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## PERSONAL PROFILE:

Social Worker and educator dedicated to advancing social justice. Well-versed in macro-, mezzo-, and clinical social work. Striving to assist in the formation of new social workers and participate in advancement of the profession.

## EDUCATION:

- 2014 **University of Chicago, Chicago, IL**  
Master of Arts in Social Administration (Social Work)
- 2008 **Creighton University, Omaha, NE**  
Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*  
Major: Spanish, Minor: Secondary Education

## EXPERIENCE:

- 2015-present **Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD**  
***Counseling Supervisor***
- Manage evidence-based programs serving juvenile justice population
  - Provide group and individual clinical supervision to team
  - Collaborate with referral sources, consultants, and community partners
  - Evaluate staff and team performance for quality assurance
  - Develop and implement quality improvement measures
  - Hire and train new team members
  - Promote services in the community through public speaking engagements
  - Market program and secure additional referral streams to assure sustainability of program
  - Supervise BSW and MSW interns
  - Participate in agency and local efforts to address racial and ethnic disparities in juvenile justice
- 2014-present **Lutheran Social Services of South Dakota, Sioux Falls, SD**  
***Clinical Therapist***
- Provide evidence-based services to juvenile justice population
  - Serve outpatient and school-based clients
  - Deliver culturally-sensitive services to diverse populations
  - Collaborate with colleagues, interpreters, referents, and other community partners
  - Document treatment plans, assessments, and client progress
- 2013-2014 **Presence St. Mary's Outpatient Behavioral Health, Chicago, IL**  
***Clinical Social Work Intern***
- Provided individual, group, and family psychotherapy to children, adolescents, and adults
  - Conducted diagnostic and psychosocial evaluations
  - Developed and implemented treatment plans
  - Collaborated with team of psychiatrists, social workers, psychologists, and student interns
  - Delivered bilingual and culturally-sensitive services to patients
  - Documented client progress and assessment

- 2012- 2013 **Chicago Commons, Chicago, IL**  
***Social Work Graduate Intern***  
 -Provided case management services to participants in the Center for Working Family  
 -Researched and organized case management resources  
 -Designed program participant survey and analyzed results  
 -Collaborated in development of elementary after-school program  
 -Planned and facilitated group activities to address life skills and promote academic enrichment  
 -Implemented and evaluated behavior management strategies  
 -Conducted crisis intervention and maintained caseload of students  
 -Attended and participated in neighborhood board and committee meetings
- 2011- 2014 **St. Viator Elementary, Chicago, IL**  
***Teacher***  
 -Taught 1-8 grade Spanish classes, approximately 85 students  
 -Created curriculum, assessed student progress and outcomes  
 -Collaborated with educational team  
 -Established, developed, and facilitated the Green Eagles after-school urban gardening club
- 2011 **Hyde Park Jewish Community Center, Chicago, IL**  
***After-Care Program Director and Counselor***  
 -Supervised junior and senior counselors  
 -Planned and facilitated day and after-care program activities  
 -Managed participant behavior  
 -Completed daily documentation  
 -Maintained appropriate communication with parents and families
- 2010- 2013 **St. Celestine School, Elmwood Park, IL**  
***Teacher***  
 -Taught K-8 grade Spanish classes, approximately 440 students  
 -Created curriculum, assessed student progress and outcomes  
 -Collaborated with fellow teachers to co-teach lessons  
 -Founded and facilitated Spanish Club
- 2008- 2010 **Centro Escolar Pan y Amor, Managua, Nicaragua**  
***Teacher***  
 -Created curriculum for kindergarten, middle school and high school foreign language program  
 -Planned and taught kindergarten and secondary foreign language classes  
 -Assisted preschool teachers  
 -Supervised secondary extracurricular activities
- 2008, 2010 **George-Little Rock Community School District, Little Rock, IA**  
***Paraprofessional, Substitute Teacher***  
 -Provided supplementary instruction to special education students  
 -Supervised student activities  
 -Substitute taught classes as needed

