

CAPABILITIES

- Over 3 years experience working with an interdisciplinary team within the criminal justice system
- Knowledge of research methods and certified CITI Social/Behavioral Researcher valid through 2021
- Knowledge of policy network that dictates criminal justice at the state and federal level
- Training in Crisis Intervention and safety planning; experience working with diverse populations

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

Florida State University – Institute for Justice Research and Development 07/19 - Present
Law and Policy Fellow

- Work with a small team to identify, build, and organize a national network of prosecutors interested in substance use and mental health diversion programs
- Seek professional development opportunities to advance social work in policy practice
- Assist in creating a leadership toolkit for social work students interested in policy
- Collaborate on criminal justice issues at the Academy for Justice by bringing social work perspective to various projects

Federal Public Defender’s Office – Western District of Texas, Austin 01/19 – 07/19

Mitigation Specialist Intern

- Advocated for alternatives to incarceration or shorter sentences based on client’s social history
- Built a network of community resources that can support the client with the re-entry process
- Conducted client interviews in jail settings to gather biopsychosocial history
- Completed record requests and sentencing memos to be used at sentencing hearings
- Worked with an interdisciplinary team to identify individuals eligible for relief under FIRST STEP Act

Downtown Austin Community Court, Austin, Texas 8/17 – 5/18

Intensive Case Manager Intern

- Supported a small case load of individuals experiencing chronic homelessness
- Conducted outreach for clients with acute mental health and participated in national Point-In-Time count
- Collaborated with case managers from other organizations to discuss continuity of care
- Worked closely with co-facilitator to create and teach a cooking and nutrition class for recently housed clients
- Managed clients’ confidential files through internal database and completed clinical documentation

San Antonio Police Department, Special Victims Unit, San Antonio, Texas 12/16 – 8/17

Family Assistance Crisis Team Volunteer

- Served as the on-call advocate in police substations for one overnight shift per month
- Provided crisis intervention and safety planning to survivors and families experiencing domestic violence
- Answered hotline phone calls and provide referrals to local resources including pro bono law firms, food pantries, and shelters
- Received training and certification in sensitivity and legal proceedings to assist survivors in attaining their best outcomes while respecting autonomy

EDUCATION

The University of Texas at Austin, Steve Hicks School of Social Work Aug. 2019
Master of Science in Social Work, Concentration: Administration and Police Practice

The University of Texas at San Antonio, College of Liberal Arts Dec. 2016
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology