

Dedicated social worker and policy advocate with a strong commitment to serving individuals, families, and the greater community. Resourceful and skilled at building community support and long-term trusting relationships with clients and families from diverse backgrounds. Backed by strengths in assessment, engagement, advocacy, crisis intervention, resource linkage, practice-informed research, and case management.

EDUCATION

Master of Social Work

Southern Adventist University

08/2020 - 08/2021

Collegedale, Tennessee

Courses

- Advanced Social Policy
- Advanced Administration Practice: Program Development
- Advanced Administration Practice: Administration and Leadership
- Advanced Clinical Practice I & II
- Advanced Clinical Assessment and Diagnosis I & II
- School Social Work Emphasis I & II

Bachelor of Social Work

Southern Adventist University

08/2018 - 08/2020

Collegedale, Tennessee

Courses

- Social Work Practice with Organizations and Communities
- Human Behavior and the Social Environment I & II
- Research Methods
- Aging and Society
- Social Work Practice with Individuals
- Social Welfare Issues and Policy
- Developmental Psychology

Associate of Science-Social Work

Cleveland State Community College

08/2016 - 05/2018

Cleveland, Tennessee

Courses

- Crisis and Mental Health
- Substance Abuse
- Interviewing Skills
- Family and Children Services

WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Research Assistant

Southern Adventist University

08/2020 - 05/2021

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Achievements/Tasks

- Grade/prepare coursework and monitor classes for two professors in the School of Social Work.
- Serve alongside two professors as a co-investigator on a research study that seeks to assess the impact and effectiveness of the Chattanooga Coronavirus Eviction Prevention Project through a qualitative approach with tenants and court-watchers.

Contact: Kristie Wilder - 423-236-2206

SKILLS

Interpersonal Skills

Oral & Written Communication

Multidisciplinary Collaboration

Psychosocial Assessment

Active Listening

Critical Thinking

Empathy

Organization

Crisis Intervention

Program Development

Emotional Intelligence

Practice-Informed Research

Cultural Competence

Motivational Interviewing

Advocacy

Client Engagement

Community Engagement

PERSONAL PROJECTS

Friends Helping Friends Outreach Project (11/2020 - Present)

- Friends Helping Friends is a small, volunteer-based community outreach project that I began in November of 2020. We deliver basic necessities to individuals experiencing homelessness each week through a relationship-oriented approach that reflects the dignity and worth of each person served.

Chattanooga Eviction Prevention Initiative Research Study (09/2020 - Present)

- A small, qualitative research study that seeks to assess the impact and effectiveness of the Eviction Prevention Initiative, a pilot project that provides access to free legal and social services to individuals and families facing eviction.

CERTIFICATES

Trauma-Informed Resilient Schools Training Certification (06/2021 - Present)

QPR Gatekeeping Suicide Prevention Training (05/2021 - Present)

Darkness to Light Stewards of Children Training Certification (06/2021 - Present)

Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy Training Certification (07/2021 - Present)

CITI Program Training 1-RCR Certification (09/2020 - Present)

ACHIEVEMENTS

MSW Student of the Year Award (08/2020 - 08/2021)

MSW Advanced Excellence in Field Award (08/2020 - 05/2021)

BSW Excellence in Field Award (08/2019 - 05/2020)

Phi Alpha Honor Society Member (03/2020 - Present)

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society Member (01/2016 - Present)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Social Work Intern

Chattanooga Eviction Prevention Initiative

06/2020 - 06/2021

Chattanooga, Tennessee

A grant-funded pilot project that provided access to free legal and social services to Chattanooga families facing eviction.

Achievements/Tasks

- Provided case management, resource linkage, and crisis intervention services to clients and their families
- Developed and implemented comprehensive, evidence-based community and client assessments
- Assisted in the design and development of the CEPI Program Proposal
- Participated in the formulation of long-term goals of identifying policy levers and interventions that could serve the Chattanooga community

Contact: Emily O'Donnell - emilyodonnelllaw@gmail.com

Social Work Intern

Hamilton County Child Protection Services

08/2019 - 05/2020

Chattanooga, Tennessee

Achievements/Tasks

- Ensured child safety in coordination with families and legal guardians
- Assisted in the development, implementation, and evaluation of intervention plans for families
- Utilized multidisciplinary collaboration to formulate family and child issue solutions

Contact: Michaela Johnson - michaela.johnson@tn.gov

Social Work Intern

Solomon Family Solutions

01/2019 - 07/2019

Cleveland, Tennessee

A non-profit organization providing income-based supervised visitation and family mediation.

Achievements/Tasks

- Supervised visitation with families and assisted with family mediation
- Participated in weekly staff meetings and assisted in the development of intervention plans for families

Contact: Andrea Chase - andrea@solomonfamilysolutions.com

Social Work Intern

Bradley County Juvenile Court

01/2017 - 05/2017

Cleveland, Tennessee

Achievements/Tasks

- Worked extensively with juveniles within the Bradley County court system
- Observed court proceedings and updated client files accordingly

Contact: Vickie Towne - 423-728-7087

ORGANIZATIONS

Court-Appointed Special Advocates of Bradley County

(04/2015 - 04/2016)

Served as a representative for children and worked extensively with families within the Bradley County Court System

National Association of Social Workers (04/2020 - Present)

Chattanooga in Action for Love, Equality, and Benevolence (CALEB)

(06/2020 - Present)