

BACKGROUND SUMMARY

- **Counseling** – Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC-S) with 14 years of clinical experience. Counseling generalist with extensive experience in providing counseling services to individuals and families including: individuals with various DSM-V diagnoses; substance abuse problems; career counseling; improvement of student success skills; marriage and family counseling; parenting; child & adolescent issues; crisis intervention. Specializing in Solution Focused Brief therapy and Cognitive-Behavioral therapy. Trained in the Adolescent Community Reinforcement Approach therapy model. Trained as a Prevention Specialist with extensive experience in prevention science, prevention education and implementation of community substance abuse prevention strategies. A skilled and sensitive multicultural counselor, experienced in working with many different racial, ethnic and cultural groups. Ph.D. from CACREP accredited Counselor Education Program at Sam Houston State University with 4.0 GPA.
- **Teaching Experience** – Currently serving as Adjunct Professor for Sam Houston State University in their Counselor Education program. Taught for five years as Assistant Professor for Western New Mexico University in their Master of Arts in Counseling Program. Also taught as adjunct professor for Aspen University in their online Psychology and Addiction Counseling Program. Taught undergraduates as adjunct professor at Lone Star College-Montgomery in Conroe, TX in Human Services Department. Taught parenting class for four years for Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department. Teaching skills and knowledge of teaching methods also developed through teaching life skills and drug education/prevention classes on primary and secondary school levels and continuing education/training for adults. College classes taught include: Life Span Human Development, Psychopathology & Psychodiagnostics, Pre-Practicum, Practicum, Internship, Counseling Theory & Techniques, Counseling Skills, Introduction to Drugs & Alcohol, Program Development & Management, Vocational Guidance & Career Development, Multicultural Counseling, and Child & Adolescent Development & Counseling. Experienced in curriculum development, student recruiting, program assessment, program development and leadership, student advisement, and service on university committees. Knowledgeable and experienced in CACREP compliance for WNMU's masters in counseling program.
- **Social & Human Services** – Broad experience and knowledge of social and human services through experience gained during 29 years in the ministry as a church pastor and youth minister and 14 years of clinical counseling experience with Tri-County MHMR, Montgomery County Juvenile Probation department, Phoenix House and as a therapist in private practice. Worked and interacted with multiple agencies and social service organizations including: churches, schools, hospitals, adult and child protective services, and many others. Helped coordinate a broad range of social services involving multi-agency cooperation and wraparound services geared to children and families. Worked with community coalitions for four years in applying principles of prevention science to address issues relating to youth and families.
- **Public Relations** – Experienced with meeting, communicating and interacting with the public. Organized publicity for projects and events such as conferences and town hall meetings. Extensive training and experience in public speaking with ability to clearly communicate organization's goals and objectives to the public. Experienced in speech writing and delivery, and written communications.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

WESTERN NEW MEXICO UNIVERSITY, Silver City, NM, Aug., 2012 – May, 2017. Employed as Assistant Professor for Western New Mexico University, teaching in Masters of Arts in Counseling Program.

LODESTAR EMPOWERMENT COUNSELING SERVICES, Spring, TX, Dec., 2010 – Apr., 2012.
Therapist in private practice: provide counseling, education, and mediation/problem solving for clinical issues related to marriage and family, parenting, addictions, career, life transitions. Work with individual, couple, and family formats, age 10 to adult. Case management provided to clients in the therapeutic relationship. Community outreach: present educational and training seminars on above topics. Supervision: supervise LPC interns preparing for licensure. Management: duties necessary to run small business: billing, accounting, advertisement, budget, contract negotiations, etc. Consultant: agency organizational development, planning and reorganization, consulting and training.

ASPEN UNIVERSITY, Denver, CO, Sept., 2010 - Apr., 2012. Employed as adjunct professor in online undergraduate and graduate programs in Addiction Psychology and Counseling. Classes taught include: Counseling Skills, Medical Terminology.

PHOENIX HOUSE, Houston, TX, Feb., 2004 – Nov., 2010. Employed as Counselor for Phoenix House. Develop, implement and facilitate drug education and prevention programs and curriculum in area schools. Work with community organizations to develop relationships and resources to address family and community issues. Supervise interns in LPC internships. Worked closely with Montgomery County Juvenile Probation Department under Federal grant to provide counseling services for adolescents (including disadvantaged and at risk youth) and their families on personal, social, educational and career issues including: interpersonal/social skills, goal setting/planning, decision making/problem solving, academic success/study skills, career success (including job search, interview and job retention skills), drug/alcohol abuse.

LONE STAR COLLEGE-MONTGOMERY, Conroe, TX, Jan. – May, 2008. Employed as adjunct professor in Human Services Department. Class taught: Introduction to Drugs and Alcohol.

TRI-COUNTY MHMR & MONTGOMERY COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION DEPARTMENT, Conroe, TX, Nov. 1, 2000 – Feb. 20, 2004. Employed in a liaison position by both agencies as a Child and Adolescent Therapist. Provide clinical counseling and case management services to children, adolescents and families including assessment, crisis intervention, suicidal/homicidal assessments/screenings.

TRI-COUNTY MHMR, Conroe, TX, Oct., 1999 – Oct., 2000. Employed as Mental Health Case Manager. Provide case management services including assessment, treatment plan design, crisis intervention, rehabilitation counseling to adults with DSM-IV diagnoses.

KLEIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Klein, TX, Apr., 1999 – Sept., 1999. Substitute Teacher.

EDUCATION:

Sam Houston State University
Ph.D from CACREP accredited Counselor
Education Program

Huntsville, TX
2012

Texas Southern University
M.Ed from CACREP accredited Counselor
Education Program

Houston, TX
2000

Ambassador University
BA in General Studies

Pasadena, CA
1973