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EDUCATION

Master of Science in Rehabilitation Psychology
University of Wisconsin – Madison, August 1988

Bachelor of Science in Rehabilitation Psychology
University of Wisconsin – Madison, May 1987

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Curative Care Network, Milwaukee, WI

November 1991 – Present

Benefits Specialist (1999-Present) – Analyze all Federal, State and County benefits, entitlements and subsidies received by individuals with disabilities for the impact of work on such programs. Assist individuals in utilizing work incentive provisions. Provide benefits counseling services in Social Security's Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) research project.

Family Care Case Manager (2005 – Present) – Provide case management services to individuals with disabilities participating in Milwaukee County's Family Care Program.

Health and Employment Counseling Program Regional Screener (2001 – 2010) – Developed employment plans with individuals with disabilities for participation in the Medicaid Purchase Plan. Assessed employment barriers, provided benefits counseling services and developed plans to address employment barriers.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor

Spinal Cord Injury Center, Froedtert Hospital (1991-2005) – Evaluated inpatients and outpatients to establish vocational rehabilitation plans. Provided vocational counseling, assessment and job site analysis services.

Vocational Rehabilitation Services Manager (1997-1998) – Responsible for the organization, direction and management of all vocational programs to include: Organizational Employment, Supported Employment, Community Employment and Vocational Consultation. Supervised and mentored all vocational staff. Generated referrals and sought new markets for service provision.

Vocational Evaluator II (1991-1999) – Completed vocational evaluations. Conducted on-site job analyses. Provided vocational rehabilitation services as a member of the Work Hardening Program. Coordinated return to work with patients, employers, medical professionals and insurers.

**The Shores/Northwest Rehabilitation Center/Lakefront Center,
Milwaukee, WI**

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (1989-1991) - Provided vocational assessments for individuals with brain injuries. Conducted job analyses, job placement and job coaching services.

New Medico Rehabilitation Center, Waterford, WI

Personal Adjustment Counselor (1988-1989) – Provided counseling services in individual and group sessions for individuals with brain injuries.

PROFESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS

Sanford, P., Falk-Palec, D., Spears, K., *“Return to School After Spinal Cord Injury”*, Archives of Physical Medicine and Rehabilitation, August 1999.

CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor, October 1988 – Present
Commission of Rehabilitation Counselor Certification, Rolling Meadows, IL

Licensed Professional Counselor, November 2002 – Present
State of Wisconsin, Department of Regulation and Licensing