

REBECCA LOPEZ-TATE

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Self-directed and focused Social Worker with outstanding written and verbal communication skills developed through interaction with a variety of clients from diversified ethnic, cultural and socioeconomic backgrounds. Constant interaction with vulnerable client population. Strength in identifying client concerns, problems and situations while recommending and implementing viable solutions. Articulate and detail-oriented, constantly focusing on productive client relationships, effective course of action and a positive end result. Proficiency in Microsoft Office Suite, including Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint, Access and Outlook.

- ◇ Analytically Inclined
- ◇ Above-Average Writing Abilities
- ◇ Bilingual
- ◇ Strength in Conflict Resolution
- ◇ Communication & Empathetic Skills
- ◇ Investigative Reporting
- ◇ Outstanding Client Service
- ◇ Computer Literate
- ◇ Interviewing Techniques

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

University of Texas Arlington, Arlington, TX - M.S.W. - 8/2014
Concentration in Practice with Families and Children

University of Texas of Pan American, Edinburg, TX - B.A., Social Work – 5/2010

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- Licensed as a Social Worker by the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners
- License number 60079

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Alliance Counseling and Education Center

08/2015- Present

LMSW (Intern)

- Complete intake, diagnostic assessment and treatment planning.
- Provide individual, family and group therapy guided by the treatment plan.
- Provide crisis intervention for clients as appropriate.

Parkland Behavioral Health Clinic

12/2014- Present

Psychiatric Social Worker

- Conducts psychosocial assessment of patients as assigned to coordinate the plan of care.
- Assists patients with co-occurring medical and behavioral health illnesses in the development of self-management skills necessary to stabilize and maintain maximum wellness of both.
- Collaborates with all members of the interdisciplinary health care team and the patient to coordinate the plan of care.
- Transitions patients through the health care system based upon individual and patient population needs.
- Monitors and assists the patient and family in the outpatient setting through phone calls and home visits as needed.
- Monitors patients level of engagement with the plan of care to avoid readmissions to medical inpatients stays, psychiatric inpatient stays and emergency department visits to maximize patient well-being and self-reliance.

Communities In Schools of Greater Tarrant County

8/2014- 12/2014

Position Title: Project Manager

- Provide individual supportive guidance and case management for Communities In Schools students.
- Intervene in crises experienced by students and their families, conduct home visits, encourage parental involvement in program activities, provide transportation for students and their families as needed, promote cooperation between faculty, school administration and the CIS team, provide and enter client data for CISCMS and report compilation.

Alliance Child & Family Solutions

5/2014- 12/2014

Position Title: PRN Foster/Adoption Home Assessor (FAHA)

- Participate in the development of various reports, which may include the health, genetic, emotional, social, marital, or mental health history of a child or adult as outlined by the particular entity requesting the evaluation and/or report.
- Determine whether a home environment is safe, the stability of an individual/couple in providing care for a child who may or may not be biologically related to them, and in completing related reports for the court.

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Tarrant County

Position Title: Conservatorship/Adoption Specialist

6/2010-5/2014

- Provided on- going services to children in substitute care to meet specific needs by using appropriate resources to move toward reuniting family or making other permanent plans for care of children.
- Used effective time-management skills to ensure that all key casework activity took place.
- Handle case closure, termination, adoption process and proper referral.
- Documented case records by completing forms, narratives, and reports to form a written record for each client.
- Developed and maintained effective working relationships between Child Protective Services staff and law enforcement officials, judicial officials, legal resources, medical professionals, and other community resources.
- Attended court hearing and acted as the child's advocate.
- Initiated appropriate legal action and/or testified in court to achieve protection or permanent placement plans for child(ren).
- Promoted and demonstrated appropriate respect for cultural diversity among coworkers and all work-related contacts.
- Promoted from Conservatorship Specialist III to Conservatorship Specialist IV.

Position Title: Investigator

- Investigated reports of abuse/neglect to children to assess current or future risk to children by interviewing parents, family members, and others; interviewing and examining children; assessing home environment; and gathering pertinent information from other sources.
- Determined child's safety by conducting interviews with the immediate family as well as individual in the community that are associated with the family.
- Determined interventions and recommend services to children and families in efforts to reduce risk of further abuse.
- Analyzed and evaluated case records, including preparation of summaries for other agencies or professional consultants.
- Maintain objectivity and empathetic understanding while working with families in crisis in all socioeconomic standings.
- Act as a liaison to social service agencies, schools, local law enforcement agencies, and attorneys regarding reports and investigation activities of child abuse and neglect cases.
- Case Management, 24-hour documentation, and a 30-day case turnover.
- Promoted from Investigator II to Investigator III.

Rolando Cantu & Associates-Legal Secretary, McAllen, TX

7/2008-5/2010

- Prepared and processed legal documents and papers, such as summons, complaints, appeals, motions, settlements, will and pretrial agreements.
- Organized and maintained law libraries, documents, and case files.
- Mailed, faxed, or arranged for delivery of legal correspondence.
- Received and placed telephone calls. Schedule and make appointments, translated for Spanish speaking clients.
- Drafted and typed daily assigned correspondence and billing.

INTERNSHIPS

Texas Department of Family and Protective Services, Adoption Unit- MSW Intern

08/2013 – 05/2014

- Assisted with Child Placement Unit in locating foster homes for children.
- Attended post adoption meetings, recruitment meetings, and adoption matches.
- Attended Tapestry Adoption and Foster Care Conference with Dr. Karyn Purvis.
- Observed home studies and completed addendums.
- Attended PRIDE classes for foster parents.

Women Together, Rape Crisis Center, McAllen, TX- BSW Intern

1/2010-5/2010

- Peer Counselor with a small caseload.
- Assisted at shelter and transitional housing.
- Prepared and presented power points in English and Spanish for preventive education.
- Assisted counselor with Spanish weekly support groups.

UTPA Department of Social Work, Edinburg, TX- Research Assistant

1/2009 – 5/2009

- Transcribed and interpreted audio interviews.
- Assisted in setting up class lectures, secretarial duties assisted in researching several databases.
- Helped create a database using SPSS.