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Education

Liberty University

05-2016 | MA in Philosophical Studies

MA Thesis: *Sources of Dignity for Persons: Capacities, Friendship, Love and Subjectivity.*

- GPA 3.89

Liberty University

01-2011 | BA in Philosophy and Religion

- Cum Laude / GPA 3.5

Experience

Medicaid Long Term Care Social Worker **12/2019- Present**

I currently help clients fill out applications for Medicaid and determining their eligibility for the specific program applied for within Medicaid. This job consists of analysis of data, contacting clients, verifying income information per employers, verifying SSA income, and household situations. This job requires clear and precise communication to co-workers, supervisory staff and clients along with compassion and empathy for the clients. I also interpret and apply policy in a judicious manner – always having in mind the dignity of the person.

Pre-Employment Transition Specialist **08/2018 – 11/2019**

Department of Human Services – Vocational Rehabilitation | Greeneville TN

I provided Pre-Employment Transition Services for disabled students between the ages of 14 through 22. The WIOA (Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act) amended the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and now requires VR to set funds aside for Pre-ETS. Some of the services I coordinated and developed were the following: job readiness; workplace readiness; post-secondary counseling and enrollment; self-advocacy classes and work-based learning activities. During the past year, I have developed relationships with 16 high schools in a six county area. I worked closely with the Special Ed. teachers, parents, Special Ed. directors and administrators, CTE directors, the University of TN Center for Learning, Education and Employment, and the Department of Labor.

I also supervised seven TSW (Transition School to Work) staff within the 6 county area. Supervisory responsibilities included: (1) making sure the monthly Pre-ETS reports are turned in by the 15th of each month; (2) determining if the reports are accurate and reflect the TSW services that are being provided within the school system; (3) resolving any issues that may arise between the contractor and the TSW staff; (4) keeping the TSW staff updated on new policies and procedures; (5) coordinate meetings between the TSW staff and employers; (6) coordinate quarterly TSW meetings with the Special Ed. Directors and TSW staff in Region 1.

Eligibility Counselor 10/2017 – 08/2018

Department of Human Services – SNAP/TANF | Kingsport TN

I helped clients apply for both SNAP and TANF. I was able to learn and use the case management system specifically designed for the State of TN benefit programs. In determining whether a client was eligible for either benefit program, I would make contact with the employers, clients, client's family members, teachers, Medicaid representatives, Social Security representatives, property owners, Vocational Rehabilitation, banks, electric companies, non-profit organizations and homeless shelters. I would follow the policy and guidelines set to determine eligibility. Once the client was eligible, I would keep the client in my caseload for any future contact or issues.

Social Worker 09/2015 – 08/2017

Department of Health and Human Services | Fremont NE

I determined eligibility for the following benefit programs: SNAP; ADC (TANF); LIHEAP and Child Care. I learned and used the case management system designed specifically for the State of NE benefit programs. Each program had different policies and procedures and thus I had to be detailed and organized in my thoughts and words, whether written or oral. I learned not only to be a good case manager but also a good listener to the clients. It took both critical problem solving and empathy to serve the clients. I was in contact with employers to determine wage information; homeless shelters, landlords and HUD to determine housing situations; Social Security to determine SSA or SSI monthly amounts; the electric and oil companies to determine bill amounts and shut-off notice statuses; childcare facilities to check up on billing statuses and I also contacted the correctional facilities to determine incarceration status of the applicants and clients.

Volunteer Experience

06-2018 through 11-2019

Youth Minister – I taught classes on Theology.

St. Henrys Church | Rogersville TN

03-2019 through 11-2019

Book Study Leader— I lead a book study on Dietrich Von Hildebrand’s book, *Transformation in Christ*, with members from my church.

St. Henrys Catholic Church | Rogersville TN

01-2016 through 08-2017

Theology and Philosophy Teacher – taught Philosophy and Theology every Sunday morning.

Christian Missionary Alliance Church | Fremont NE

References

Dr. Thom Provenzola

Professor of Philosophy – Walter State/ Prior employer was Liberty University

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