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Current Positions:

Assistant Professor
University of Central Florida
School of Social Work

Community Outreach Therapist
Park Place Behavioral Health
Kissimmee, FL

Education:

8/1998-9/2003 PhD Social Welfare
State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo New York
Dissertation: Predictors of Adherence in Participants in the Women's Health Initiative Calcium/ Vitamin D Study, Western New York Vanguard Study

8/1996-5/1998 Masters of Social Work (MSW)
State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo New York

8/1990-5/1994 Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
State University of New York at Buffalo, Buffalo New York

Teaching Experience:

8/2004-present Visiting Assistant Professor, University of Central Florida, School of Social Work, Orlando, FL 32816

- SOW 4654, Children's Services, undergraduate level, 27 students
- SOW 6123, Psychosocial Pathology (2 sections), graduate level, total 60 students
- SOW 5604, Medications and Social Work Practice (2 sections), graduate level, total 60 students
- SOW 3401 Social Work Research, undergraduate level, 32 students
- SOW 5106 Human Behavior in the Social Environment II, graduate level, 18 students

8/1999-8/2002 Graduate Teaching Assistant

- SW 510, Scientific Methods in Social Work, graduate level, 28 students
- SW 541, Advanced Standing Research Methods, graduate level, 30 students
- SW 514, Evaluation, graduate level, 17 students

8/2001-12/2002 Research Sequence Tutor for:

- SW 510, Scientific Methods in Social Work
- SW 541, Advanced Standing Research
- SW 514, Evaluation

Practice Experience:

9/2003-Present Community Outreach Therapist, Park Place Behavioral Health Care, Kissimmee FL

- Psychosocial assessment, testing and DSM IV diagnosis
- Individual, family and group counseling
- Medicaid documentation
- CFARS certified
- Collaborate with school personnel including guidance counselors, teachers and principals.
- Comply with Medicaid guidelines in terms of individual counseling and ITOS
- Social skills training with children
- Parenting skills training

5/1998- 8/2003 Adherence and Retention Strategist, National Institutes of Health, Women's Health Initiative, WNY Vanguard Center, 65 Farber Hall, Buffalo NY 14214

- Behavioral consultation, counseling
- Community referral
- Conducted staff in-services surrounding counseling techniques, non verbal communication, psychosocial issues surrounding aging
- Coordinated Bi- annual lecture series
- Collaboration with medical professionals

8/1997-5/1998 Medical Social Work, Haemodialysis and General Medicine Intern, Buffalo General Hospital, Buffalo NY 14203

- Conducted weekly counseling sessions with patients undergoing haemodialysis addressing adherence to medications and diet
- Counseled patients regarding issues of terminal illness, grief and loss, and adjustment to illness
- Collaborated with medical personnel to develop appropriate treatment and discharge plans
- Reported at interdisciplinary team reviews
- Provided psychoeducational briefings and groups to patients and families awaiting organ transplant
- Provided case management services in terms of community referral
- Conducted psychosocial assessments of patients and support systems

- 1/1997-5/1997 Elementary School Social Work Student Intern, Buffalo School District, School 57 Buffalo, NY 14212
- Implemented conflict resolution program
 - Conducted psychosocial assessments
 - Counseled children regarding behavioral management
 - Conducted conferences with parents regarding students behavior or school performance
 - Implemented an outcomes assessment measure to aid in the assessment of the efficacy of the Quality School Program
- 1/1996-7/1996 Child Care Worker, Gateway/ Longview Youth and Family Services, 6350 Main Street, Williamsville, NY 14221
- Developed and maintained therapeutic relationships with residents
 - Fostered the social, vocational and cultural needs of children
 - Trained in Therapeutic Crisis Intervention
 - Prepared residents for successful living within societal norms
 - Attended and presented at monthly interdisciplinary team meetings

Research Experience:

- 5/1998- 8/2003 Adherence and Retention Strategist, National Institutes of Health, Women’s Health Initiative, WNY Vanguard Center, 65 Farber Hall, Buffalo NY 14214
- Data collection, interviews, instrument construction
 - Development and implementation of incentives to increase study participation
 - Assessed medication safety in women enrolled in Calcium and HT cohorts
 - Developed questionnaires to assess participant satisfaction

