

JORDAN PUSCUS

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HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Experienced in direct counseling with adults, youth, and children in order to identify current needs, strengths, and solutions.
- Experienced in developing and maintaining open and honest work relationships with a challenging and diverse range of individuals, interest groups and related service providers.
- Extensive experience in case management with at-risk youth and collaboration with diverse professionals and supports.
- Strong work ethic, leadership abilities and a willingness to learn from others.

EDUCATION

University of Regina | Regina, SK

Bachelor of Education After Degree (BEAD), Middle Years (6-9)

January 2021 – Ongoing

University of Calgary | Calgary, AB

Master of Social Work (MSW)

International and Community Development Specialization

September 2014 – August 2015

University of Regina | Regina, SK

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

September 2008 – April 2012

Other Professional Development

Trauma-Informed Resilient Schools (6 hours) | Virtual

2020

Violence and Threat Risk Assessment, Level 1 & 2 | Regina, SK

2017/2018

Non-Violent Crisis Intervention Certificate | Calgary, AB

2015

PAID WORK EXPERIENCE

Mother Teresa Middle School | *College & Careers Coach*

March 2020 – Present

- Support students as they transition from high school into post-secondary education.
- Provide college and career readiness programming to middle school students in grades 6 – 8.
- Work collaboratively with an intervention team to provide supports and services to graduates of MTMS.

Cornwall Alternative School | *Boys Counsellor*

September 2018 – March 2020

- Provided one-on-one counselling for youth in crisis situations.
- Facilitated weekly group life skills classes for boys in grades 7-9
- Worked collaboratively with fellow school staff to develop and implement case plans for individual students.

Ministry of Social Services, Government of Saskatchewan | *Assistant Supervisor, Child Protection*

December 2017 – August 2018

- Mentored and coached new staff for them to be trained in the responsibilities of being a Child Protection Worker

- Worked collaboratively with the unit Supervisor to make decisions and provide feedback to caseworkers in relation to supporting families and connecting them to services in the community.

Ministry of Social Services, Government of Saskatchewan | *Child Protection Worker*

August 2015 – December 2017

- Served as the Ministry of Social Services liaison on The Regina inter-sectoral Partnership (TRiP) team
- Worked collaboratively with community partners and inter-agency representatives to advocate on behalf of clients.
- Planned and conducted interviews with individuals with significant history of trauma to evaluate relevant information and the need for services with high-risk clients.
- Provided direct counseling and one-to-one support to both parents and children from my caseload.

Children Exposed to Violence, YWCA, Regina, SK | *Group Facilitator*

January – March 2017; April – June 2017; October – December 2017; April – June 2018

- Facilitated a children's group with a focus on exposure to domestic violence.
- Engaged the children in group activities and programming to provide support to address their victimization.

Calgary Drop-in & Rehab Centre, Calgary, AB | *Adult Care Worker*

October 2014 – April 2015

- Provided support for at-risk and homeless individuals through empathetic listening and support.
- Provided conflict resolution for high-risk clients and assisted in mediating volatile situations between clients.

Ministry of Justice, Government of Saskatchewan | *Community Youth Worker*

April 2012 – August 2014

- Gained knowledge of the indicators and dynamics of addictions, domestic violence, poverty, disabilities, family relationships, abuse and neglect and their impact on a client's ability to integrate and maintain change.
- Developed skills in organizing, presenting, and recording information for the Youth Justice Court in a clear, concise, and timely manner which allowed others to understand the reasons for recommendations or the need for further action.

Catholic Family Services, Regina, SK | *Youth Mentor*

September 2011 – September 2012

- Served as a role model while providing mentorship and support for an at-risk youth.
- Engaged in programming and connected youth to services to meet his individual needs.

VOLUNTEER & PRACTICUM EXPERIENCE

Board Member | *Catholic Family Services* – Regina, Saskatchewan June 2021 – Present

- Served as a volunteer Board Member with Catholic Family Services in order to provide guidance and direction regarding organizational policies and practices.

Big Brothers of Regina | *Big Brother* – Regina, Saskatchewan February 2016 – July 2021

- Providing one-on-one mentorship to a youth with limited male role models and am involved in enhancing his support system in the community.

Michael A. Riffel High School | *Head Coach – Junior Boys Basketball* 2018 – 2020

- Worked with youth in group settings to assist in both skill and personal development.
- Acted as a mentor and role model to grade 9 & 10 boys.

- Society for Family Health, Rwanda | *Practicum Student*** – Kigali, Rwanda April 2015 – July 2015
- Engaged in the formation of proposals in response to funding requests for community development projects in Rwanda.
 - Participated in the monitoring and evaluation of communication activities developed and implemented by local Rwandan staff.
- Social Work Students' Society, University of Regina | *President*** April 2011 – April 2012
- Engaged in a leadership role for a non-profit student association.
 - Organized a rally and march in support of lack of affordable housing and homelessness in Regina.
 - Represented the students of the Faculty of Social Work on a number of committees with faculty members.
 - Initiated fundraising events in order to raise money for non-profit organizations in Regina.
- Paul Dojack Youth Centre | *Practicum Student*** – Regina, SK January 2012 – April 2012
- Provided support and counseling for youth serving criminal sentences.
 - Engaged in one-to-one programming with criminal youth.
- Social Work Students' Society, University of Regina | *Member*** September 2011 – April 2011
- Worked collaboratively with other members of the organization to plan fundraising events.
- Street Culture Youth Project | *Practicum Student*** – Regina, SK September 2011 – December 2011
- Assisted in program development and implementation for at-risk youth.
- Live Different | *Volunteer*** – Dominican Republic August 2011 & August 2012
- Participated in a volunteer trip to the Dominican Republic to build houses for vulnerable families.
 - Fundraised to cover the costs of building homes for vulnerable families.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

Saskatchewan Association of Social Workers (SASW) | Regina, SK 2016-Present
2010-2013

AWARDS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Dean's List | University of Regina 2021
Academic Silver Prize | University of Regina 2012
Academic Gold Scholarship Award | University of Regina 2011
Academic Silver Scholarship Award | University of Regina 2011
Dr. Martin LeBoldus Graduate Memorial Award | Dr. Martin LeBoldus High School 2008

REFERENCES

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