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#### EDUCATION

NEW YORK UNIVERSITY, New York, NY

M.A., Art Therapy, 2002

SCHOOL OF VISUAL ART, New York, NY

B.A., Illustration & Fine Arts, 1994

ORANGE COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, Middletown, NY

A.A., Liberal Arts with an emphasis in Psychology, 1991

### TEACHING EXPERIENCE

**Faculty** 

New York University

New York, NY Internship In Art Therapy

January 2015 - Present

**Faculty** 

School of Visual Arts

New York, NY Internship/Supervision in the Studio I and II

September 2014 - Present

### EXPERIENCE

# Manager of Student Placements and Internships Coalition For Hispanic Family Services

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Brooklyn, NY April 2012 – Present

- Develop, manage and oversee entire Student Placement and Internship Program
- Assess needs of each agency program to determine Student placement and Internship needs
- Institute criteria and protocols for recruitment, selection process and placement of students
- Collaborate and coordinate functions between schools, interns and agency
- Work with departmental Directors to enhance programs and client service through the incorporation of interns.
- Foster a positive and challenging academic and clinical experiences for both student and agency
- Establish support systems and trainings for both students and in-house task supervisor
- Provide clinical and administrative supervision to Art Therapists and Art Therapy Interns

### International Art Therapy/Social Action Projects

Dominican Republic 2013, 2014, 2015 / New Delhi, India 2014

April 2013 – Present

• Conceptualizing, planning, running and/or participating in international social action Art Therapy trips with graduate level art therapy students and art therapy professionals

# Co-owner of Art Studio and Nursery School three little birds

Jersey City, NJ

November 2011 - May 2013

- Develop studio's fine arts curriculum, fostering Creative Therapy model through art, music, dance, yoga and support groups
- Manage hiring and maintenance of a committed and competent staff to match the needs of the studio and ensure the success of each program.
- Administer sales activities and maintain records
- Prepare materials for day to day functions
- Actively market programs through community involvement and outreach.

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# **Art Therapy Supervisor**

# Arts & Literacy Program of the Coalition For Hispanic Family Services

Queens, NY September 2009 – June 2011

- Supervise and manage program's Art Therapy component
- Provide clinical and administrative supervision to Art Therapist and Art Therapy Interns.
- Perform intake assessments, referrals and crisis counseling to at risk and
- Provided individual and group Art Therapy sessions for the enrolled children and their families
- · Implemented supervision and support groups for teacher's assistants and volunteers
- Provide trainings and clinical support to program's staff
- Collaborate and coordinate treatment goals of client with program, public school and community liaison

### **Art Therapist**

### **Trinitas Comprehensive Cancer Center**

Elizabeth, NJ

April 2009 - February 2011

- Developed, created and oversaw all aspects of new Art Therapy program for center
- Provide individual and group Art Therapy sessions for patients
- Assess and determine specific Art Therapy treatment plans for individual patients
- Provide training and in-service sessions to staff

# **Assistant Director & Art Therapist**

# Arts & Literacy Program of the Coalition For Hispanic Family Services

Brooklyn, NY

June 2004 – November 2006

- Designed, developed and managed the Art Therapy/Social Services component of the program and all its' extensions and expansions
- Oversaw program and staff in the role of Assistant Director of Family Services
- Performed intake assessments, referrals and crisis counseling
- Supervised Parent Leaders/Case Managers providing families case management social services
- Created, developed, managed program's Art Therapy Component. Providing clinical and administrative supervision to Art Therapy interns offering individual and group sessions for the clients
- · Provided individual and group Art Therapy sessions for the enrolled children and their families
- · Implemented supervision and support groups for teacher's assistants and volunteers

### Middle Manager & Art Therapist

### Arts & Literacy Program of the Coalition For Hispanic Family Services

Brooklyn, NY

June 2002 - June 2004

- Coordinated in the design and development of the Art Therapy component for the program
- Interviewed, trained, supervised and oversaw program's staff in the role of middle manager
- Performed intake assessments, referrals, case management services and crisis counseling
- · Provided individual and group Art Therapy sessions for the enrolled children and their families
- Implemented supervision and support groups for teacher's assistants and volunteers
- Actively Involved in creation and development of liaisons with resources and advocates in the community

#### Art Therapy Clinician

# Mental Health Clinic of the Coalition For Hispanic Family Services

Brooklyn, NY

September 2003 – February 2006

- Provided individual and family therapy to clients
- Developed and implemented group Art Therapy groups geared to specific populations
- Performed intake assessments, referrals, case management services and crisis counseling
- Provided training and in-service sessions to Mental Health Clinic staff

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#### **PACT Facilitator**

### Free Arts For Abused Children

New York, NY

September 2002 - June 2004

- Oversaw and facilitated weekly family group Art Therapy sessions in the PACT program
- Reported and documented weekly progress of volunteers and families in family groups
- Lead supervision related discussions with PACT program volunteers
- Collaborated with program coordinator in creating Art Therapy based curriculums

# **Art Therapist**

### The Outreach Project

Brooklyn, NY

January 2002 - June 2002

- Provided weekly group Art Therapy session in an after school program
- Developed, designed and implemented Art Therapy curriculum age based groups
- Collaborated with program director and teachers to implement curriculum

#### **ART THERAPY INTERNSHIPS**

### **Horizons**

Brooklyn, NY

May 2002 - Sept 2002

- Designed and implemented individual and group Art Therapy sessions to the residents of the Domestic violence shelter
- Participated and collaborated in treatment planning meetings and daily documentation of cases

### The League Treatment Center

Brooklyn, NY

September 2001 – May 2002

- Provided weekly group and individual Art Therapy sessions to special needs children
- Co-lead 10 week Parenting Art Therapy groups
- Developed, designed and implemented an Art Therapy curriculum based on specific group needs
- Participated in treatment planning meetings and daily documentation of cases

# Free Arts For Abused Children

New York, NY

September 2001 - May 2002

- · Participated in one day weekend events that involved art-centered activities
- Documented weekly program reports linked with The League Treatment Center
- Assist in administrative coordination of program

# MapleThorpe Foundation

New York, NY

June 2001 - September 2001

- Assisted in adult weekly group therapy sessions
- Processed and documented individuals in group Art Therapy sessions
- Participated in treatment meetings

### MENTAL HEALTH WORKER/ YOUTH COUNSELOR

# Four Winds Hospital

Katonah, NY

August 1999 – August 2000

- Monitor, assess and document patient's mental progress while in treatment
- Oversaw patients age 4 years to adult
- Assisted in facilitating individual and group therapy sessions

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### PIUS XII N.S.D.

Middletown, NY

September 1995 – August 1998

- Supervised and counseled court-mandated residents, ages 7-17
- Assessed behavior modification
- Assisted in arranging recreational activities including art groups

### SKILLS

- Bilingual Spanish/English
- Licensed Creative Art Therapist NYS Division of Professional Licensing
- National Art Therapy Registered and Board Certified Art Therapy Credentials Board, INC.
- Computer Fluent Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, PowerPoint, Internet search, Connections

### HONORS

- Recipient of the 2002 Cay Drachnick scholarship from the American Art Therapy Association
- Presenter at the American Art Therapy Conference in San Antonio, 2014
- Presenter at the Creative Arts Expressive Summit New York, 2013