews, and job fairs

**Gateway Foundation, CHICAGO, IL**

MARCH 2014 – AUGUST 2014

**Intern for Outpatient Treatment**

- Provided substance abuse counseling to support youth and to remain abstinent from drugs and alcohol
- Facilitated didactic and process groups; provided case management and group therapy services
- Proficiently facilitated Gateway's evidence-based curricula, including DBT, Motivational Enhancement Therapy, Mindfulness Based Sobriety, and 12-step Facilitation

**CENTER FOR ADVANCING DOMESTIC PEACE, CHICAGO, IL**

JANUARY 2013 – JULY 2014

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH DIRECTOR**

- Facilitated open domestic violence groups in 24-week program identifying the abusive belief system associated with abusive behavior. Counseled the abuser in domestic violence relationships to teach nonviolent communication skills to men involved with the criminal justice system.

**HAYMARKET CENTER, CHICAGO, IL**

JUNE 2013 – January 2014

**DETOX SPECIALIST**

- Provided substance abuse counseling in a residential setting for those severely impacted by drug and alcohol addiction.

**PLCCA, MAYWOOD, IL**

SEPTEMBER 2011 – April 2013

**SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION SPECIALIST**

- Taught evidence-based substance abuse intervention curriculum for junior high students with the goal of influencing the decision-making processes of at-risk youth.

**PROGRAM COORDINATOR (TRANSITIONED)**

- Coordinated after school and summer camp programs for at-risk youth in grades 3-8 at 5 school sites, focused on literacy and mathematics skills as well as science experimentation, leadership skills, and recreation.

**BUILD CHICAGO, CHICAGO, IL**

JULY 2010 – August 2011

**INTERN / VOLUNTEER**

- Case managed juvenile youth due to youth involvement in the criminal justice system and facilitated life skills
- Juvenile youth on electronic monitoring, probation, or parole were involved in our gang intervention program. Counseled juveniles as an alternative program/condition of their release to facilitate group for rehabilitation.

**CONCERNED CHRISTIAN MEN, CHICAGO, IL**

JANUARY 2009 – June 2010

**SITE COORDINATOR**

- Intervenes in crisis situations at school to effectively stabilize or isolate behaviors and may exercise custodial restraint or confinement, and enforce rules

**COOK COUNTY PROBATION DEPARTMENT, CHICAGO, IL**

AUGUST 2008 – January 2009

**INTERN PROBATION OFFICER**

- Provided counseling services to youth on a group and individual basis. Facilitated youth placement in services, programs, and residential host sites
- Provided monitoring for first time felony drug offenders who if they completed parole successfully would have their conviction removed in order to receive financial aid for college