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## **EDUCATION**

University of California, Los Angeles, PhD (Expected 2028)

California State University, Stanislaus, MSW, 2021

University of California, Santa Barbara, BA, 2019

## **LICENSES**

Board of Behavioral Sciences - Associate Clinical Social Worker #111132

## **RESEARCH INTERESTS**

Understanding the lived experiences of Latino communities in non-urban regions navigating severe mental illnesses including schizophrenia and other psychotic spectrum disorders, psychosis, severe mood disorders including bipolar disorder and major depressive disorder, schizoaffective disorder, personality disorders such as borderline personality disorder through a qualitative orientation

## **RESEARCH EXPERIENCE**

University of California, Los Angeles

November 2024-Present

### **Luskin School of Public Affairs – Graduate Student Researcher**

- Currently working under the guidance and direction of Dr. Bianca Wilson, Associate Professor of Social Welfare at UCLA Luskin, on a research project centering the lived experiences of queer and lesbian mothers navigating the child welfare system in the United States.

California State University, Stanislaus

### **Center of Public Policy Studies - Graduate Research Assistant**

August 2019-May 2021

- Co-researcher for a two-year-long qualitative, Participatory Action Research (PAR) research project centered on understanding the lived experiences of students navigating food and housing insecurity
- Collected data through the Open-Diary method under the guidance of Dr. John Garcia, Chair of the Master of Social Work Program at CSUS
- Produced a quantitative masters thesis evaluating the role of CSUS basic needs programming and academic outcomes for students navigating food and housing insecurity
- Presented findings to a California State University system-wide research competition in the spring term of 2021 to advocate for system-wide basic needs programming funding/support

## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

Stanislaus County Behavioral Health & Recovery Services

### **Mental Health Clinician I**

April 2023-September 2024

- Serve Stanislaus County through an LPS designated Mental Health Clinician role within the Mobile Crisis Response Team and as needed for the larger Community Emergency Response Team
- Provide 24-hour mental health crisis intervention and response at City and County level
- Conduct psychiatric evaluations across Stanislaus County hospital emergency rooms, inpatient facility and the local community, such as: individual homes, schools, workplaces, and public spaces
- Initiate involuntary 72-hour holds for individuals per WIC 5585 or WIC 5150 upon determination of meeting legal criteria for holds for Danger to Self, Danger to Others, or Gravely Disabled
- Facilitate drafting viable safety plans for clients not meeting legal criteria for involuntary holds
- Seek psychiatric inpatient placement for individuals meeting criteria for involuntary holds
- Respond to law enforcement dispatch requesting mental health evaluations and provide mental health and substance use resource referrals for individuals not meeting criteria for involuntary holds
- Ride in assigned Modesto City Police patrol vehicles to respond to 911 mental health crisis calls

- File mandated reports as needed to Child and Adult Protective Services and law enforcement
- Collaborate with emergency room and inpatient facility doctors, nurses, law enforcement, and other physical and mental health professionals to advance client care
- Respect client confidentiality and needs in a crisis response context

Los Angeles County Department of Mental Health

**Psychiatric Social Worker I**

February 2024-March 2024

- [Emergency Appointment] conducted mental health crisis evaluations across Service Area 1 and initiated involuntary 72 hour holds for individuals meeting legal criteria per WIC 5585 or WIC 5150 at the time of assessment and work with client family members, peers, colleagues, and other support systems to stabilize crisis and explore alternatives to hospitalization by presenting voluntary mental health resources when individuals do not meet legal criteria for involuntary detention

San Benito County Behavioral Health

**Mental Health Clinician I**

September 2022 – April 2023

- Served San Benito County through the role of youth and children’s Mental Health clinician
- Provided a variety of face-to-face mental health therapy interventions for clients and their families
- Maintained caseload of up to 35 children and youth aged from 5 to 25 years old
- Respected client clinical needs, agendas, and objectives and right to self-determination
- Filed mandated reports as needed to Child and Adult Protective Services and law enforcement
- Performed LPS-designated 24-hour mental health crisis intervention for San Benito County at the local county jail and hospital, including initial evaluations and re-evaluations
- Initiated involuntary 72-hour holds for individuals per WIC 5585 or WIC 5150 upon determination of meeting legal criteria for Danger to Self, Danger to Others, or Gravely Disabled
- Sought psychiatric inpatient placement for individuals meeting the criteria for involuntary holds
- Recommended Safety Cell placement for county jail inmates presenting as danger to self or others
- Formally lifted 5585/5150 holds for individuals no longer meeting criteria for 5585/5150 holds
- Conducted case management services for emergency, crisis individuals and their families
- Advised clients on available community programs for mental health and substance use services
- Collaborated with professionals from other disciplines in the development of team and collaborative diagnosis and treatment programs

**SKILLS**

Languages: Spanish (Native and Fluent), Portuguese (Beginner)

Platforms: SmartCare, Anasazi (Cerner), Google Suite, Microsoft Office, Canva, Prezi