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I have 10 years' experience in both the public and private sector assisting individuals with disabilities to define their return-to-work objectives and reach their overall career goals. I have been certified as a Vocational Expert by the Social Security Administration since 2017 and have testified in thousands of disability hearings. I have also conducted several vocational evaluations for family law, disability insurance, and industrial injury cases and have been called to testify in one family law matter.

Specialized skills include national job placement, present earning capacity, diminished earning capacity, national labor market trends, transferable skills analysis, employability analysis, labor market analysis, and work history classification.

FORMAL EDUCATION:

University of Hawaii at Manoa, Honolulu, HI
Master of Education in Rehabilitation Counseling December 2011

California State University, San Bernardino, San Bernardino, CA
Bachelor of Arts in Sociology May 2005

CREDENTIALS:

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor since 2012 (CRC #00115183)

SPECIALTIES:

- National Job Placement
- Present Earning Capacity
- Diminished Earning Capacity
- National Labor Market Trends
- Transferable skills Analysis
- Labor Market Analysis
- Work History Classification

EXPERIENCE:

Vocational Expert and Evaluator (2018-current)

Bohne Vocational Services, Inc., Los Angeles, CA

Providing vocational analysis, evaluations, and testimony in injury and family law cases in relation to an individual's capability to work and earning potential in both the national and regional economies. Assessing transferability based on an individual's work and education history in correlation with current occupations and physical requirements. Conducting labor market surveys and analysis and issuing formal reports of findings. Taking direct questioning from Judges and Attorneys in reference to assessed individuals and their ability to work in consideration of their transferable skills.

Vocational Expert (2017-Current)

United States Department of Social Security Administration

Providing testimony at Social Security hearings in relation to a disabled individual's capability of working in the national economy. Assessing an individual's past work history in correlation with current DOT occupations and physical requirements. Taking direct questioning from Judges and Attorneys in reference to disabled individuals and their ability to work in consideration of their transferable skills.

Vocational Rehabilitation Case Manager (January 2014-September 2018)Cigna

Group Operations, Glendale, CA

Review and analyze long-term disability claims to identify potential candidates for vocational case management services. Provided consultative services to clarify vocational and medical information which assist analysts in making appropriate claim decisions. Identify appropriate candidates for vocational rehabilitation services, and coordinate/direct the vocational rehabilitation plans for these individuals. Provide training to claims personnel regarding the appropriate use of vocational rehabilitation services in managing disability claims. Perform employability analysis to assist in ability management and transferable skills analysis to develop and direct claim decisions. Perform labor market research and job placement.

Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor (January 2011-November 2013)

Vocational Management Consultants, Inc., Honolulu, HI

Certified vocational rehabilitation counselor for injured workers. Assisted clients through the vocational rehabilitation process in accordance with Hawaii state law under the jurisdiction of the Hawaii Department of Labor. Provided adjustment to disability counseling, guidance through the vocational rehabilitation and workers compensation processes including case management, vocational assessment, development and drafting of employment/return-to work plans, and arrangement for accommodations when necessary. In this position, I also provided individual assessments and recommendations for veterans with disabilities for the Veterans Administration through the Hadley Bridge contract.

Care Coordinator (April 2008-January 2011)

APS Healthcare, Honolulu, HI

Coordinated the behavioral healthcare, medical care, housing, accommodations, and daily needs of approximately 30-45 adult members of the diagnosed SMI (Serious Mental Illness) population. Generated resources, provided transportation, crisis intervention, arranged for hospitalization/urgent care when necessary, and facilitated psychosocial education groups for consumers utilizing research-based curriculum. Responsible for the referral of all members to many agencies including but not limited to substance abuse treatment facilities, supportive employment, housing, education/vocation, and culturally-centered activities when necessary.

Community-Based Case Manager (2007-2008)

Wai'anae Coast Community Mental Health Center, Wai'anae, HI

As a mental health case manager at Wai'anae Coast Community Mental Health Center, otherwise known as Hale Na'au Pono, I was responsible for assisting my clients with psychosocial rehabilitation by helping them develop and implement a Master Individual Recovery Plan which focuses on incorporating research-based practices that are recovery-focused and culturally appropriate to the individual being served. I was responsible for the referral of my clients to many agencies including but not limited to substance abuse treatment facilities, supportive employment, housing, education/vocation, and culturally centered activities.

PUBLICATIONS

Bohne, J (2020) Vocational Evaluations: How They Can Assist with Child and Spousal Support Accountability. *California Lawyers Association, Family Law News*, 42 (2), 6-8.

PROFESSIONAL RELATED ACTIVITIES

National Rehabilitation Counseling Association, International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals

