# SAM SMITH

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# LICENSED MENTAL HEALTH PROFESSIONAL WITH 20 YEARS OF INDUSTRY EXPERIENCE

Child, Adolescent & Family Services

### PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

A creative and results-oriented Professional Clinical Counselor and Program Coordinator with a relentless passion for improving the lives of children and a demonstrated track record of success working with diverse populations including at-risk and emotionally/behaviorally challenged youth and bereaved children in one-on-one and group settings. Effective facilitator, communicator, and advocate with inherent ability to establish rapport and develop trust quickly, relate to individuals on all levels, manage all types of personalities, and proactively resolve issues. A team player consistently recognized for capacity to build and maintain solid relationships with clients and interact effectively with all levels of support staff and management including local, county, and state agencies. Superior leadership skills proven in successful staff development and group facilitation. Strong interpersonal, organizational, analytical, and problem-solving skills. Committed to ongoing continuing education, professional development, and intervention innovation.

#### **CORE COMPETENCIES**

- Individual/Group Counseling
- Grief/Trauma Treatment
- Client/Family Stabilization
- Disaster Recovery/Response
- Parenting/Family Education
- Program/Case Management
- Child Development
- Treatment Analysis/Planning
- Group Facilitation/Leadership
- Records/Data Administration
- Clinical Consultation/Assessment
  - Program Planning/Implementation
- Preventative/Crisis Intervention
   Emotional/Behavioral Evaluation
- Community Services Coordination

#### **DESIGNATIONS**

#### Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor with Supervisory Designation

Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board; License Number: 1234567890

## **Licensed Social Worker**

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#### Certified as a Trauma and Loss Consultant and School Specialist

National Institute for Trauma and Loss in Children

### **EDUCATION**

Master of Arts in Counseling - Heidelberg College, Tiffin, Ohio Bachelor of Arts in Psychology - University of Toledo, Toledo, Ohio

## SELECTED PROFESSIONAL LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Board President, ABC County School Crisis Response Team, 2006 2009
- Bylaws Committee Chair, ABC Counseling Association Executive Board, 2008 2009
- Bylaws Committee Co-Chair, ABC Counseling Association Executive Board, 2007 2008
  - Board Vice President, ABC County School Crisis Response Team, 2005 2006

Professional Chronology		
ABC Company Professional Counselor/School-Based The	Any Town, USA	Jun. 2007 - Present
ABC Company Children's Program Coordinator	Any Town, USA	Oct. 2001 - Mar. 2007
ABC Company Community Support Manager	Any Town, USA	Jul. 1997 - Oct. 2001
ABC Company Adoption Specialist	Any Town, USA	May 1993 - Jul. 1997
ABC Company Foster Care Specialist	Any Town, USA	Mar. 1989 - Apr. 1993

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### KEY QUALIFICATIONS/HIGHLIGHTS OF PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- Provided crisis intervention and disaster response/recovery services to diverse populations; supported case management goals and developed and fostered skill-building with individuals and groups.
- Supplied long-range counseling to children in clinical, school-based, in-home, and residential treatment settings regarding emotional, mental health, behavioral, family, and educational issues.
- Excelled in client assessment, diagnosis, and development/implementation of effective treatment plans; empowered parents' to effectively manage the mental health needs and behavioral issues of their children.
- Managed a high volume of caseloads simultaneously (up to sixty (60)); consistently met/exceeded aggressive weekly productivity goals.
- Created and performed both preventive and crisis intervention services encompassing traumatic incidents in surrounding-area school systems; expanded the Bereavement Program from five (5) to 400 children.
- Initiated, developed, and implemented a school-based grief educational curriculum for Any Town City Schools.
- Supervised a support staff of up to three (3); successfully recruited volunteers to assist with the children and teens' grief programs.
- Served as a liaison with health and social service agencies on clients' behalf; assessed children's special needs and coordinated appropriate community services.
- Established and maintained relationships with external agencies; facilitated referrals for ongoing community services and provided support to families to advocate for their needs.
- · Conducted adoption home study assessments and managed pre and post-adoptive cases.
- Generated monthly, quarterly, and annual goals and personal objectives for clients as a means of measuring their development.
- Developed statistical reports on caseloads in compliance with Agency requirements; maintained billing, accounting, and sensitive/case records and information.

#### SPECIALIZED TRAINING/PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Adoption Issues - Case Management - Child Development - Crisis Intervention - Disaster Recovery and Response
 Intervention Planning - Psychosocial Assessment - Social Work Methods
 Trauma Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT)

## GROUP FACILITATOR/PRESENTER EXPERIENCE

• Professional Presenter, ABC Educational & Counseling Services LLC, 2010 - Present Delivered Trainings on Professional Ethics to Professional Audiences for Continuing Education Units (CEUs)

Community Presenter at Local and Countywide Professional Conferences

(Churches, Community Organizations, School Staff, and the Local Chapter of the ABC School Counselor Association)
Topics: Grief/Loss Issues, Grief Psychoeducation, and Creative Counseling Interventions for Children

- Presenter, ABC Counselors Conference, 2006, 2007, and 2009
- How to Develop School-Based Grief Education Groups for Children and Adolescents in the School System
- Examination of the Various Dimensions that Impact Childhood Grief as well as Provide Strategies to Promote Healing
- Teaching Counselors to Explore Ways to Create Therapeutic Interventions for Children/Teens on a Limited Budget

#### **PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

- Member, ABC Counseling Association, 2006 Present
- Member, TF-CBT Peer Supervision Team ABC County Mental Health Board, 2010 Present
   Member, ABC County Disaster Behavioral Health Response Team, 2007 2009

#### PRIOR LICENSURE

Social Service Worker III, Ohio Department of Administration Services: Identification Number: 12345
 Certified Adoption Assessor, Ohio Department of Human Services; Certificate Number: 12345

## **COMMUNITY RECOGNITION**

• Winner, Community Service Award, ABC City Schools, 2003

References and Supporting Documentation Furnished Upon Request