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CAREER EXPERIENCE

Forensic Psychologist

California Department of Corrections

2021 – Present

- Conduct violence risk and sexual offense recidivism assessments for determinately and indeterminately sentenced inmates seeking parole.

Staff Psychologist

San Quentin State Prison

San Quentin, CA

2014 – 2021

- Provide psycho-diagnostic screening as part of San Quentin's Developmental Disability Program.
- Facilitate both structured and process groups with varying prison populations (e.g., Administrative Segregation and Condemned).
- Work as part of California Department of Correction's first Psychiatric Inpatient Unit for male condemned inmates. This role includes treatment/stabilization of inmates placed in a Mental Health Crisis bed.
- Complete mental health intakes and forensic assessment on all newly condemned inmates upon their arrival to San Quentin.
- Maintain daily observation notes, treatment updates and special incident reports when applicable.
- Provide psycho-diagnostic assessment.
- Plan, organize and implement individualized treatment plans for a diverse population as part of a multidisciplinary treatment team.
- On-call Psychologist for Use of Force incidents.

Forensic Psychologist - Independent Contractor

San Francisco Forensic Institute

San Francisco, CA

2016 – Present

- Complete outpatient sex offender assessment and treatment for juveniles and adults.
- Provide group and individual therapy.

Alienist Panel - Independent Contractor

SF Juvenile Court

San Francisco, CA

2016 – 2017

- Conducted assessments for youth as requested by the Court or Probation Office for a variety of referral reasons.
- Provided the court with reports detailing findings and recommendations for placement.

Mental Health Clinician

Maguire Correctional Facility

Redwood City, CA

2015 – 2016

- Provided mental health services for adult male and female County jail facility.
- Conducted intake and suicide risk assessments.
- Facilitated crisis intervention and brief evidenced based therapy.
- Conducts 5150 assessments and PES diversions.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING EXPERIENCE

- California Sex Offender Management Board (CASOMB) Independent Provider
- Hare Psychopathy Checklist – Revised (PCL-R): 2nd Edition
- Historical Clinical Risk – 20 (HCR – 20) Version 3
- Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI)
- Stable- 2007 and Acute 2007
- Static-99R

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- American Psychological Association (APA)
- Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers (ATSA)

INTERNSHIP EXPERIENCE

California Department of Corrections San Quentin State Prison 2013 – 2014

- Provided individual therapy and group therapy to inmates within the Mental Health Services Delivery System.
- Administered psycho-diagnostic tests and prepared psychological reports as indicated by referral questions.
- Completed initial evaluations and suicide risk assessments to evaluate the mental health needs of inmates housed in the reception center.
- Prepared treatment plans for inmates, in addition to collaborating with other mental health staff (Psychiatrists and Psychologists, Social Workers), medical staff (i.e., nurses) and custody staff, prior to and during Interdisciplinary Treatment Team meetings to ensure proper care of inmates.

PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

Santa Clara Valley Medical Center Santa Clara, CA 2011 – 2012

- Provided group and individual therapy, and neuropsychological assessment. *
- Received individual and group supervision and attended weekly didactic training on clinical and ethical issues related to new neuropsychological assessment.

CATS Program Children’s Hospital Oakland, CA 2010 – 2011

- Worked with children and families with open Child Protective Services cases on their mental health needs and provided cognitive and projective testing for children.
- Participated as part of a multidisciplinary team that included psychiatrists, psychologist, social workers and primary care physicians.

EDUCATION

Alliant International University,
PhD Clinical Psychology
San Francisco, CA (2015)

Dominican University of California,
B.A. Clinical Psychology
San Rafael, CA (2008)

** This practicum was split between two rotations: Barbara Arons Pavilion, a 50-bed, acute inpatient psychiatric hospital and The Milpitas Clinic, an outpatient primary care clinic that provides outpatient ambulatory care services primarily to adults. As a Trainee, I worked as part of a multidisciplinary team that included nurses, medical doctors, psychologists and a clinical pharmacist.*