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Education

Masters of Science, Vocational Rehabilitation, 1994

University of Wisconsin-Stout, Menomonie, Wisconsin

- Thesis: This Historical Development and Validation of the Vocational Assessment Protocol

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW), 1987

University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- Minor: Business Administration

Certifications/Training

Certified Brain Injury Specialist Trainer, 2009-Present

The American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialist (AACBIS)

Certified Brain Injury Specialist, 2009-Present

The American Academy for the Certification of Brain Injury Specialist (AACBIS)

Certified Social Worker (CSW), 1993-Present

State of Wisconsin

Certified Vocational Evaluator (CVE), 1995-2000

Commission of Certification of Work Adjustment and Vocational Specialists.

American's with Disabilities Act (ADA) Consumer Trainer, 1995.

United Cerebral Palsy Training, Birmingham, AL

Employment Experience

Owner/Director, 1995-Present

Reality Unlimited, LLC

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- Owner & operator of a company providing "reality-based" community services for individuals with brain injury.
- Day-to-day business administration and staff supervision
- Program development for three Adult Family Homes

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Employment Experience, Continued

- Environmental behavioral intervention strategies
- Outpatient Counseling/Consulting
- Training on brain injury for various agencies/organizations

Project Developer, 2001-2002

Fairhaven Institute for Brain Injury, Inc.

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Menomonie, Wisconsin

- Developed an institute to promote the inclusion of people with brain injury in research, leadership, service delivery design and public policy.

Director, Brain Injury Services, 1994-1995

Brotoloc Health Care Systems, Inc.

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- Responsible for developing a statewide community-based residential program.

Brain Injury Specialist, 1993-1995

Heinz Psychological Services, LTD

Eau Claire, Wisconsin

- Provided counseling and casemanagement services for individuals who have experienced brain injury and their families.

Research Assistant, 1990-1993

Research and Training Center (RTC)

Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI)

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Menomonie, Wisconsin

- Assisted in the clinical validation of the Vocational Assessment Protocol for Brain Injury
- Liaison to the **Brain Injury Association, Inc.** (BIA) and the Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin, Inc (BIA-W)

Resource Counselor, 1990-1991

Center for Independent Living of Western Wisconsin, Inc.

University of Wisconsin-Stout

Menomonie, Wisconsin

- Provided counseling, assistive technology, and information regarding resources to assist individuals with brain injury to live more independently in the community of their choice.

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Employment Experience, con't.

Research Project Coordinator, 1989-1990
Research and Training Center (RTC)
Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute (SVRI)
University of Wisconsin-Stout
Menomonie, Wisconsin

- Assisted with Project HIRE, a supported employment research project involving people with brain injury and measuring needed supports for successful employment placement and maintenance.

Executive Director, 1987-1989
Kinship of Chippewa County, Inc.
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

- Provided administration, marketing and fundraising for a non-profit organization that matched children from single parent families with adult volunteers/mentors.

Instructor, 1988
Bablick Nurturing Program
Family Support Center
Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin

- Taught children (ages 8-12) abuse avoidance and positive self-nurturing skills.

Professional Memberships and Activities

Long Term Care Council of Wisconsin
Member, 2014-Present
Madison, WI

- Department of Health Services Secretary appointed council to advise the department on issues related to the provision of long term care services in the state of Wisconsin.

Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin, Inc
(Formerly the Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin, Inc.)
President, 1998-2000, 2013-Present
Vice President, 1995-1998
Board of Directors, 1985-1989 & 1994-2000
Support Group Facilitator, 1983-Present
Sussex, WI

- An advocacy organization dedicated to improving the lives of individuals who have experienced brain injury and the prevention of brain injury.

Professional Memberships and Activities (con't)

Mayo Clinic Brain Injury Model Systems Advisory Board

Member, 2001-Present

Rochester, MN

- Advises Mayo Clinic's Midwest Regional Brain Injury Center on issues related to brain injury research and service delivery.

Treatment Instead of Prison (TIP) Task Force

JONAH (Joining Our Neighbors Advancing Hope)

Member, 2008-Present

Eau Claire, WI

- A faith based, issue driven advocacy group that believes the justice system should have the goal of restoring lives and families when possible.

Brain Injury Advisory Council of Wisconsin

Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services

Member, 2000-Present

Madison, WI

- Secretary appointed council to advise on issues related to brain injury

Wisconsin State Independent Living Council (SILC), Member, 2001-2007

Vice Chairperson, 2005-2007

Member, 2001-2007

Madison, Wisconsin

- Governor appointment to overview and advise the administration on issues related to individuals with disabilities living as independently as possible.

Wisconsin Rehabilitation Council

Member, 1998-2004

Madison, Wisconsin

- Governor appointment to overview and advise the administration on issues related to individuals with disabilities obtaining and maintaining employment.

Healthcare Finance Administration, (HCFA)

Grant Reviewer, 2000

Washington, D.C.

- Reviewed Ticket to Work & Work Incentives Act (TWWIA) State Infrastructure Grants

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Professional Memberships and Activities (con't)

National Center on Outcomes Research, (NCOR)

Focus Group Member, July 29, 2000

Washington, D.C.

