**EDUCATION**

**University of South Florida – Tampa, FL**

Master of Arts in Rehabilitation and Mental Health Counseling

**Argosy University - Tampa, FL**

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology - Graduated Magna Cum Laude

**Fullerton College – Fullerton, CA**

Associate of Arts in Business Administration

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Professional Photographer – John Mullenix Photography June 2011 - Present**

 ***Weddings, lifestyle and family portraiture***

* Provide expert consultation to each client (corporate or individual) on creating the most appropriate style, mood and expression to meet or elevate their expectations from each shoot.
* Responsible for the photography, layout and graphic design of business brochures.
* Create successful marketing campaigns using Facebook, Groupon and other social media platforms to grow and expand business opportunities.
* Extensive knowledge of image-editing programs Lightroom and Photoshop CC for editing people, removing distracting elements and using layers to combine elements from different photos.
* Provide clients with full-scale professional photography services for weddings, special events and portraiture sessions.

**Directions for Living – Largo, FL September 2013 – April 2016**

 ***Children’s Outpatient Therapist***

* Provide moderate to long-term in-office counseling to children and their families.
* Collaborate with case manager to link families with community services.
* Complete assessment of child clients to develop treatment plans based on strengths and available resources.
* Guide children in the development of skills and strategies for coping with their problems.
* Maintain all required treatment records and progress notes.
* Collaborate with fellow counselors on providing support and feedback on individual clients.
* Created and coordinated a substance abuse prevention/intervention support group using Seeking Safety curriculum.

 **Directions for Living – Largo, FL February 2013 – September 2013**

 ***Family Counselor – Family Works Program***

* Provide short term crisis intervention counseling to at-risk families.
* Collaborate with family care manager to link families with community services.
* Complete assessment of family members to develop treatment plans based on strengths and available resources.
* Guide family members in the development of skills and strategies for coping with their problems.
* Participate in inter-disciplinary staffing by providing appropriate updates on family’s clinical progress.
* Maintain all required treatment records and progress notes.
* Coordinate with support systems and provide linkage for aftercare when necessary.

**Directions for Living – Clearwater, FL July 2012 – February 2013**

 ***Therapist – TANF Program***

* Establish and maintain effective rapport with clients through once weekly, in-home therapy sessions.
* Develop accurate and complete clinical evaluations of clients.
* Develop realistic and effective treatment plans with clients and update them when appropriate.
* Encourage clients to express their thoughts and feelings to facilitate insight.
* Guide clients in the development of skills and strategies for coping with their problems.
* Maintain all required treatment records and progress notes.
* Coordinate with support systems and provide linkage, when necessary, to assist the client with opportunities for longer-term support systems.

**Success 4 Kids and Families - Tampa, FL March 2012 – May 2012**

 ***Intensive Family Preservation Therapist - Successful Families Program***

***(Temporary Assignment)***

* Provided direct, in-home therapy to at-risk families with abuse and neglect allegations.
* Focused on rapport-building and assisting families with the development of achievable safety plans.
* Developed strength-based family support plans and treatment plans.
* Encouraged clients to express their feelings and discuss what is happening in their lives, and help them develop insight into themselves and their relationships with their children.
* Guided clients in the development of skills and strategies for coping with their problems.
* Maintained all required treatment records and progress notes.
* Provided case management services to achieve linkage to sustainable community services.

**Success 4 Kids and Families - Tampa, FL December 2008 – August 2012**

 ***Contract Case Manager***

* Provided in-home clinical case management services to children and families needing linkages to community support programs and providers.
* Provided safety assessments and developed safety plans.
* Collaborated with families to improve interactions in the home and at school utilizing strength-based clinical case management techniques.
* Advocated for children and their families to achieve linkage to services.
* Educated and empowered families to increase their self-efficacy and self-sufficiency.
* Completed Internship hours to satisfy Master’s degree requirements.

**Children 1st Response Team/Mental Health, Inc. - Tampa, FL September 2007 – December 2011**

 ***Crisis Response Case Manager***

* Provided of immediate and intensive clinical response and protective services to families whose children are at imminent risk of being removed from their home.
* Developed safety assessments, assisted therapist in crisis therapy, strengths-based needs assessments and ongoing evaluations.
* Facilitated the acquisition of community resources and financial assistance for the client.
* Directly assisted counseling staff with progress assessments and direction of therapy.
* Trained and mentored newly hired Case Managers.
* Represented Children 1st Response Team as Intake Coordinator at Hillsborough County Sheriff’s Office Child Protection Investigations Divisions Offices:
	+ Screened Child Protection Investigator referrals for appropriateness for Children 1st Response Team Services and the completion of referral forms.
	+ Liaison between Child Protection Staff Team and Children’s 1st Response Team Management and Therapists to efficiently and expeditiously coordinate family services referral assignments.