

Denise Hammond, LCSW

Education

M.S.W., University of New Hampshire, May 1999
B.A. in Psychology, Franklin Pierce College, May 1994

Employment

2/2007 – 5/2008

Outpatient Counselor – River Ridge, *Kennebunk, ME*

Created an Outpatient social work position within brain injury population to fulfill a need in the community. Conducted assessments and counseling with clients living with a brain injury, along with support for family members. Provided 1:1 and group therapy for individuals with a brain injury. Worked within the interdisciplinary team to maintain advocacy and information for team and clients. Facilitated discharge process for clients to a more independent living or for more care as appropriate. Worked within the community to assist with resources as well as systems to help client advocate for assistance.

2/2003 – 2/2007

Director of Social Services – RiverRidge, *Kennebunk, ME*

Oversee and provide clinical social work services to skilled, long term care and residential care residents at a neuro-rehabilitation facility, specializing in brain injury. Conduct admission contracts and psychosocial assessments for new residents. Work within multi-disciplinary team to maintain quality of life services, residents' rights and family support during stay at facility. Facilitated art therapy, music therapy & spirituality groups for all residents. Implemented Family Council and maintained Resident's Council monthly. In charge of discharge planning and worked within long term care system to conduct referrals for legal, financial & psychosocial issues. Supervise social service department. Assisted in achieving CARF accreditation with Leadership Team.

4/1999 – 2/2003

York County Service Coordinator - The AIDS Project, *Portland, ME*

Supervise and manage case managers in York County. Manage and organize satellite office of The AIDS Project. Provide community support and networking for HIV education and prevention. Attend regular community meetings and serve on various task forces to advocate for individuals living with HIV/ AIDS. Provide case management services for 20-26 clients. Conduct intakes of new clients and maintain waitlist for clients waiting for a case manager. Answer crisis calls and HIV/AIDS/ Hepatitis C and STD hotline inquiries. Provide anonymous HIV Counseling and Testing for York County community. Facilitate support group for those infected and affected with the disease.

6/1998 - 8/1999

Psychiatric Counselor - Portsmouth Pavilion Psychiatric Unit, *Portsmouth, NH*

Assisted with management of adult, adolescent and elderly units in an inpatient psychiatric hospital. Responsibilities included: one on one counseling with mentally ill clients, crisis management, facilitated stress management and relaxation groups, community concerns and recreation groups and substance abuse counseling. Attend five-point restraints training.

6/1997 - 8/1998

Residential Counselor/ Program Assistant - Upward Bound Program, UNH, *Durham, NH*

Live-in counselor for low-income high school student's summer program. Implemented smoking cessation for group of 14 students. Organized special activities, health education speakers and parent workshops. Worked on administrative team which made program decisions. Planned school year activities such as college visits, holiday and ski reunion events, and senior and junior workshops.

- 8/1995 - 6/1997 **Resident Director/ Coordinator of Student Activities** - Hesser College, *Manchester, NH*
Supervised staff of 11 Resident Advisors and 400-student residential facility. Advised, planned, and implemented all campus organizations and activities. Organized alcohol awareness education and community service assignments for students. Implemented campus-wide events.
- 10/1995 - 6/1997 **Respite Worker** - Manchester Mental Health, *Manchester, NH*
Provided one-on-one interaction with children/ adolescents from varied backgrounds. Assisted team in treatment planning. Served as liaison between client's family and counselors.

Professional Experience/ Training

- 9/1998 - 4/1999 **York County Case Manager / Intern** - The AIDS Project, *Portland, ME*
Provided linkage, referrals and support services to people living with HIV/ AIDS. Maintained a caseload of 6 - 10 clients. Member of the York County AIDS Network to increase services in rural area. Assisted in organizing conference on improving services for people living with HIV/ AIDS. Co-facilitated support group. Implemented Outdoor/Wellness group for people living with HIV/ AIDS in collaboration with local University.
- 9/1997 - 5/1998 **Clinical Intern** - Southeastern New Hampshire Services, *Dover, NH*
Outpatient therapist, provided individual counseling for clients with drug and alcohol abuse issues. Managed a caseload, completed treatment plans and conducted assessments (ASI and biopsychosocial). Co-facilitated drug and alcohol group and individual sessions with inmates of the Strafford County Jail. Facilitated women's support group and individual sessions in Turning Point Halfway House. Case manage clients in the Academy Jail Diversion Program. Attended conferences and training workshops on substance abuse treatment, education and prevention.
- 9/1997 - 5/1999 **Graduate Assistant to Greek Affairs** - UNH, *Durham, NH*
Advised Interfraternity Council and promoted leadership among fraternity members. Organized a liaison group between the Greek community and S.H.A.R.P.P. (Sexual Harassment and Rape Prevention Program). Planned and presented training sessions and workshops on various topics from diversity and ethics to Judicial Procedures. Advised the planning of a campus-wide Dance Marathon to benefit the Children's Miracle Network.
- 10/1994 - 3/1995 **Respite Worker** - City Road Detox Center, *London, UK*
Completed training on substance abuse counseling techniques. Counseled clients and assisted with treatment programs. Observed treatment methodologies in a variety of urban rehabilitation centers and attended group information sessions.

Awards & Special Trainings

Graduate Student of the Year, 1998 National Association of Social Workers - New Hampshire Chapter