

Sheila Miracle

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Social Worker & Instructor

A Master level Social Worker with ten years of experience in the child welfare field. Currently a Credit for Learning Instructor with the University of Kentucky, College of Social Work and the Coordinator for the MSW Program at Morehead State University. Extensive work experience history as a Cabinet for Health and Family Services trainer and frontline worker.

• Curriculum design	• Curriculum development
• Critical thinking skills	• Communication skills
• Motivational skills	• Policy expertise
• Classroom management skills	• Engagement skills
• Organizational skills	• Ability to work as a team
• Empathetic	• Compassionate

Education

Master of Social Work, University of Louisville (2014)

- Advanced Standing Program
- Completed practicum coursework with the Commissioner's Office of the Division of Protection and Permanency and the Department of Community Based Services' Training Branch

Master Level Coursework, University of Louisville, non-degree (2006-2007)

- Nine credit hours completed toward a Masters of Social Work through the Division of Protection and Permanency Credit for Learning.

Bachelors of Science, Social Work, Western Kentucky University (2006)

- Completed practicum coursework with The Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Professional Experience

2016-present

Clinical Faculty- University of Kentucky College of Social Work

- Teach Credit for Learning courses related to child welfare
- Mentor and advise employees of the Cabinet for Health and Family services who are seeking an MSW
- Curriculum revisions for Credit for Learning courses

- Assist in coordinating the Northeast Kentucky MSW program
- Recruitment activities for the Northeast Kentucky MSW program
- Teach classes for the MSW program on the Northeastern campus
- Mentor and advise students in the MSW program on the Northeastern campus

2012- 2016

Training Specialist- Department of Community Based Services

Eastern Kentucky University

- Motivate and train new and tenured Protection and Permanency workers on policy and procedures
- Provide face-to face instruction to various size groups of participants from Department for Community Based Services staff and Public Child Welfare Certification Program students.
- Design and development new curriculum and keep materials updated
- Develop on-line trainings and tutorials as well as web-based training and Blackboard Courses.
- Act as a program specialist in area of Sexual Abuse.
- Use on-line training techniques, i.e., Blackboard, web-based, etc.
- Collaborate with various community partners, sister agencies, and universities to work on training projects and presentations to educate Cabinet employees.

2006 – 2011

Social Service Worker II

Cabinet for Health and Family Services

Protection & Permanency

- Investigating allegations of child abuse and/or neglect.
- Assessing the environment in which a child is living and the probability of occurrence or recurrence of abuse and/or neglect by the adult caregiver(s).
- Using engagement skills to build working rapport with clients
- Providing written assessments of all reports and findings as well as gathering relevant records and documentations from other agencies.
- Providing families with community resources and preventive services regarding child protection in an effort to create stability within the family unit.
- Working with court system by providing verbal testimony and written reports as well as recommendations of possible interventions and courses of action for families.
- Maintaining a working knowledge of KRS child abuse statutes along with Agency Standards of Practice when determining best course of action.

Presentations

- Numerous training presentations presented to both Protection and Permanency and Child Support workers and supervisors with the Cabinet for Health and Family Services
- Child Sexual Abuse presentation to the Sex Offender Risk Assessment Advisory Board
- Numerous presentations presented during the MSW program.

Achievements

- Public Child Welfare Certification Program Graduate (2006)
- Actively Seeking- Certified Social Worker, Association of Social Work Boards
- Chief of Investigation Unit (Acting supervisor in absence of supervisor), 2010 –2012

References

Available upon request