## **APPOINTMENTS & VOLUNTEER WORK:**

- 2018-present **City of Sioux Falls Human Relations Commission**  
**Commissioner**  
-Promote diversity and civil rights in the community  
-Assist in the enforcement of equal opportunity and anti-discrimination law in the areas of employment, housing, public services, public accommodations, financial institutions, insurance companies, labor organizations, and educational institutions in the city
- 2018-present **Educated Mommy**  
**Volunteer**  
-Designed and co-facilitate new parent support group  
-Consult with and educate staff on mental health issues
- 2013-14 **Advocate's Forum, University of Chicago**  
**Editorial Board Member**  
-Reviewed and critiqued articles submitted for consideration  
-Collaborated with fellow board members to select article for publication
- 2011-12 **Dorothy Stang Popular Education Adult High School, Chicago, IL**  
**Volunteer Teacher**  
-Co-facilitated bilingual class on experiential learning and life skills  
-Taught curriculum based in popular education of Paulo Freire
- 2008-10 **Jesuit Volunteer Corps, Managua, Nicaragua**  
**Volunteer**  
-Taught at Centro Escolar Pan y Amor, a school for urban, at-risk youth  
-Lived in intentional community with fellow volunteers  
-Committed to uphold program core values of social justice, simplicity, community, and spirituality
- 2007 **Creighton Institute for Latin American Concern, Dominican Republic**  
**Coordinator**  
-Coordinated summer medical clinic in rural Dominican Republic  
-Managed group of medical professionals and students  
-Interpreted between doctors and patients  
-Managed logistics, finances, and communication

## **PRESENTATIONS:**

Grode Wolters, M., Robideau, N., & Ellens, N. (2017, September). *Overview of functional family therapy, moral reconnection therapy, and aggression replacement training*. Panelist at the Juvenile Justice Summit, Sioux Falls, SD.

Boetel, M., Grode Wolters, M. & Wiepen, L. (2017, September). *Overview of the mental health service delivery system*. Panelist at the Juvenile Justice Summit, Sioux Falls, SD.

Brokenleg, A., Grode Wolters, M., Thin Elk, S., Johnson, B., Liggins, T., Dsouza, P.,...Ramirez, A. (2017, July). *Cultural table talks*. Panelist at the Racial and Ethnic Fairness Summer Training Series, Sioux Falls, SD.

Grode Wolters, M. & Brokenleg, A. (2015, August.) *Engaging families from diverse backgrounds*. Presentation at the Disproportionate Minority Contact Summer Training Series, Sioux Falls, SD.

### **QUALIFICATIONS AND SKILLS:**

- South Dakota Licensed Certified Social Worker-Private Independent Practice (#4795)
- Bilingual, Professional Working Proficiency in Spanish
- Trauma-Informed Practice
- Cross-Cultural Practice
- Refugee and Immigrant Mental Health Practice
- Program Development and Implementation
- Research Skills and Experience
- Management Experience
- International and Domestic Work and Travel
- Highly organized, detail-oriented
- Public Speaking

### **TRAININGS AND CONFERENCES:**

- 2019 Aggression Replacement Training
- 2019 Cannabis Youth Treatment
- 2018 Functional Family Therapy Enhanced Training
- 2018 Advanced Moral Reconciliation Training
- 2017 Racial and Ethnic Fairness Conference
- 2017 Culturally Inclusive Programming for Youth Conference
- 2016 Moral Reconciliation Training
- 2016 Diversity Conference
- 2016-18 NASW-SD Annual Conference
- 2015-16 Functional Family Therapy Externship and Supervisor Training Series
- 2015 Disaster Case Management Training
- 2015 Diversity Conference
- 2014-15 Functional Family Therapy Training-Initial Series
- 2016 Avera Child Sexual Abuse Conference
- 2015 Circle of Courage Conference Attendee

### **AREAS OF INTEREST:**

- International & Cross-Cultural Practice
- Public Policy
- Racial, Social, & Economic Justice
- Human Rights
- Juvenile Justice
- Immigration & Refugee Issues
- Social Work Applications of Yoga
- Prenatal & Post-Partum Issues
- Positive Parenting & Child Development
- Psychodynamic Theory & Practice
- Trauma-Informed Practice