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Education

- McGill University Master of Social Work 2020
 - Children and Family Stream
- University of British Columbia Bachelor of Social Work 2017
 - Specialization in Child Welfare
- University of British Columbia Bachelor of Arts 2014
 - Major in Sociology, Minor in Geography
- Sir Winston Churchill Secondary School 2010
 - International Baccalaureate Diploma

Work Experience

September 2019 – Present

- Teacher's Assistant at McGill University, School of Social Work
 - SWRK 424 – Mental Health and Illness (September 2019-December 2019)

November 2017 – June 2019

- Child Protection Social Worker, C6 Delegated
Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS)
 - Investigated complaints of child abuse/neglect by: interviewing clients, observing home/family dynamics, and consulting with community partners.
 - Established and evaluated risk indicators to determine if a child is in need of protection and recommended a plan of action consistent with the degree of risk.
 - Formulated and implemented service plans by: identifying client needs and problems, establishing specific long and short-term goals for service, and negotiating a process for achieving goals.
 - Ensured ongoing management of cases by: monitoring and evaluating progress towards established goals, advising clients of available services, and making referrals to other agencies as appropriate.
 - Prepared legal documents and clients for Family Court
 - Provided service to each child admitted to care and custody of VACFSS by: explaining to the child why they are in care and involving them in ongoing planning wherever possible, responding to the child's emotional needs and recognizing their need for support from extended family, visiting regularly with those responsible for parenting to provide support, maintaining the involvement of the parent/extended family/community/Band/Nation where possible, ensuring parents receive assistance in increasing parenting skills if a child is to be returned, and developing a Permanency Plan for the child or youth.
 - Fulfilled responsibilities of legal guardian by: providing food, clothing, housing, opportunities (social, physical, intellectual, and spiritual), ensuring documentation is completed and up-to-date, attending court and arranging for legal service as required, and identifying the child's special needs and addressing them promptly.

September 2017

- Walk Coordinator for the Jewish Delegation at the 'Walk for Reconciliation' in Vancouver BC
Canada Israel Jewish Affairs (CIJA)
 - Coordinated the presence of the Jewish Community Delegation at the Walk for Reconciliation
 - Assisted with the promotion of the Walk to the Jewish Community
 - Liaised with Jewish stakeholder organizations and provide support to ensure their participation in the Walk
 - Assisted as required with managing the communications with the Reconciliation Canada Planning Committee
 - Managed day of logistics to support the Jewish delegation at the Walk for Reconciliation

April 2017 – November 2017

- Community Hackathon Coordinator and Program Manager (contract position)
PresenTense, UpStart, and the Covenant Foundation
 - Engaged a diverse array of stakeholders for the Community Hackathon event
 - Managed all program logistics, including securing space and food, publicity, registration, staffing, etc.
 - Oversaw the creation of marketing materials for the Community Hackathon, including logo, website, newsletter blurbs, etc.
 - Managed the disbursement of mini-grants to the three Hackathon winners as well as the event budget provided by the Covenant Foundation

April 2015 – September 2015

- Geshher Program Facilitator
Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver

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- Promoted the development of social skills (appropriate verbal and physical communication) and life skills for Jewish preteen/teen girls struggling with various mental and physical disabilities.

February 2015 – September 2015

- Youth Outreach Coordinator
Jewish Community Centre of Greater Vancouver
 - Identified symptoms of depression, anxiety, mental disorders etc., in youth (ages 12-18) and ensured that appropriate referrals/supports were made available
 - Promoted empowerment, self-development, safety, health, and establishment of positive connections
 - Services included but were not limited to consultations and assessments, information and referrals, advocacy and support, and educational workshops/speakers
 - The Chill Chat program created a safe and supportive space for the vulnerable youth
 - Youth-driven support program that connects mentees and mentors to foster trusting peer relationships that offer support and guidance

February 2014 – August 2014

- Behavioural Interventionist
Family Centered Practices Group
 - Worked cohesively in a team that consisted of other behavioural interventionists, a behavioural consultant/team leader, and the guardian(s) of the child
 - Trained using the ABA Model of Behavioural Intervention
 - Provided one-to-one therapy 1-3 times per week for autistic children ages 2-6 both in the home and at community settings

Volunteer Experience

February 2016 – November 2017

- Victim Services Worker
New Westminster Police Department
 - 55 hours of classroom training, 33 hours of field training, and over 200 hours of volunteer service
 - Supported victims in tandem with the police officers impacted by all crime categories, including but not limited to homicide, assault, wife assault and sexual assault, robbery, break and enter, theft, and motor vehicle accidents
 - Services included immediate on-site crisis and trauma response; emotional support; providing information about the victim's case; assistance in negotiating the criminal justice system; making referrals and linkage to other resources and agencies; providing the victim with court information, supporting and accompanying the victim when necessary; and assistance with forms including Victim Impact Statements and Crime Victim Assistance Application

