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### **EDUCATION**

Northern Illinois University, DeKalb, Illinois  
Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, April, 2010  
Master of Arts Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, May, 2010

University of Iowa, Iowa City, Iowa  
Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology, May, 2008

### **EMPLOYMENT**

2010-Present      Health Connection of Illinois, Aurora, Illinois  
(Consulting firm for private sector rehabilitation)  
**Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor**

- Vocational Case management, Vocational Assessment and Evaluation, and Vocational Counseling
- Teach appropriate job seeking skills to injured workers.
- Prepare resumes and cover letters for clients.
- Work with injured workers to regain employment in the job market.
- Assist injured workers with locating various employment resources such as vocational training programs, job clubs, career fairs, and networking clubs.
- Work on interview skills with clients by conducting mock interviews.
- Videotape claimant's employment position to determine physical demands of the job.
- Develop labor market surveys to determine current occupational outlook and physical demands of job classifications.
- Handle all facets of job development, pre-employment training skills, and perform follow-up services,
- Manage a case load requiring an in-depth evaluation of the claimant's vocational background and current knowledge of worker's compensation laws and insurance regulations.
- Provide assistance with educational/vocational retraining.

- 1/2010-6/2010 Chicago Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, Chicago, Illinois
- Served as part of a four person team to coordinate the 2010 Groundhog Job Shadow Day and Mayor Daley's Youth Ready Chicago by matching 90 Chicago Public School youth with disabilities with 17 employers in desired career fields, taking into consideration their interests and physical capabilities.
  - Drafted a \$45,000 budget and program proposal for the Youth Green Jobs Pilot Program to support Chicago Public School youth with disabilities.
  - Created a video presentation and marketing materials for the Youth Ready Chicago Kick-Off Breakfast attended by 200 youth with disabilities, parents, and school and community officials.
  - Assisted individuals in filling out Circuit Breaker Tax Grant Applications.
- 10/2009-12/2009 DeKalb High School Secondary Transitional Experience Program, DeKalb, Illinois
- Collaborated as part of a two person team to implement National Job Shadow Day by matching DeKalb High School youth with disabilities with employers in desired career fields.
  - Arranged speakers from diverse occupations to talk with students about careers.
  - Developed a community awareness brochure about the Secondary Transitional Experience Program distributed to community employers to foster the hiring of students with disabilities.
- 9/2009-10/2009 Illinois Department of Human Services- Division of Rehabilitation Services, LaSalle, Illinois
- Observed vocational rehabilitation services intake interviews, functional limitation evaluations, staffings, transition specialist, Home Services intakes, and re-assessments.
  - Developed liaison relationships with employers to increase the hiring of clients with disabilities.
  - Conducted assessments and created individualized plans to increase success of customer employment.
- 1/2009-5/2009 Illinois WorkNet Center, DeKalb, Illinois
- Supported customers in finding online job postings and setting up Illinois Skills Match profiles.

- Reviewed Valpar assessment scores with customers to determine appropriate employment training needs.
- Aided ex-offenders in job development as part of the Ladder to Success Program by strengthening resume writing, job search, and interviewing skills.
- Shadowed training services meetings.

### **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE**

5/2009-12/2009

Opportunity House, Inc., Sycamore, Illinois

#### **Job Coach**

- Job coached an individual with a developmental disability by making sure that they completed their essential duties at their place of employment
- Supported clients in development of resumes, targeting skills and experience.
- Worked on job interview skills with clients.

### **CONSULTING POSITIONS**

2011 – Present

**Social Security Administration**

**Office of Hearings & Appeals**

Vocational Expert

### **NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

The National Rehabilitation Association

### **HONORS**

Chi Sigma Iota Honor Society

Golden Key International Honour Society

The Alpha Eta Society

Northern Illinois University Graduate Program 4.0 GPA