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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 - Licensed Clinical Social Worker #134770

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

University of California, Los Angeles September 2025- Present

Luskin School of Public Affairs – Graduate Student Research Assistant

Working under the guidance and direction of Dr. Tatiana Londoño, Assistant Professor of Social Welfare at UCLA Luskin, on exploring, analyzing, and publishing on qualitative data centering the lived experiences of Latinx social service providers that work primarily with immigrant youth and families California and New Mexico

Rutgers University, the State University of New Jersey May 2025- Present

Rutgers School of Social Work – Ethnographer Interviewer

Working under the guidance and direction of Dr. Edward J. Alessi, Professor of Social Work at Rutgers University, and Dr. Gabriel Robles, Assistant Professor of Social Work at the University of Southern California, conducting remote interviews in Spanish for a mixed-methods study centering the lived experiences of queer Latino men navigating HIV and sexual health behaviors in the United States

University of California, Los Angeles November 2024- June 2025

Luskin School of Public Affairs – Graduate Student Researcher

Worked under the guidance and direction of Dr. Bianca Wilson, Associate Professor of Social Welfare at UCLA Luskin, on a mixed-methods study centering the lived experiences of queer and lesbian mothers navigating the child welfare system

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 master's thesis evaluating the role of CSUS's 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

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Telecare Corporation, Downey/Fontana, CA

On-Call Social Worker

April 2025- Present

- Support the stabilization of adults newly admitted to the crisis residential treatment (CRT) program who are experiencing acute psychiatric crises, with the goal of preventing or reducing the need for involuntary inpatient hospitalization. Conduct admission assessments to evaluate clients' mental health status, treatment needs, and risk factors. Provide intensive and structured psychosocial recovery services, including individual and group therapy. Collaborate closely with psychiatrists, case managers, nurses, and staff from other crisis stabilization units to ensure coordinated, trauma-informed care and continuity of services throughout the client's recovery process

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 detainment

San Benito County Behavioral Health

Mental Health Clinician I

September 2022 – April 2023

- Served San Benito County through the role of a 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 the 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/Conversational)