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EDUCATION

- **New York University**, New York, NY
M.S.W., May 2011
Licensure: LCSW - New York, 2015; Florida, 2022
- **Pace University, Dyson College of Arts and Sciences**, New York, NY
B.A. Psychology, June 2009
- **The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia's Center for Autism Research & Drexel University's A.J. Drexel Autism Institute**
ADOS-2 Clinical Training and Toddler Model, 2024
- **Physicians for Human Rights at Columbia Human Rights Initiative Asylum Clinic**, 2023
- **San Diego Psychological Association**
Immigration Evaluations Training: Evaluating Hardship for Waivers of Inadmissibility, 2022
- **International Trauma Training Institute**
Attachment and Trauma Certification, 2022
- **New York University**
Advanced Cognitive Therapy Certification, 2018
- **The Albert Ellis Institute**
REBT/CBT Certification, 2016
- **IMHATT**
Integrated Mental Health/Addictions Treatment Training Certificate, 2016

EXPERIENCE

Psychotherapist and group practice founder

Private Practice, Boca Raton, FL

09/2015 - Present

- Conduct immigration evaluations (hardship, VAWA, Asylum)
- Provide clinical evaluations for adults and children with ASD using empirically validated tools like CARS and ADOS-2
- Provide assessments for severe emotional disturbances for children seeking HCBS services
- Provide clinical supervision to master level social workers
- Provide clinical training to master level social workers to improve quality and productivity

- Offer individual psychotherapy to adults using CBT, exposure therapy, REBT, and solution-focused therapy

Senior Field Care Advocate

UnitedHealth Group, New York, NY

06/2016 - 05/2021

- Oversaw initial inpatient admissions for psychiatric and chemical dependency patients
- Conducted patient assessments and determined appropriate levels of care
- Administered benefits, reviewed treatment plans, and coordinated transitions of care

Psychiatric Social Worker

VNSNY - Behavioral Health Transitions Care Team, PD, New York, NY 04/2016 - 01/2022

- Managed VNSNY contract program for psychiatric patients across inpatient and community settings
- Provided social work services consistent with VNSNY Home Care policies
- Helped develop and refine Behavioral Health Transition Model

Social Worker

Mount Sinai Hospital - Preventative Admissions Care Team, New York, NY 10/2013 - 06/2016

- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments and provided disease management to Medicare members
- Delivered telephonic and in-person case management to older adults with chronic conditions
- Reduced readmission rates through crisis management and brief solution-focused counseling

Psychiatric Social Worker

Gracie Square Hospital - Inpatient Adult Psychiatry, New York, NY 04/2013 - 10/2013

- Performed psycho-social assessments for psychiatric patients with co-occurring disorders
- Provided individual and family therapy, crisis management, and discharge planning
- Established community provider linkages for ongoing care

Therapist

Child Center of New York, New York, NY

01/2012 - 06/2013

- Conducted psychosocial evaluations and administered mental status exams for children and families
- Provided psychotherapy and collaborated with outside agencies

SKILLS

Software: MS Office (Word, Excel, Outlook, PowerPoint), electronic medical records (Canopy, Prism, eCW, Epic)

Languages: **Fluent in Russian**