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Experience:

U.S. Senator Bill Nelson, Orlando, Florida

Regional Director 2008-present

Director of Outreach for seven Central Florida counties

- *Liaison for legislative policy, appropriations issues with State-wide and Local elected officials, Corporate, Non-profit organizations, Universities, Foundations, etc.
- *Set up all events in seven Central Florida counties, for Senator Nelson and staffed him at each event
- *Liaison with Press regarding press events
- *Liaison constituent matters with VIP's, major Corporations, University heads, grassroots organizations, state and local elected officials, all government relations
- *Speaking engagements representing Senator Nelson at events, panels, etc.
- *Wrote all correspondence for Senator Nelson for Central Florida

Deputy Director of Constituent Services, 2007-2008

- *Manage staff of 10 Caseworkers in a fast paced, Constituent Services office of U.S. Senator for entire state of Florida (state population is 17 million).
- *Created and managed all letter responses to constituents
- *Handled all VIP and emergency casework
- *Manage all aspects of Children, Environmental, Education and Justice issues state-wide

Caseworker, 2001-2007

- *Managed casework issues involving Education, Children's Issues and Environmental Issues for U.S. Senate office. Liaison with State and Federal agencies to pursue remedies for problems related to agencies for constituents.
- *Had caseload of over 1,000 cases per year.

Bill Nelson for Senate Campaign, Orlando, Florida

Campaign Staff, 2000

- *Coordinated Campaign activities
- *Advanced events and staffed Senator Nelson and his wife Grace

Clinical Social Worker in Private Practice, Winter Park, Florida

Private Practice 1990-present

- *Maintain an evening private counseling practice 10-20 hours a week
- Specialty: Children and Adolescents

Westlake Hospital, Longwood, Florida

Chief Social Worker, Children's Unit 1984-1988

*Responsible for Social Histories, development of treatment plans and provided therapy in an inpatient psychiatric hospital for children and adolescents.

*Provided family therapy for all families of inpatient children and as followup after discharge.

*Director of the multi-disciplinary team of therapists

Child Protection Team, Orlando Regional Medical Center, Orlando, Florida

Clinical Director/Consultant 1984-1988

*Provided the Psychiatric Social Work services for a medical team that included Doctors, Nurses and Social Workers for childhood victims of sexual abuse

*Provided on-call consultation for team of hospital Social Workers that encountered sexually abused children brought to the Emergency Room of largest hospital in Central Florida

*Evaluated children after they were identified and placed in a comprehensive program for sexually abused children and oversaw their treatment by staff of Social Workers

*Conducted Parents groups for parents of victims

*Provided expert witness testimony for court adjudication/custody issues of victims

Orange County Public School District, Orlando, Florida

Director of Clinical Services for "Severely Emotionally Disturbed" Students 1982-1984

*With a grant given to the Orange County School District I created a clinical program for low income children designated as "Severely Emotionally Disturbed." Program included testing at the beginning of the school year and at the end. Conducted weekly therapy sessions with the children in the schools and worked with their families.

Progress as indicated by testing was significant and the grant was renewed each year thereafter

Memorial Child Guidance Clinic, Richmond, Virginia

Staff Clinical Social Worker 1980-1982

*Provided out-patient play therapy for children and family therapy at a non-profit center for low income clientele

Young Life, Jacksonville, Florida

Community Organizer, Summer 1980

With team of College students lived with host families and created organized activities for children in low-income Riverside area of Jacksonville

GED tutoring for high school drop-outs in Riverside area

Education:

Master of Social Work, Virginia Commonwealth University, Richmond Virginia

B.A. Psychology, Rutgers University, New Brunswick, New Jersey