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Education

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| The Ohio State University Master of Social Work | Columbus, OH June 12, 2005 |
| The Ohio State University Bachelor of Science in Social Work | Columbus, OH June 13, 2004 |

Social Work Experience

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| Mid-Ohio Board for an Independent Living Environment (MOBILE) Advocacy Coordinator | Columbus, OH August 2009 – Present |
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- Oversees and manages MOBILE's Advocacy Network
- Advocates for increased community accessibility for individuals with disabilities.
- Works with consumers on individual advocacy issues and social work related topics.
- Acts as agency liaison to various committees, boards and panels to advocate for disability issues.
- Presents regularly in the community on a variety of disability issues.
- Acts as "Education Coordinator" for OSU College of Social Work
- Supervises Social Work interns assigned to MOBILE by the Ohio State University
- Developed training materials teaching staff to accurately enter new consumer information into database.
- Developed new intake packet in order to improve record keeping and accuracy.
- Collaborates with IT Coordinator to oversee quality assurance of consumer records and database at the center

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| Barrier Free Living, Inc. For People with Disabilities Social Worker | New York, NY November 2006-July 2009 |
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- Provided direct therapeutic counseling services
- Acted as liaison between BFL and Kings County (Brooklyn) District Attorney's Office.

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| Ohio State University Outpatient Rehabilitation Social Worker Master's Practicum | Columbus, OH August 2005 – November 2006 Sept. 2004 – June 2005 |
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- Provided case management to disabled individuals.
- Provided adjustment counseling to individuals with brain injury, stroke and other disabilities.

Community Boards & Committees

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| Creative Living, Inc. | 2010 – Present |
| Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission Citizen Advisory Committee | 2010 – Present |
| Central Ohio Transit Authority (COTA) Co-Chair, Mobility Advisory Board | 2009 – Present |
| Ohio Visitability Strategy Group Chair (February 2011 – Present) | 2009 – Present |
| Columbus Advisory Committee on Disability Issues | 2009 – Present |
| Ohio Secretary of State ADA Advisory Committee | 2009 – Present |