

Donna M. Blackwell

Education

University of Maryland at Baltimore School of Social Work and Community Planning
M.S.W.

Concentration: Clinical **Specialization:** Families and Children (May 1991)

Clark University

B.A. in Psychology

Concentration: Human Services/Sociology

Certification

LCSW-C Maryland (#08214)

Advanced Professional Certificate

Certification Areas: Pupil Personnel Worker, School Social Worker

CSEFEL (Center on the Social Emotional Foundations for Early Learning) Facilitator's Training

Early Childhood Mental Health (University of Maryland School of Medicine Division of child
Adolescent Psychiatry Taghi Modarressi Center for Infant Study)

Social Work Experience

Office of Pupil Personnel, HCPSS, Ellicott City, MD

7/15 to Present

Pupil Personnel Worker

- Work with school staff, students, parents and community members in the identification and prevention of problems that adversely impact educational successes. Serve to ensure equity and consistent implementation of student related laws, regulations, school policies and procedures resulting in a safe, nurturing and academically stimulating environment. Ensure that these policies, structures and resources support the school system's mission beliefs and goals.

Judy Center Partnership, Cradlerock Elementary School, Columbia MD

8/02 to 6/15

Family Service Coordinator

- Devised, planned and implemented outreach strategies to the birth to age five population and their families to promote school readiness and sustain family engagement and involvement. Actively recruited participants through home visits, collaboration with county agencies with county agencies, telephone, mail and community events. Provided comprehensive needs assessment, resource referral, program and service orientation to families and case management.

Family and Children's Services of Central Maryland, Columbia, MD

4/01 to 7/02

- Provided assessment, diagnosis and clinical treatment of children, adolescents, adults and families. Completed intake documentation and treatment plans for each client. Offered referrals to outside mental health agencies when deemed appropriate. Coordinated services and consulted with outside agencies with which clients were involved.

UMAB School Mental Health Program, Baltimore, MD

8/99 to 7/00

Therapist

9/96 to 6/97

9/94 to 6/95

- Provided assessment, diagnosis and clinical treatment for adolescents and their families in three Baltimore Middle Schools (Calverton Middle School '94/'95, Greenspring Middle School '96/'97, West Baltimore Middle School '99/'00). Treatment consisted of school-based individual, family and group therapy. Assessed mental health and substance abuse issues and dynamics of family violence. Provided clinical supervision to Licensed Graduate Social Workers.

Army Community Service, Dexheim, Germany

4/98 to 7/99

Family Advocacy Program Specialist

- Provided education and awareness regarding the extent and nature of spouse abuse and family violence to the civilian community and armed forces staff on a military post. Provided abuse prevention and personal safety education to the local elementary school students as well as groups focusing on parental deployment and appreciation of the military child. Served on a multi-disciplinary team that ensured the delivery of integrated program services to children and dependents with special needs. Developed and implemented the community foster care program.

Boarder Baby Project, Washington, DC

6/93 to 8/94

Director of Social Services

- Provided case management and placement of abandoned infants in a transitional group home. Completed social and discharge summaries and status reports for each resident. Assisted DC Department of Human Services Social Workers in the coordination of extended family, foster care and adoptive placements of children. Provided advocacy for the children during court status hearings. Coordinated outside developmental health and medical services for residents. Provided social services related supervision to the childcare staff and interns.

Methodist Board of Child Care, Washington, DC

8/91 to 5/93

Foster Care Social Worker

- Provided case management and counseling to foster children, foster parents and birth parents. Arranged foster care placements for child victims of physical and sexual abuse and neglect. Coordinated referrals to outside mental health agencies and therapeutic school placements for those children with special needs. Supervised foster parents and their homes, as well as birth parents under the jurisdiction of the agency. Worked in conjunction with the DC Department of Human Services Protective Services and Foster Care Social Workers. Completed court reports, advocated during court hearings and testified during court trials. Provided home visits and completed home studies of potential foster parents. Attended and completed foster parent training.

References Available Upon Request