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EDUCATION

Master of Social Work, Clinical Social Work, University of Washington

Concentration: Aging and Multigenerational Family Practice.

Recognized as one of one hundred exceptional students at the University of Washington with the Husky 100 Award.

Washington State Behavioral Health Workforce Development Initiative scholarship recipient, Ballmer Group.

Bachelor of Arts, Interdisciplinary Arts, Hampshire College

Associate of Arts and Sciences, Sociology, Bellevue College

RELEVANT WORK EXPERIENCE

OLYMPIC HEALTH & RECOVERY SERVICES 670 Woodland Square Loop SE Suite 301, Lacey, WA

Designated Crisis Responder, LSWAIC | Thurston-Mason BHASO

June 2025 – Present

- Conducts Involuntary Treatment Act (ITA) (RCW 71.05/71.34) investigations across Thurston and Mason counties in private residences, community settings, emergency departments, hospitals, and jails.
- Determines eligibility for involuntary hospitalization of adults and children through clinical assessments, witness interviews, records review, supervisor consultation and evaluation of less restrictive alternatives.
- Writes ITA petitions summarizing observed and reported clinical facts, articulating evidence of mental health and substance use disorders and associated risk (imminence of serious harm or grave disability).
- Coordinates involuntary placements by screening for appropriate levels of care and arranging transportation to Evaluation & Treatment Centers or Secure Withdrawal Management and Stabilization facilities.
- Provides crisis management and collaborates with internal and external multidisciplinary partners.

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES OF WESTERN WASHINGTON 1902 2nd Avenue, Seattle, WA

Clinical Intern, SUDPT, AAC | Counseling, Recovery and Wellness (CReW) Program

Sept 2024 – June 2025

- Conducted psychotherapy, substance use disorder (SUD) counseling sessions, and group therapy interventions with adults (55+) in permanent supportive housing (PSH) and community-based settings.
- Completed mental health and substance use disorder intake assessments. Referred clients to SUD treatment.
- Documented clinical sessions using Carelogic EHR in compliance with Medicaid contract guidelines.
- Collaborated with multidisciplinary teams and external stakeholders to improve PSH healthcare integration.

UNIVERSITY OF WASHINGTON MEDICINE

325 9th Avenue, Seattle, WA

Research Coordinator Lead | Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute - UW School of Medicine Sept 2023 – Sept 2024

- Spearheaded and designed the first WA PSH Perceptions and Community Health (PerCH) survey.
- Explored resident experiences with overdose, perceptions of substance use policies, quality of community relationships, personal substance use patterns and needs in the writing and publication of a 25-page report.
- Managed team of data collection staff and volunteers to conduct 188 surveys with PSH residents.
- Recruited and outreached partner sites in ten WA State counties. Presented report findings to partner sites.
- Interviewed stakeholders with lived experience of substance use disorder to inform survey design.
- Programmed REDCap syntax. Analyzed statistics with Tableau and Excel. Interpreted qualitative data.

Research Study Assistant | Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute - UW School of Medicine Jul 2023 – Sept 2023

- Investigated trajectories of opioid use and opioid use disorder among people who use drugs in Seattle, WA.
- Interviewed and determined eligibility according to established study criteria. Reviewed consent processes.

Mental Health Specialist II, AAC | Medical Respite – Harborview Medical Center

Mar 2023 – July 2025

- Provided individual counseling to patients. Contributed to development of behavioral care planning.
- Completed intake procedures with newly admitted patients. Charted encounters with EPIC EHR software.
- Coordinated ambulatory, accessibility, and technology resources on the unit. Assists with social work tasks.
- Collaborated with nursing team in patient escort. Screens abnormal physical and behavioral symptoms. Implemented over-sedation protocol. Coordinates patient transfer to emergency department.

DOWNTOWN EMERGENCY SERVICE CENTER

515 3rd Avenue, Seattle, WA

HOST Outreach Case Manager, AAC | South & Southwest Seattle Precincts

Aug 2021 – Mar 2023

- Responsible for assertive outreach and clinical case management of clients with significant disabilities.
- Built mutuality with clients who were historically unwilling or unable to engage in social services.
- Connected 28 high-acuity clients experiencing chronic homelessness to appropriate permanent housing.
- Performed Vulnerability Assessment Tool (VAT) interviews. Assisted with VAT training workshops.
- Led team meetings and psychiatric consultations. Created tools for managing service delivery needs.
- Leveraged external partnerships to advocate for improved regional access to low-barrier survival services.

Shelter Case Manager, AAC | DESC West Wing Shelter

Dec 2020 – Aug 2021

- Supported 20 clients in their transitions from congregate shelter to permanent or leased housing.
- Collaborated with clients during application processes for housing vouchers and state entitlement programs.
- Documented behavioral health information for staff psychiatrists and managed clients' daily medications.

On-call Counselor | DESC Permanent Supportive Housing and Shelter Programs

Apr 2020 – Dec 2020

- Monitored clients' behavior, common areas, and security systems. Documented extraordinary events.
- Mitigated resident conflicts with supportive listening, facilitating dialogue, and de-escalation.

PIKE MARKET SENIOR CENTER

85 Pike Street, Seattle, WA

Resource Specialist and Member Services Coordinator

Feb 2020 – Sept 2020

- Hosted day-center programming and issued membership registrations. Digitized membership records.
- Adapted technology and PPE to safely operate the information and assistance program during COVID-19.
- Performed telephonic outreach with external service providers to create accurate resource guides.

PUBLICATIONS

Carter A, Singh S, Harris C, Haavig R, **Petersky S**, Eggerding M, Wirkman L, Gascho T, Lamont M, Damper D, Tinsley J, Evans T, Hoog J, Cleary P, Goodreau SM, Mooney SJ, Glick SN, Banta-Green CJ. Preferences and potential behaviour changes of people who use opioids for different models of regulated opioids in Seattle, Washington: a cross-sectional survey. *Manuscript in preparation/forthcoming; 2026.*

Petersky S, Banta-Green CJ. Staff and resident perceptions of substance use in Permanent Supportive Housing. Seattle, WA: Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Washington. March 2025. <https://adai.uw.edu/download/11322/>

Petersky S, Banta-Green CJ. Results from the 2024 WA State Permanent Supportive Housing Perceptions and Community Health Survey. Seattle, WA: Addictions, Drug & Alcohol Institute, Department of Psychiatry & Behavioral Sciences, School of Medicine, University of Washington. September 2024. <https://adai.uw.edu/download/10123/>

UNPAID PRACTICE ACTIVITIES

MAPLE GUARDIAN AND CONSERVATOR SERVICES, LLC

Strategic Clinical Consultant

Oct 2024 – Present

- Provides guidance on selection of clients with complex medical, behavioral health, and cognitive disorders.
- Evaluates cases to ensure organizational capacity. Offers recommendations to optimize care outcomes.

WASHINGTON STATE HEALTHCARE AUTHORITY

Core Planning Team Member | Homeless Outreach Academy

Jan 2024 – June 2025

- Conceived of programming for multi-day conferences attended by over two hundred outreach workers.

SELECTED TRAININGS, EVENTS AND CONFERENCES

Washington State Designated Crisis Responder Academy, Housing First Partners Conference, Goldsten Institute Innovations on Aging, Washington Recovery Alliance Lobby Day, King County Substance Use Conference, King County Overdose Prevention: Housing Provider Community of Practice, King County Healthcare for the Homeless Annual Gatherings, Community of Advanced Practice: Evidence-Based Methods.