



EXPERIENCE

Faculty/ counselor

Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates

Jan '09 - Present

Chair the clinical counselors' committee

Lecture/Teach different courses includes career counseling, research, multicultural issues and other classes.

Provide mental health counseling for students

Coordinate the special need program

Coordinate and contribute to the success of students.

Coordinate individual services for students with special need.

Provide individual and group counseling for students and staff as needed.

Coordinate and conduct psycho educational groups.

Student Organization/ Counsel Advising and Leadership Development

Assist students in developing programs that contribute to the multicultural enrichment of the university community

Mediate cultural discussions between students and others

Supervise the Student counsel team

Family Therapist

American Center for Psychiatry and Neurology Abu Dhabi,, Abu Dhabi United Arab Emirates

Mar '10 - Present

-Provide Individual, Family and group counseling

-Provides clinical workshop and Training.

Instructor

Illinois School of Professional Psychology at Argosy University, Chicago, IL

Jan '07 - Dec '09

• -Teach at the Master Counseling program classes includes but not limited:

• · Evaluation Techniques/

• · The DSM IV-R

• · Family Therapy

• · Counseling skills

• · Counseling Theory

• · Group Counseling

• · Ethics

• · Internship

• · Community Mental Health

• -Develop curriculum and syllabus

• -Supervise practicum and internship students

Teacher

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

May '06 - Aug '09

• Teach at the Master Counseling program classes includes

• Assessment and appraisal

• Evaluation Techniques/ DSM IV RT

• Family Therapy

• Counseling skills

• Counseling Theory

• Develop curriculum and syllabus

Clinical Director

Karmell consultant Services, Chicago, IL

Sep '97 - Dec '09

• -Provide clinical Supervision to staff

• -Individual, couples, and group counseling

• -Employee Assistance Network (EAN) coordinator and provider

Care & Rehabilitation Director

Dubai Foundation for Women and Children, Dubai United Arab Emirates

Jan '09 - Jun '09

- -Conducts initial interviews and assessment
- -provide counseling to victims of human trafficking with disorder or dual diagnosis
- -Establish a plan for a comprehensive mental health system for women, children and youth , inclusive of vocational training and career counseling services.
- -Organize, plan and direct Care and Rehabilitation staff and client activities consistent with national and international accreditation standards.
- -Develops internal telephonic, written, and on-line activities in support of Care and Rehabilitation programs.
- -Design and implement processes that promote effective interactions between clients and staff.
- -Provides leadership of programmatic education initiatives, including development or update education materials.
- -Train staff on effective services such as risk assessments, ethics and the client records.
- -Lead interventions based on best practice guidelines that meet clients' needs, with special focus on closing gaps in service and outcomes.
- -Facilitates the evaluation of plan, project, and/or program effectiveness, including member and provider satisfaction
- -Design programs and develop strategies for accomplishing the goals and objectives and monitor their effectiveness
- -Maintain effective, collaborative relations with national and international agencies.

Clinical Supervisor

Metropolitan Family Services, Chicago, IL

May '97 - Nov '09

- -Provided clinical supervision to staff.
- -Co-Chaired agency-wide committee to develop strategy to move the agency from grant funded to a fee for service
- -Developed, supervised and implemented a school-based mental health program for at-risk Chicago public school youth.
- -Conducts initial interviews and assessment for a wide range of clients with a wide range of disorders and dual diagnosis.
- -Acted as the EAN coordinator and the main/ lead provider
- -Supervised and coordinated all aspect of the program includes monitoring the budget and writing reports.
- -Manage personnel matters including hiring, assigning, evaluation and termination of staff.
- -Maintained quality and quantity of services to clients
- -Maintained program budget and utilization management related to program operations
- -Coordinated multiple-services, multi-disciplinary teams and systems approach to program/s
- -Participated with manger in developing program goals
- -Worked collaboratively with other program supervisors to carry out site and agency goals
- -Participated actively in community organizations, and provide leadership in community events
- -Participated as a member of the quality improvement committee
- -Developed centralized intake system which was utilized at my site

Student Counselor

Christ the King Jesuit College Prep., Chicago, IL

Mar '08 - Dec '08

- -Developed and managed a comprehensive school counseling program
- -Provided individual student plan and coordinate Individual Educational Plan (IEP) with public schools.
- -Provided leadership and collaboration with internal and external school personal
- -Developed and implement developmentally appropriate and prevention orientated group activities to meet students' needs and schools goals and mission.
- -Assisted students individually and groups with developing academic, career and personal/social emotional skills, goals and plans.
- -Developed a referral system
- -Assist students, teachers, parents and stakeholders in interpreting and understanding student's data and test results.
- -Coordinate collage affairs and visits.
- -Coordinate career services

Arabic Interpreter

United States State Department (Contractor), Washnghton DC, WA

Jan '05 - Dec '09

- -Interpret for different Arabic Speaking delegation in different locations and agencies
- -Great the groups at the airports and manage their stay
- -Coordinate groups social and Cultural activates and events.

