



ADDITIONAL BACKGROUND INFORMATION

I have over 15 years of experience working as an arbitration, mediation and conflict resolution specialist with the federal government (USA), another 5 years assisting the APWU, AFL-CIO with their EAP program, as a liaison working with Veterans and their families through Addictions Counseling. I was one of 4 counselors chosen to participate in a federally funded pilot program in the greater Nashville, TN area, working with dual-diagnosed (addictions and mental health disorders) inmates who were preparing to transition back into community.

Additionally, I managed a full care interfaith Homeless shelter for up to 100 people, in Cleveland, Tennessee, while also employed with Life-Bridges as a direct service provider, with a caseload of 20 clients with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

I was the Counselor for the Nashville, TN area Homeward Bound Christian program for both the male and female program members, while serving as Counselor for Volunteer Behavioral Health Care System. I also worked for Georgia Hope, Families First program as a Counselor dealing with severe mental health cases and a wide variety of personality disorders, most requiring medication management.

I worked at the Johnson Mental Health Crisis Center in Chattanooga, TN, in trauma, triage and crisis management; and as a Residential Counselor for the Bachman Home for Boys with thirty delinquent teens from 13 to 19, who were court ordered for mental health and behavioral counseling, in McDonald, TN. I was also a Counseling Supervisor for the Free Will Baptist home for boys in Greenville, TN, (also court ordered for gang-related activities). Additionally, I served as Lead Counselor for the Bridges of America, Addictions program in the Lowell Correctional Institution, Lowell, Florida; where I led twenty or more counselors for over 200 prisoners, (specializing in the most difficult cases that no one else would touch and/or everyone had already given up on) in over a thousand-member(s) program selected from all over the country.

Respectfully,

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