November 2013 – August 2016

- Distress Hotline Crisis Worker
Crisis Intervention and Suicide Prevention Centre of British Columbia
 - Completion of 400+ hours of Distress Service and Senior Mentor Training hours
 - Attended to the 1-800-SUICIDE line, General Distress line, Mental Health line, and Elderly Distress line as well as working on the YouthinBC.com chat services
 - Provided crisis intervention, support, and resource referrals with callers and chatters (including youth), while using counseling skills
 - Including advanced empathy, reframing, paraphrasing, metaphors, hypothetical scenarios, probing, and suicide risk assessments
 - Liaised with various support networks in the Greater Vancouver Area and Tri-City area, connecting clients to various services relating but not limited to mental health counseling, addiction, finance, housing, legal, medical, and family support

October 2012 – January 2014

- Biweekly Beauty Night Society Volunteer
Women's Centre in the Downtown Eastside of Greater Vancouver

September 2011 – September 2014

- Co-Founder of the Sunday Funday Initiative (SFI), Vancouver Branch
 - A non-profit organization in which potlucks were held every Sunday with friends and/or family. At these potlucks each guest brought a dish to share and a non-perishable food item for the Greater Vancouver Food Bank Society (GVFBS). At the end of each month all non-perishable items were donated to the GVFBS.

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Teams were formed to see who could raise the most non-perishables each month. In total, approximately 800 pounds of food was raised from 2011-2014.

- The executive committee consisted of 5 people, myself included being the original co-founder
- An event reaching nearly 100 university students was held in April 2013 to increase awareness of the project and raise funds for the GVFBS
- The SFI eventually reached university students in parts of Europe and the United States

September 2009 – September 2011

- Weekly Volunteer
GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre with St. John Ambulance Dog Therapy Program
 - Completed the Therapy Dog training successfully in 2009
 - Visited the clients at the GF Strong Rehabilitation Centre on a weekly basis

Internship Experience

January 2017 – April 2017

- Family Preservation Counselor
Vancouver Aboriginal Child and Family Services Society (VACFSS), Family Preservation and Reunification Program
 - Worked to address the needs of families with a focus on engaging the parent(s) in a process that will prevent children from coming into care or staying in long-term care
 - Offered emergency in home crisis-oriented support to families, assessed and evaluated family functioning, made referrals to community resources, and reported concerns to the referring social worker as required
 - Provided therapeutic services including skills building, behavioural intervention, motivational interviewing, relapse prevention, and other cognitive strategies
 - Developed and presented teaching strategies that modeled appropriate behaviors, role playing, and rehearsed newly acquired skills

October 2015 – April 2016

- UBC Learning Exchange and Binnars' Project
 - The UBC Learning Exchange is a hub in the Downtown Eastside (DTES) of Vancouver BC for the mutual exchange of learning amongst both university students and DTES community members
 - Worked most closely with The Binnars' Project to network with other binnars, reduce the stigma associated with binning, and help increase the income opportunities for members of The Binnars' Project.
 - Designed and conducted an evaluation of the progress of the project
 - Facilitated focus groups, coded and transcribed the results, and wrote a final report
 - Presented the findings at the annual UBC Learning Exchange Conference in May 2016

Awards and Achievements

- 2018: Occupational First Aid, Level 2
 - Saint John's Ambulance, July 27 2018 - July 27 2021
- 2017: Taglit Israel Outdoors Madricha (leader)
 - Leader of a Jewish young adult trip to Israel for 10 days
- 2015: Standard First Aid and CPR/AED Level C (renewed)
 - Canadian Red Cross. March 4 2015 – March 10 2021
- 2011: Class 5 Driver's License

Attended Conferences and Workshops

- 2019: Cognitive Behavioural Therapy Training
 - Level 1 and 2
- 2016: Police Victim Services Symposium
- 2015: Jack Hirose & Associates Inc. – The Vancouver Conference on Children and Adolescents: Overcoming Behavioural, Emotional and Learning Challenges
- 2015: SafeTALK Suicide Awareness Workshop
- 2015: Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- 2015: Axis Leadership Lab
 - An eight-week intensive leadership program designed to help young Jewish professionals gain the skills they need to be successful leaders within their community
- 2014: YMCA Awareness Workshop – Taking Action Against Abuse of Older Adults

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References Upon Request