# PROFESSIONAL VITAE

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### **EDUCATION**

M.S.W. Fordham University, Graduate School of Social Service, Tarrytown, New York Administration track, Advanced Placement
 B.S.W. University of New Hampshire, College of Liberal Arts, Durham, New Hampshire Major: Social Work Clinical Program, Minor: Justice Studies Graduate recipient of the *University Women's Award*

## **EMPLOYMENT HISTORY**

2007- Executive Director/Founder: Interstate FACTS, LLC . <u>www.interstatefacts.com</u> Forensic Assessment, Counseling/Consultation, Training & Supervision

CONTACT: CAROL VENDITTO 609-292-3488

2003 – 2006 Trenton, N.J. Statewide Drug Court Coordinator State of New Jersey, Administrative Office of the Court, Criminal Practice Division

• Develop and provide training for interdisciplinary drug court staff; ongoing development of policies and procedures of the Drug Court in accordance with Federal and State guidelines; collaborate with a variety of agencies and stakeholders (e.g. Prosecutor's Office, Office of the Public Defender, Probation Services, Police and Scheriff's Departments, Mental Health, Social Services, etc.); coordinate information and responsibilities related to the Drug Court; acts as liaison to governmental agencies, Vicinage Superior Courts, law enforcement agencies, etc.; identify statewide resources for the Drug Court Program; collaborate with treatment providers to discuss and review treatment issues with Drug Court and Drug Court participants.

CONTACT: DIANA MOSKAL 201-527-2311

1999 - 2003 Hackensack, N.J Substance Abuse Evaluator/ Senior Probation Officer State of New Jersey, Bergen County Superior Court, Family Division

Develop and i mplement Treatment A ssessment S ervices for the C ourts (TASC); chemical d ependency diagnostic evaluations for the Fa mily D ivision, i ncluding child support/v isitation, domestic violence and weapons forfeiture cases; provide recommendations regarding treatment and child custody / parenting time issues to nine Family P art Judges; collateral contacts with diverse t reatment providers and agencies; budgeting supplies; coordinate with Judges and court teams for case management; communication with attorneys, prose litigants and treatment facilities regarding progress and status updates.

1997 - 1999 Saddle Brook, N.J.

Adolescent Program Therapist

High Focus Centers, Inc., Morristown - Adolescent Intensive Outpatient Program

• Evaluation, di agnosis and t reatment for chemically i nvolved adol escents with co-occurring mental heal th diagnoses; evaluation for adult treatment program; case management, group and family therapy.

## 1991-1997 Paramus, N.J.

Youth Services Counselor

Bergen Cty., Dept. of Human Services, Div. of Family Guidance, Adolescent Substance Abuse Program

• Design and implement state funded grant program - out-patient after-care treatment for recovering youth; program development, graduate student supervision, treatment planning, budgeting and case management; individual, family and g roup therapy; developed adventure, experiential and m etaphorical activities for use with adolescents in relapse prevention strategies.

1992-1993 Ardsley, N.Y.

Student Assistance Counselor

Student Assistance Services, Inc., Mount Vernon High School

• Individual and group counseling for students whose parents are chemically dependent; educational presentations, community relations and resource development; conducted evaluations and referrals for youth substance abusers.

Since 1991(on/off)

Psychotherapy for Children and Families

Private practice and public speaking services in N.Y. and N.J.

Individual and family therapy, parent/child conflict resolution, consultation, evaluation and referral. Design
and conduct workshops and presentations. [1. "The Uniqueness of the Mother-Daughter Relationship" (with
mother, MSW -1960)-1992]

1991 Spring Valley, N.Y.

Relief Staff - Safe House site

Rockland Family Shelter

• Shelter hotline, crisis counseling, overnight intake, emergency management and assistance to residents with general functioning of the house.

1988-1990 Dobbs Ferry, N.Y.

Social Worker

St. Christopher's - Jennie Clarkson Child Care, Inc.

• Primary social worker for adolescent girls in residential treatment facility, removed from parental care by the NYC Child Welfare Administration. Conducted individual counseling, home visits, family sessions surrounding reunification, oral testimony when indicated, case management for families from five boroughs of NYC and Westchester County, N.Y..

### **COLLEGIATE TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

Fall 2004 – present

Adjunct Professor, Bergen Community College, Paramus, N.J.
 Courses instructed: Introduction to Human Services, Sociology of the Family, Introduction to Sociology, Social Problems, Substance Abuse Counseling

# **CONTINUING EDUCATION & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT EXPERIENCE**

2007-2010 Interstate FACTS, LLC Scheduled training programs at- www.interstatefacts.com
Approved instructor and education provider for the Addictions Professional Certification Board of NJ
[CADC and CCJP Domains 3, 4, and 5]

2007, 2008, 2009 NJ Chapter - National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference

Presentations: New Jersey's laws surrounding the LGBT population and their contributing toward issues for psychotherapy; Ethical Guidelines in Interdisciplinary Settings; Forensic Social Work; Social Work and Technology
 \* May 2010 Accepted: Parent Coordination; Cultural Competency

2003- 2006 State of New Jersey

Professional Development Trainer / Presenter

Criminal Practice Division, Drug Court Unit, Statewide Coordinator

 Design, present and facilitate multiple in-service workshops for multi-disciplinary Drug Court staff on multiple topics, such as: Burnout Prevention, The Role of the Clinical TASC Evaluator in Court, Drug Testing, Ethical Guidelines for Forensic Counselors, Co-occurring Disorders, and Assessment, Diagnostic, Treatment Planning and Placement skills and utilization of DSM, ASI and ASAM criteria, and Relapse Prevention and the Criminal Offender with Terence Gorski.

