

Mary L. Plocher

Professional Objective:

To most fully utilize my skills as a therapist/counselor, consultant, trainer and instructor in a setting that is collaborative and highly ethical.

Work Experience

College Instructor:

2000 to 2006 and 2012 to 2013 ---Instructor

Southern Illinois University Edwardsville

- Taught undergraduate and graduate level courses in social work which accompanies school social work internships; requirement for school social work certification in Illinois

1997 to 2000---Instructor

McKendree College, Lebanon Illinois

- Taught 400 level course in education and psychology entitled Early Adolescence and Schooling; a requirement for middle school endorsement on teaching certificates in Illinois

1981 to 1982---Instructor

Kaskaskia Community College, Centralia Illinois

- Taught credit courses in psychology and sociology
- Facilitated non-credit adult education seminars and workshops

1977 to 1980---Instructor

McHenry County College, Crystal Lake Illinois

- Taught credit courses in child development and sociology
- Facilitated non-credit adult education seminars and workshops

School Social Worker:

2011 to 2012--- Part-time PBIS External Coach

Alton Community Unit School District #11

- Conduct in-service training and consultation for school personnel
- Oversee wrap around services, behavior management supports for students and families
- Coordinate the collection and analysis of data with regard to discipline and related interventions

**2005 to 2011---Social Worker and PBIS External Coach
Alton Community Unit School District #11**

- Provided
 - individual and group counseling to students
 - crisis intervention services to students and their families
 - social skills and life skills training to students
- Conducted in-service training and consultation for school personnel
- Oversaw wrap around services, behavior management supports for students and families
- Coordinated the collection and analysis of data with regard to discipline and related interventions

**1989 to 2005---Social worker
Belleville Area Special Services Cooperative,
Q Belleville Illinois**

- Provided
 - individual and group counseling to students
 - crisis intervention services to students and their families
 - information and referral to students and their families
 - social skills, anger management training and character education to students
 - consultation and training for parents
- Evaluated students for special services
- Developed individualized education plans for students
- Conducted in-service training and consultation for school personnel
- Supervised social work interns and LCSW candidates
- Coordinated prevention education and mentoring programs for student

**1984 to 1989---Social Worker
Bethalto Unit School District, Bethalto Illinois**

- Provided
 - individual and group counseling to students
 - crisis intervention services to students and their families
 - social skills and life skills training to students
 - consultation and training for parents
- Evaluated of students for special services
- Supervised social work interns and practicum students
- Wrote grant for funding of pre-kindergarten program
- Conducted training seminars for schools in Pennsylvania, North Dakota, and Nebraska as part of a developer demonstrator project for the National Diffusion Network of the U.S. Department of Education

Mental Health Therapist and Consultant:

**2011 to present---Part-time Counselor / private contractor
Fontabella Maternity Home, O'Fallon, Illinois**

- Provide
 - Individual and group counseling for residents
 - Consultation to staff
 - Case management to residents

**1989 to 1991---Part-time Employee Assistance Program Counselor
Personal Assistance Services, St. Louis Missouri**

- Provided clinical assessment, brief treatment, and case management to individuals and families.

**1982 to 1983---Counselor and Case Manager
Human Service Center, Red Bud Illinois**

- Conducted intake interviews
- Developed treatment plans and monitored clients progress in treatment
- Provided counseling / therapy services to individuals, groups, and families
- Provided community consultation and education to police, child welfare agencies, and court services personnel

**1979 to 1981---Consultation and Education Unit Director
McHenry County Mental Health System, Crystal Lake Illinois**

- Conducted workshops and seminars to the community on topics related to mental health
- Developed education and promotional materials regarding local mental health services
- Coordinated staff development for System staff and volunteers
- Provided mental health consultation to police, employers, and schools
- Wrote grants to federal and state mental health authorities
- Administered the budget of the unit and supervised staff

Education:

Masters of Social Work---June 1979

George Williams College School of Social Work
(Program now located at Aurora University, Aurora Illinois.)

Bachelors of Science---major: Child Development; minor: Psychology

May 1975
Southern Illinois University Carbondale

Certificates and Licenses:

- Licensed Clinical Social Worker in the State of Illinois (LCSW)
- Certified School Social Worker, Certification Category Type 75
- Former Certified Trainer in Non-violent Crisis Intervention Techniques (Crisis Prevention Institute)

Awards and Honors:

- Recipient of the 2003 LINC Inc. IDEA Special Educator of the Year Award
- Recipient of the Illinois State Board of Education Those Who Excel Award for Meritorious Service 1999
- Former Member of Kappa Delta Pi - Chi Mu Chapter (an international honor society in education)
- Member of the Southern Illinois University Carbondale President Scholars