Managerial Experience:

- 9/1994-2/1998 Assistant Manager, McDonald’s Restaurants, 1385 Niagara Falls Blvd. Amherst, NY 14226
- Implemented and facilitated employee and trainer focus groups and training program
 - Responsible for hiring and termination of all employees
 - Computed monthly and yearly labor, and food cost
 - Conducted monthly performance reviews

Awards:

Volunteer of the Year, 1996, AIDS Community Services, Education Division
 Outstanding Citizen Award, 1996 New York State, Congressman Sam Hoyt

Certifications/Licensure:

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Florida
CFARS

Research Focus: Aging and Health Protective Behaviors.

Role of Family Physician in Promoting Health Protective Behaviors.

Childhood Obesity and Health Protective Behaviors

Peer Reviewed Publications:

Lawrence, S.A., Zittel-Palamara K.M., Wodarski, L.A., Wodarski, J.A. (2003). Behavioral Health: Treatment and prevention of chronic disease and the implications for social work practice. *Journal of Health and Social Policy, 17*(2)

Lawrence, S.A. (2002). Behavioral interventions to increase physical activity. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 6*(1), 25-44.

Lawrence, S.A., Wodarski, J.S., Wodarski, L.A. (2002). Behavioral Medicine Paradigm: Behavioral interventions for chronic pain and headache. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 5*(2), 1-14.

Lawrence, S.A., & Zittel, K.M. (2000). Heart transplantation: Biopsychosocial issues and implications for social work. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 3*(2), 61-79.

Zittel, K.M., **Lawrence, S.A.,** & Wodarski, J.A. (2002). Biopsychosocial model of health and healing: Implications for social work practice. *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment, 5*(1), 19-33.

Other Publications:

Lawrence, S.A., & Zittel-Palamara, K.M. (2002). The Interplay Between Biology, Genetics and Human Behavior. In J.S. Wodarski, & S. Dziegielewski (Eds.). *The Handbook of Human Behavior in the social environment: Integrating Theory and Evidenced-Based Practice*. New York: Springer Publications

Manuals:

Course manual for Psychosocial Pathology, disseminated and adopted by Social Work Faculty

Course manual for Children's Services, disseminated and adopted by Social Work Faculty

Course manual for Research Methods, disseminated and adopted by Social Work Faculty

Publications in Preparation:

Lawrence, S.A., Rittner, B.A., Wactawski-Wende, J., & Castellanos, K.

Factors Associated with Medication Adherence in the Elderly.
Lawrence, S.A., & Rittner, B.A., The Role of Religious Service
Attendance in Calcium Vitamin D Study Pill Adherence in
Participants of the Women's Health Initiative Western New York
Vanguard Center.

Community and University Service:

Member, Research Committee, School of Social Work, University of Central Florida,
Orlando Florida. 2004-2005

Member, MSW Program Committee, School of Social Work, University of Central
Florida, Orlando, Florida. 2004-2005

Volunteer, AIDS Community Services, Buffalo, NY, coordinated outreach programs and
local events, peer education regarding HIV/AIDS, safer sex practices, and reduction of
high risk behaviors, health fair representative and educator.

Professional Affiliations:

National Association of Social Workers (NASW) 9/2003-Present

Aetna Insurance 10/2004-Present

Mental Health Network, Inc. 10/2004-Present

Reviewer, Journal of Health and Human Behavior in the Social Environment 10/2004-
Present

Reviewer, Abstracts for Southern Gerontological Society 01/2005

Invited Lectures/In-services:

Park Place Behavioral Health: Medications in Social Work Practice 3/2005

University of Central Florida: Spirituality and Counseling, Counseling the Jewish Client
3/2005

Professional Development:

Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, January 2003

Society of Social Work Research Conference, January 2003

Council of Social Work Education Annual Program Meeting, January 2002

Society of Social Work Research Conference, January 2002