- A focus group to define and describe the quality of services and supports individuals with disabilities receive.

Brain Injury Program Standards National Advisory Council
Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

Member, 1999

Tucson, Arizona

- Council provided input into the **2000 Standards of Care in Medical Rehabilitation**, specifically for Brain Injury Programs

Brain Injury Association of America, Inc.

- **Member**, Office of Special Education and Rehabilitation Services (OSERS) Agreement of Understanding Committee
- Annual Symposium Planning Committee, **Member**, 1993-1996
- Survivor's Council, **Member** 1989-1998
- Board of Directors, **Member** 1991-1993
- Annual Symposium, **Peer Reviewer**, 1990
- Substance Abuse Task Force, **Member**, 1989-1993

Research & Training Center

Stout Vocational Rehabilitation Institute

University of Wisconsin-Stout

- **National Advisory Board, Member** 1989-2003

Pediatric Brain Injury Task Force

Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction

Member, 1992-1995

Publications

Co-author, **Beautiful Minds: Rebuilding Life After A Brain Injury**, Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services/Pathways to Independence, 2008.

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Publications, con't.

Co-author, **A Historical Journey Into Our World**, TBI Challenge, Brain Injury Association Newsletter, November/December 2000.

Author, **President's Message**, Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin Newsletter, Published quarterly, 1997-2000.

Author, Journal Article Review, **Job Coach Burnout**, *Journal of Rehabilitation Administration*, Nov 1992, 16(4).

Co-author, **Traumatic Brain Injury and Vocational Rehabilitation, 2nd ed.**, published by Research and Training Center, University of Wisconsin-Stout, 1990.

Presentations

30 Years of 3rd Thursdays: The Care & Maintenance of Support Groups, Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin's Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, May 2014

Making Your Space A Better Place for Your Brain, Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin's Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, May 2013

Aging & Brain Injury: 30 Years Later, Brain Injury Alliance of Wisconsin's Annual Conference, Wisconsin Dells, May 2013

Aging & Brain Injury, Carle Rehabilitation Center's Annual Conference, Champagne, IL, April 2013

Certified Brain Injury Specialist Training, Wisconsin Brain Injury Advisory Board Statewide Training Project, Eau Claire, Wisconsin, October 2009

Aging and Brain Injury, Brain Injury Association of America's Caregivers Conference, Washington, D.C., 2008.

Participatory Research: A Win/Win Framework, Brain Injury Association of America Annual Symposium; July 2002

Brain Injury 101, Fall 1998 & 1999, Guest speaker, Education Department, University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Life After Brain Injury 101, April 1999; St. Croix county Department of Social Services family training, New Richmond, WI.

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Presentations, con't.

Life After Brain Injury 101, June 1998; Eau Claire county Department of Health & Social Services In-service Training, Eau Claire, WI.

Paid Work Alternatives, July 1995, Vocational Rehabilitation and Brain Injury: Planning Employment and Emerging Issues, Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Personal Awareness, August 1995, Vocational Rehabilitation and Brain Injury: Planning Employment and Emerging Issues, Summer Institute, University of Wisconsin-Stout.

The Wisconsin Medical Assistance Brain Injury Waiver/The NHIF and OSERS Agreement of Understanding Update, June 1995, National Head Injury Foundation Annual Meeting, Washington, D.C.

In Defense of Myself, May 1995, Brain Injury Association's 8th Annual Conference, Green Bay, WI.

In Defense of Myself, November 1994, OSERS Conference on Brain Injury, Chicago.

In Defense of Myself, November 1994, National Head Injury Foundation's Annual Symposium, Chicago.

The Vocational Assessment Protocol, November 1994, National Head Injury Foundation's Annual Symposium, Chicago.

Education and Vocation After Brain Injury: The Lifelong Continuum, Pre Symposium Workshop, November 1994, National Head Injury Foundation's Annual Symposium, Chicago.

Sensitivity to the Experience of Brain Injury, June 1994, Midwest Rehabilitation Center, Waterford, WI.

From the Survivor's Point of View, Panelist, May 1994, Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin's 7th Annual Brain Injury Conference, Madison, WI.

Brain Injury and Education, March 1994, University of Wisconsin-Eau Claire, WI.

Intimacy After Brain Injury, May 1993, Brain Injury Association of Wisconsin's 6th Annual Brain Injury Conference, Eau Claire, WI.

Neuropsychological Evaluations and Vocational Planning, Co-Presenter, May 1993, Brain Injury Assoc. of Wisconsin's 6th Annual Brain Injury Conference, Eau Claire, WI.'

Traumatic Brain Injury: A Survivor's Perspective, May 1993, Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction Conference, Marshfield, WI.

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Presentations, con't.

Into the Future: A New Era for Traumatic Brain Injury, Panelist, April 1993, National Association of School Psychologists Annual conference, Washington, D.C.

Sexuality and Intimacy After Traumatic Brain Injury, August 1990, Diffusion Network training, University of Wisconsin-Stout.

Head Injury, 1990 Chippewa County Public Health Nurses In-service, Chippewa Falls, WI.

Head Injury and Domestic Violence, 1988, Family Support Center, Chippewa Falls, WI.