

Christine E. Toner, LCSW-R

A Clinical Social Worker with over 25 years post-masters experience in the fields of child welfare, community corrections, mental health and addictions. Areas of clinical expertise include motivational interviewing, family systems, solution-focused and cognitive behavioral approaches in working with individuals and families.

Professional Experience

April 2009 to August 2018

Phoenix House Brooklyn, NY

Center on Addiction and the Family, Senior Associate

Provide clinical guidance and advice throughout the agency on the role of the family in addiction treatment with specific emphasis on gender responsive treatment
Provide written materials and coaching to support and enhance individual and family meetings
Project Director for the Connections program an OFA healthy marriages grant

January 2007 to April 2008

Family Justice NYC, NY

Clinical Director

Provide clinical guidance, group supervision and advice throughout the agency.
Provide clinical expertise for the successful start-up and operation of new Bodega Model projects around the country
Convene focus groups and round table discussions
Oversee quality improvement and model development of start-up programs

March 2004 to January 2007

Family Justice NYC, NY

Senior Training Associate

A national non-profit that consults with Criminal justice organizations on re-entry
Assess the training needs of government agencies and not-for-profit organizations
Draft, design, and test training curriculums
Ensure programmatic and financial compliance with funding contracts. Manage government contracts
Present at numerous national conferences

May 2000 to March 2004

NYC Department of Probation, NYC, NY

Deputy Director of the Division of Staff and Organizational Development

Developed and provided training to the professional staff of the Department (both criminal and family divisions) on a variety of topics including child abuse and neglect, adolescent and family assessment, officer safety, motivational interviewing, leadership and managerial skills.
Provided EEOC training programs to staff
Present at national conferences
Coordinated and scheduled training for the department; ensured that trainings met State mandates for peace officer certification
Supervised a staff of eight trainers

October 1998 to May 2000

Administration for Children's Services, NYC, NY

Facilitator/Case Reviewer

Reviewed cases for the Quality Improvement Department around best supervisory and case work practices
Facilitated peer discussions to promote supervisory best practices and formulated improvement plans

July 1994 to September 1998

Mt. Sinai Medical Center, NYC, NY

Clinical Social Worker

Provided needs assessments, substance abuse counseling, group counseling, individual and family counseling to adolescents. Dealing with a variety of issues including sexual assault, dating violence, family violence, eating disorders, HIV, reproductive issues

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Presented weekly at medical rounds on adolescent developmental issues
Supervised MSW students

August 1991 to July 1994 Children's Aid Society, Brooklyn, NY

Caseplanner/Court Supervisor

Provided psychosocial assessments of adolescents and their families diverted from the Family Court PINS process

Provided supervision to workers during the intake process in Family Court

Designed, piloted and implemented a mentoring program Y.E.S. (Youth Empowerment for Success Mentoring) for Black/Latino males. Trained volunteers and facilitated support groups for the volunteers and groups for the young men.

September 1989 to August 1991 NY County District Attorney's Office, NYC, NY

Social Services Worker

Provided crisis intervention and needs assessment for crime victims and witnesses of crime. Advocated within the criminal justice system for clients, including testifying in court

Academic Teaching Experience

September 2003 to Present Fordham University, NYC, NY

Instructor

Teach a variety of three credit courses in the Graduate School of Social Services. Courses include Generalist Practice, Advanced Assessment and Diagnosis, and Clinical Practice. Courses taught in the classroom and developed for the University.

February 1998 to January 2008 The New School University, NYC, NY

Adjunct Professor

Teach a variety of three credit courses in the undergraduate social science division. Courses include Adolescent Psychology, Social Psychology, and Introduction to Criminal Justice. Courses designed and developed for the university and taught both on-line and in the classroom.

Presentations/Training for Specific Organizations

Available upon request

On-Going Contracted/Consultant Experience

April 2016 to Present Workforce Institute CUNY, NYC

Trainer Consultant

A training initiative with ACS and CUNY to bring professional development to child welfare professionals across New York City. Provide trainings and assist in developing curriculum. Training topics include: Motivational Interviewing, LGBTQ youth, coaching staff

March 2006 to Present The Carey Group, FLA

Senior Associate

Provide training and consultation to a varied of audiences on cognitive behavioral programs, evidenced based practices and motivational interviewing within the field of community corrections and corrections.

August 2005 to June 2010 MHA of New York City

Trainer Consultant

A non-profit mental health organization provide training to other organizations on detection of mental illness, child welfare issues and leadership seminars

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July 2001 to March 2002 The Council for Unity, NYC, NY

Clinical Consultant

A non-profit organization that aims to promote inter-group relations and reduce violence in schools and communities, provided clinical support, facilitated group, designed and ran workshops.

September 1996 to September 1998 Mt. Sinai Medical Center, NYC, NY

On-Call Social Worker

Provided support to medical staff during non-peak hours around issues of child abuse, domestic violence, rape crisis, mental illness, death notifications. On the week-ends provided discharge planning coverage.

Education

October 2008 Motivational Interviewing TNT
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August 2001 GROW Training Institute
Certified Coach

December 2000 Thinking for a Change
Group Facilitator Trainer

January 1997 Columbia University, NYC, NY
Certified Field Instructor (SIFI)

May 1997 Hunter College, NYC, NY
Post- Masters Certificate Clinical Work with children, adolescents and adults

January 1994 Hunter College, NYC, NY
Masters, Social Work
Recipient of Child Welfare Fellowship, 1992-1993

January 1993 Children's Aid Society, NYC, NY
Certified parent/child mediator

May 1989 Boston University, Boston, MA
B.S., Psychology

Languages

Fluent in Spanish

Technical Skills

Proficient in Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Outlook