Coordinator

Rainbow House/ Arco Iris, Chicago, IL

Jan '90 - Dec '96

- -Provided bilingual and bicultural crises intervention services to domestic violence survivors.
- -Facilitated individual and group counseling sessions.
- -Networked with other social services agencies.
- - Developed and Provide internal and external cultural awareness trainings

EDUCATION

Doctor of Education (Counselor Education & Supervision)

Argosy University, Chicago, IL

Dec '13

- - Arab American Action Network Outstanding Commitment to Empowering the Community
- - Fitzer Award of Administrative Services, Metropolitan Family Services
- - Graduate College, Northeastern Illinois University
- - Jane Adams Graduate Scholarship, Northeastern Illinois University
- - Sri Sarada Community Services award, Friends of Mothers Place, Chicago IL

Master of Arts (Counselor Education , Community and Family)

Northeastern Illinois University, Chicago, IL

Jun '90

Graduate College, Northeastern Illinois University

Jane Adams Graduate Scholarship, Northeastern Illinois University

School Guidance Counselor Summer Institute (School Guidance counselor)

Northern Illinois University, School Guidance Counselor Summer Institute,

Oct '08

DeKalb, IL

An intensive School Counselor Institute, that provides the avenue for professionals with a clinical master's degree to complete partial requirements for a Type 73 school counselor certificate. The Institute covers most of the coursework. In addition, participants must also complete a course in the Exceptional Child, or show proof that they have successfully completed a similar course, and complete a school-based Internship through NIU following the Institute (NIU Web site)

Bachelor of Arts (Sociology)

Bachelor of Art Degree, Birzeit, Palestinian Authority Palestinian Territory, Occupied

Jun '84

CERTIFICATIONS

Licensed Clinical Professional Counselor
Illinois, 1997

Certified Domestic Violence Professional
Illinois, 2004

Type 78 certificate
Illinois 2008-10-18

Type 73 certificate (Pending)

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Illinois 2008-10-18

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OTHER SKILLS

Fluent in English and Arabic languages

Excellent knowledge of computer operations including Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, and Profiler (client information system).

CONFERENCE PAPERS PRESENTED

Ahmad-Derweesh, Solution Focused Brief Therapy with college student, The Higher Colleges of Technology, Abu Dhabi, 2013

Ahmad-Derweesh, Multicultural and clinical supervision, Arab American Action network, Chicago, IL, December 2011.

Ahmad_Derwesh, B. Individual counseling and assessment, Working with domestic violence victims, Arab American Action Network, Chicago IL, December 2011.

Ahmad, B. Leadership training: Student's Council, The DREAM model in leadership. Abu Dhabi, UAE, Spring, 2010, 2011

Ahmad, B. From cultural sensitivity to cultural competency: A clinical guide to work with college students, counseling Arabia conference, Abu Dhabi, UAE. Spring 2010

Ahmad, B. Working with immigrant families: Clinical issues and therapeutic implications, Easter Seal, Chicago Fall 2007

Ahmad, B. Working with Arab American families: Implications for service providers, ICA Conference, October 2007

Ahmad, B. Domestic Violence among Arab/ Moslem Families: The Chicago Battered Women Network 40 hours training. Chicago Illinois 1998, 1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2005, 2006 & 2007

Ahmad, B. Multicultural competency. Providing Services for Arab American Clients, WIC program Regional Meeting, spring 2004 & Spring 2007

Ahmad, B. Providing Clinical Services for domestic Violence survivors, Chicago Battered Women Network 40 hours training, 2001, 2002, 2004, 2006 & 2007

Ahmad, B. Understanding the Cultural differences, Metropolitan Family Services Staff Retreat 2006

Ahmad, B. Arab Youth and Violence, When, what and How to report child abuse and Neglect. Southwest Youth Collaborative. Chicago IL. 2006

Ahmad, B. Raising Arab children in the United States presentation to Arabic speaking parents, Chicago Public School, 2006

Ahmad, B. Working with Arab American Students, CPS Counselor Institute Day, Chicago Illinois, spring 2004

Ahmad, B. Working with Non English Speaking, The challenges of recruitment. Asian & Pacific Island Institute on Domestic Violence, Minneapolis, MI. summer 2005.

Ahmad, B. Cultural Sensitivity training, working with Arab American Families, DuPage County State attorney, spring 2004

Ahmad, B. Arab American Family and law enforcement. Cook county court, Bridgeview IL, 2004

Ahmad, B. Counseling Arab/ Moslem clients* Presentation to students in the Master's program in Social Work. Jane Adam School of Social Work. Chicago IL 2001 & 2004

Ahmad, B. Working with immigrant families, Illinois Battered Women Network, Springfield, IL. 2001

Ahmad, B. Multicultural competency. Providing Services for Arab American Mothers. Stickney Township staff. 2001

REFERENCES

Dr. Ahmad Jamil Azem, Head of Palestinian and Arab Studies program
Birzeit University, Birzeit, Palestine

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Higher Colleges of Technology

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Works at Lastinger Center For Learning at University of Florida