

Donna J. Conwell

WORK EXPERIENCE:

Completion of Doctoral Dissertation and Oral Defense – February 2014 – June – 2014.
“Nonverbal Communication in Distressed Couples: A Theoretical Monograph Integrating Communication, Diversity, and Assessment, With Consideration of a Training Curriculum for Graduate Student Trainees”.

Private Practice and Advocacy – Wayne, PA

September 2014 – Present

- Provided Therapy services to adults with disabilities
- Provided Advocacy for families with children with special needs including foreign adoptions

National Alliance for Mental Illness – Main Line Chapter- September 2013 – Present

Board Member

Education, Support, and General Outreach Committee

- Forum events, workshops, and other outreach to educate the public and professionals on mental illness
- Outreach to churches, Family-2-Family, Basics, and support groups.

Advocacy

- Advocating with government officials and encouraging others to advocate
- Financing for advocacy related issues

Fund Raising

- Raising funds and awareness of our affiliate and our activities
- Membership

School and University Outreach

- Outreach to school-age children and their parents
- Outreach to school staff: Nursing, Social Work, Psychology, Education, and other related programs

Renfrew Center – October 2013 – January 2014

Director Partial Hospitalization Program/Intensive Outpatient Program

- Oversight of Clinical Operations, Administrative and Revenue Management
- Supervision of Clinical Coordinators, Psychologists, and Psychiatrist
- Provide ongoing communication to stakeholders, schools, managed care organizations, and alternative levels of care as needed
- Responsible for program goal development and growth
- Track Performance Improvement and data related to goal outcomes including monthly/annual fiscal goals
- Provide LPC and BSC Licensure advisement
- Complete annual Performance Evaluations

Wordsworth - September 2009 – June 2013

Director BHRS/STS Programs

- Oversight of Clinical Operations, Administrative and Revenue Management
- Supervision of Clinical Coordinators and Psychologists
- Provide ongoing communication to stakeholders, schools, managed care organizations, and alternative levels of care as needed
- Responsible for program goal development and growth
- Track Performance Improvement and data related to goal outcomes
- Provide LPC and BSC Licensure advisement
- Provide training in the “Sanctuary Model” to current and new staff during a two year period

Independent Contractor - September 2007 – Present

LPC Supervisor Provide clinical and administrative supervision to LPC candidates

- Review and assist LPC candidates in completing PA State Licensure Board applications including weekly supervision, NCC Exam preparation, and preparing necessary documentation for consideration of LPC licensure.

Life Counseling, Rehab After Work, Light Program – September 2008 through August 2009

Predoctoral APPIC Internship

Responsibilities:

- Co-facilitate Rehab After Work and Rehab After School IOP and Light Program IOP
- Provide individual, couples and family sessions
- Provide documentation and interface with insurance companies
- Conduct Assessments for depression, anxiety, and crisis
- Accountable for finances and billing related to sessions
- Responsible for marketing all programs in Chester County

Child Guidance Resource Centers – September 2003 through August 2008

Program Coordinator Family First Program

Responsibilities:

- Provide clinical and administrative supervision to Master-level and Bachelor-level therapists providing intensive, structural family therapy
- Assess families for medical necessity and potential involvement in Family First Program
- Monitor and report productivity and report to Program Director
- Conduct telephone interviews for quality assurance
- Establish and maintain relationships with educational, legal, and medical treatment providers

Northwestern Human Services Inc. – July 2001 through May 2003

Clinical Coordinator Behavioral Health Rehabilitation Services

Responsibilities:

- Coordinate staff to meet needs of children and adolescents
- Interview, supervise, and evaluate Master and Bachelor level staff
- Review and submit authorization packets to Managed Care
- Develop data bases for monitoring credentials and training for staff
- Coordinate training packets for staff to meet insurer and state regulations

Center for Autistic Children – August 1999 through June 2001
Clinical Coordinator of Enhanced Mental Health Services

Responsibilities:

- Evaluate children and coordinate services for children diagnosed with Autistic Spectrum Disorders
- Interview and provide training for Master and Bachelor – level clinicians
- Review charts, treatment plans, and plan of care summaries
- Assist in transitioning children to higher or lower levels of treatment

Drexel University – September 1995 through September 2009
Adjunct Faculty/Clinical Supervisor – Department of Dance/Movement Therapy, Graduate School program

Responsibilities:

- Provide supervision and training to first and second year graduate students during practicum and internships
- Observe and assess students skill levels
- Evaluate students through formal assessment
- Attend supervisor meetings at the university to communicate student status

Thomas Jefferson University Hospital – December 1992 through June 1996
Creative Arts Therapist – Lead Clinician

Responsibilities:

- Lead Therapist for clients on a 16 bed acute locked unit
- Developed and facilitated group and individual sessions
- Co lead groups with medical staff
- Trained medical students in group psychotherapy
- Presented in-services rehabilitation to medical and nursing students
- Formulated treatment plans and provided daily documentation
- Attended team meetings to report patient status to Attending Physicians and Nursing staff

Success Rehabilitation, Inc. December 1995 through April 1996
Creative Arts Therapy Consultant

Responsibilities:

- Provided in-service to administrative and clinical staff leading to consultant position
- Provided therapy to clients with traumatic brain injury utilizing dance and movement
- Assessed and documented treatment progress
- Organized billing and documentation
- Provided resources for stress management

Northwest Center – August 1992 through April 1994
Coordinator – Adjunctive therapies Department

Responsibilities:

- Interviewed and hired staff
- Provided clinical and administrative supervision to members of this department
- Developed activity schedules for 16 patients within an LTSR setting
- Participated in weekly client review meetings to update progress
- Reported administrative and therapeutic issues to Director.

Eagleview Hospital – August 1990 through July 1992

Creative Arts/Adjunctive Therapist

Responsibilities:

- Assessed patients with diagnosis of ETOH and/or Polysubstance dependence or abuse
- Coordinated and facilitated three multi-modal groups daily
- Provided documentation regarding patient progress
- Supported patients in aftercare planning and accessing resources to support recovery

EDUCATION:

Doctoral Program in Clinical Psychology

Chestnut Hill College – Psy.D

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Conferred May, 2014

Masters of Arts in Creative Arts in Therapy – Dance/Movement Therapy

Hahnemann University – Currently Drexel University

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Conferred December 1991

Bachelors of Science in Special Education

West Chester State University

West Chester, Pennsylvania

Conferred May 1983

LICENSURE/CERTIFICATIONS:

- American Dance Therapist Registered - (BC – DTR)

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE:

- Doctoral Dissertation: Nonverbal Communication in Distressed Couples:
- A Theoretical Monograph Integrating Communication, Attachment, Diversity, and Assessment, With Consideration of a Training Curriculum for Graduate Trainees
- Unpublished Master's Thesis: Reintegration of Body Image in Individuals with Traumatic Brain Injury

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS:

- American Psychological Association
- Pennsylvania Psychologists Association
- American Dance Therapy Association