2006 NJ Chapter - National Association of Social Workers Annual Conference

 Presentation on New Jersey's Drug Court program, primarily adult criminal part; emphasis on collaboration with service providers in the communities throughout the state who offer care in life areas related to addiction-recovery.

1999 Atlantic City, NJ

Presenter

NJ - National Association of Social Workers, "A Toolbox for Substance Abuse Treatment with Adolescents"

 Provided background on metaphor and Adventure Based Counseling; instructed participants in hands-on workshop designed for use in group therapy settings with recovering teens; NJ State license board approved for social work licensure continuing education credits.

## **CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE**

- Licensed Master Social Worker (L.M.S.W.)
   New York State since 1991- # 043467 1
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (L.C.S.W.) New Jersey State since 1994 # 44SC01011300

#### PROFESSIONAL, CIVIC & COMMITTEES

- National Association of Social Work (NASW) –NJ Chapter– Vice President, 2009
- ACFEI Commission on Forensic Education, Member since 2007
- National Association of Social Work (NASW) –NJ Chapter–Membership & Continuing Education Committees-2006-2009, Membership Committee Chairperson, 2008-2009
- Statewide Drug Court Steering Committee, Statewide Workgroups and Focus Groups with Drug Court Coordinators, TASC Evaluators, Probation Officers, Public Defenders and Prosecutors, and the Division of Addiction Services and treatment providers involved with Drug Court - AOC staff 2003 – 2006
- Bergen County Municipal Alliance Committee Dept. of Health, committee member, 1999 2003
- National Association of Drug Court Professionals Member since 2003
- American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (ACFEI) Member since 1999
- National Association of Social Work (NASW) N.J. Chapter, Co- Chair Public Relations, 1999- 2000
- National Association of Social Work (NASW) Bergen Unit, N.J. Chapter Chairperson 1996 2000
- National Association of Social Work (NASW) N.J. Chapter. Committee on Bylaws revision, 1994-1995

## **AWARDS RECOGNITION**

Fellow, American College of Forensic Examiners Institute (FACFEI) – 2007

Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Certificate in Divorce Mediation

- Biographee, Who's Who of American Women, 2010 Edition
- Biographee, Who's Who in America, 2002 Edition
- Biographee, Who's Who of American Women, 2000 Millenium Edition
- Biographee, Who's Who in Medicine and Healthcare, 2002 Edition
- Diplomat American Board of Forensic Counselors (DABFC)-American College of Forensic Examiners Institute-1999
- Peer recognition, Dept. of Human Services, Div. of Family Guidance, Outstanding Employee- 1996 & 1993
- University of New Hampshire, University Women's Award, for consistent demonstration of leadership, loyalty, scholarship and service – 1988
- Girl Scouts U.S.A. Silver Award recipient; member 1974 / adult volunteer (on/off) 1984 2001

### POST-MASTERS CONTINUING EDUCATION PROGRAMS

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2006	Morristown, NJ NASW-NJ Certification course in Clinical Supervision
2004	Milwaukee, WI National Drug Court Institute, National Association of Drug Court Professionals – NJ- AOC
2003	Reno, NV National Drug Court Institute, National Association of Drug Court Professionals – NJ- AOC
2001	Rutgers University, School of Social Work, Certificate in Parent Education
1996	New England Educational Institute/ Matthew Selekman - Solution Focused Therapy with Difficult Adolescents
1996	Syracuse University / Maxwell Institute, Conflict Resolution and Anger Management – Bergen DHS/ DFG
1995	Seton Hall University, Law Related Education – Bergen DHS/ DFG
1994	New York University Graduate School of Social Work, Seminar in Field Instruction – Bergen DHS/ DFG
1993	National Crisis Prevention Institute, Therapeutic Crisis Intervention – Bergen DHS/ DFG
1992	Project Adventure, "Adventure Based Counseling with Chemically Dependent Clients" – Bergen DHS/ DFG

#### **COMPUTER LITERACY**

- Internet research; Microsoft Word, Publisher and Power Point; Excel; NJ Judiciary & other systems.
- AccuCare Assessments- Orion Healthcare Technology, Certified AccuCare Trainer (2007)

#### REFERENCES:

2007

2009 CONSULTANT TO: The Center for Alcohol & Drug Resources, Hackensack, NJ CHAT- Creating Healthy Attitudes in Teens; Program development and evaluation, clinical supervision Contact: Ellen Elias, 201-488-8680

2010 CONSULTANT TO: NJ Community Development Corporation, Paterson, NJ Independence House- The Trapeze Group; Program development, assessment, counseling and psycho-education groups Contact: Staci White, 201-413-1604