

## **Amanda Jones, LCSW-BACS**

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### **Employment History**

#### **Angelo State University**

September 2020 – present; San Angelo, TX

Adjunct Faculty

Provide instruction for online courses in the Department of Social Work.

#### **Florida Parishes Human Services Authority/ Supervisor**

May 2012 – present; Mandeville, Louisiana

Supervise a team of clinicians (social workers and counselors) who provide behavioral health services (mental health and substance abuse treatment) to children and adults at CARF-accredited community behavioral health clinic. Work as part of an interdisciplinary treatment team to provide evidenced-based therapy utilizing Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Solution-Focused Therapy, NAVIGATE FEP Coordinated Specialty Care, MATRIX, Living in Balance, and IMR. Modalities include individual, group, and family therapy, both in-person and by telehealth.

- Director, First Episode Psychosis Program for five-parish region in Southeast Louisiana
- Treatment Liaison and Coordinator, 22<sup>nd</sup> Judicial Specialty Courts: Drug Court, Behavioral Health Court, Sobriety Court, and AOT
- Louisiana ACE (Adverse Childhood Experiences) Educator: provide training throughout the state as part of the Louisiana ACE Initiative
- Board of Directors for REACH Coalition (Resilience in Action for Community Healing), an initiative that emerged from the work of Louisiana ACE educators

#### **Mental Health Provider/St. Tammany Parish School Board**

2011-2012 School Year, Mandeville, Louisiana

Worked with high school and junior high school students who had been expelled from the traditional school setting. Provided individual, group, and family therapy.

#### **Mental Health Provider/Regina Coeli Head Start Program**

2011-2012 School year, Mandeville, Louisiana

Provided play therapy for at-risk preschool children at Head Start programs in Tangipahoa Parish, Louisiana.

**Educator**, September 2007-December 2010; Union and St. Tammany Parishes, Louisiana

- North Central Louisiana Technical College, Farmerville, Louisiana  
Taught adult-learners who were seeking a General Equivalency Diploma
- Lakeshore High School, Mandeville, Louisiana: Freshman English Teacher
- Union Parish High School: Freshman and Sophomore Honors English Teacher
- Worked with all students, using a variety of teaching strategies, in an inclusive classroom environment.
- Directed the Freshman Academy, a best-practices approach to support high school retention. Attended the National Best Practices Education conference in Orlando, Florida, 2009.

**Executive Director, North Central Louisiana Arts Council**

November 2006-November 2007, Ruston, Louisiana

Coordinated and implemented arts programming for five parishes in North Louisiana. Programs included Summer Arts Camps for Kids (in five parishes), Annual Holiday Arts Tour, exhibits at La. Tech University; Peach Festival juried art exhibits. Maintained gallery NCLAC gallery. Wrote grants to obtain funding for Holiday Arts Tour performances and summer educational programs. Worked closely with Board of Directors to ensure quality arts programming throughout the region.

**Social Worker, Hospice Care of Louisiana**

July 2004-November 2006; Monroe, Louisiana

Worked with interdisciplinary team to provide end-of-life support to hospice patients and their families.

**Regional Manager, Heritage Health Services**

September 2000-June 2004; Dallas, Texas

Provided supervision for hospital-based intensive outpatient mental health treatment programs throughout North and Central Texas. Recruited and trained treatment teams for each location. Initiated and maintained contracts with hospital CEOs; supervised treatment teams in multiple locations and over \$1.7 million in business. Worked with Program Managers to develop and implement strategic outreach and community education plans.

**Senior Training Specialist, Magellan Behavioral Health**

April 1999-September 2000; Dallas, Texas

Developed and supervised training program for care managers at Dallas Regional Service Center. This center managed mental health treatment benefits for multiple insurance contracts. Curriculum included clinical utilization review, customer service, and computer training. Coordinated continuing education training for clinical staff. Was promoted to National Training Department and provided training to service centers throughout the United States.

**Social Work Coordinator, Mesquite Community Hospital**

April 1995-April 1999, Mesquite, Texas

Coordinated all aspects of assessment, intake, treatment, and discharge planning for twelve-bed inpatient geropsychiatric program. Provided group, individual, and family psychotherapy; provided education and resource assistance to families. Coordinated both voluntary and involuntary admissions. Worked with interdisciplinary treatment team to successfully complete two JCAHO surveys. Supervised BSW and MSW university candidates.

**Education**

**Tulane University**

New Orleans, Louisiana

Master of Social Work, December 1992

GPA: 3.8

**University of Southwestern Louisiana**

Lafayette, Louisiana

Bachelor of Arts, May 1992

Major: Sociology

Minors: IDS Humanities; Communication

Graduated Summa Cum Laude

GPA: 3.95

**Louisiana Tech University**

Ruston, Louisiana

Secondary English Certification, May 2010

GPA: 4.0