



Psychological Services

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Summary

Registered Provisional Psychologist practicing under supervision of Al Riediger (PhD, R. Psych) and Hilda Huj (M.A., R. Psych) at ARCH Psychological Services.

Highlights of Qualifications

Master's degree Clinical Psychology & Applied Research.

Relevant Employment History

Registered Provisional Psychologist

July 2022 – Current

ARCH Psychological Services

- As an Associate in the practice of psychometric and therapeutic services, I within my scope of practice, provide a variety of psychometric and therapeutic services including mental health counseling, clinical interviews, and a variety of assessments

Registered Provisional Psychologist

January 2022 – Current

Grande Prairie Public School District- Grande Prairie, AB

- I provide a client-centered, strength-based approach to engage all children, youth, and families in a manner which is culturally sensitive, non-judgmental, and respectful. I provide services that are evidence-based and evidence-informed. My current responsibilities include participating in program planning, behavioral support planning, and intervention.
- I coach teachers, LST's, and EA's in developing skills and strategies to work with children with behavioral concerns. I maintain professional documentation in the form of assessments, case notes, discharge summaries and statistical information.
- I participate in both individual and peer clinical supervision.

- I have established and maintained professional alliances with collaborating agencies and community resources. I also serve in an advocacy role when appropriate.

Team Lead/Vocational Rehabilitation Specialist

July 2021 – December 2021

Lifemark Health Group

- In my role as team lead, I lead a team of vocational rehabilitation specialists, marketing professionals, and administrators.
- I was also responsible for assessing the vocational potential of clients through in-depth personal interviews and the evaluation of work experience, educational background and medical conditions, assessing transferrable skills and employment barriers.
- I conducted labour market surveys, identifying and matching transferable skills to current labour trends. Determined job readiness by identifying challenges, barriers, and assistance clients needed to gain meaningful employment.
- I assessed and addressed individual needs, barriers, and complexities and developed and managed service plans, guiding clients to prepare for work including but not limited to resume writing, job search techniques/ skills, interview preparation, and job placement assistance. A major component of this role was coaching clients to facilitate change for themselves through goal setting interventions.
- I provided direct participant services including facilitating employment preparation workshops, posting notices, managing social media accounts, developing, and presenting information on professional resumes and job search skills, attending hiring fairs, coordinating and facilitating employment boot camp events.
- I supported clients by assisting in the coordination of services for the individual's rehabilitation and return to work plan, which included interviews with physicians or other multidisciplinary health professionals.
- I contacted employers (cold calling, networking, events, etc.) and developed a strong network of employer contacts. I also prepared and completed reports that included rehabilitation plans that adhered to defined timelines and provided expert advice for the client and all stakeholders involved (internal and external).

PCAP Mentor

May 2021 - August 2021

Family Education Society

- As a PCAP Mentor I worked with women experiencing drug and alcohol addiction in the present or in the past.
- I built and maintained trusting relationships with women and their families in order to optimize parent / child relationships, and help women build upon their independence.
- I conducted individual assessments, did case planning and data entry.
- I provided referrals and partook in community networking.
- I provided advocacy and mentoring to women who currently or have in the past had issues with alcohol and drug addiction.
- I worked to maintain positive relationships with the FASD Network and other service organizations and establish and manage an effective home visitation program and other outreach activities.

- I worked in collaboration with the Family Resource Network, the FASD Network, Housing programs, AISH and income support programs, advocacy programs and other not for profits in the Grande Prairie area.

FSCD Disability Services Coordinator

May 2018 - May 2021

Government of Alberta

- As an FSCD coordinator I was responsible for case management, application and eligibility determination, service planning, design, and delivery.
- I clarified the needs of the child and complete assessments, coordinated supports and services for the child and liaised with other government and community programs.
- I coordinated with programs such as Mental Health, Alberta Health Services, Grande Prairie Public and Catholic School Districts, Special Olympics, FASD Network, and other applicable programs.
- I worked with families to develop and negotiate requests for funding and/or changes in services, reviewed and updated service outcome plans, mitigated escalating concerns, followed standardized procedures, and adhered to the Abuse Prevention and Response Protocol, completed a reassessment of needs as required, worked with families on transition planning as their child neared 18 years of age, worked on file closures, and concerns resolution when required.

AISH Generalist

January 2016 - May 2018

Government of Alberta

- As an AISH generalist I was responsible for case management, where I held over 500 client files.
- I determined financial eligibility for AISH program and supports, provided financial and health related assistance to clients.
- I was the primary contact for clients and persons acting on clients' behalf. I provided support to applicants with mental health concerns, cognitive impairment, and/or physical disabilities.
- I ensured receipt of all necessary documentation for audits and annual file reviews, completed preliminary needs assessment for interim financial supports such as mental health services and housing support services for persons escaping abuse.
- I was responsible to assess and manage high medical costs and ensure clients achieved a level of independence through appropriate referrals and access to community resources such as public housing, special needs transportation, public guardian/trustee, PDD, suicide crisis, food bank, CMHA, and other disability organizations.
- I calculated overpayments and negotiated recovery amounts, provided referrals and information to clients regarding community and employment supports.

Education

Master's degree Clinical Psychology & Applied Research

Capella University

March 2022

Bachelor of Arts

Thompson Rivers University

August 2012

Associate of Arts Degree- Criminology Specialization

Northwest Community College

April 2010

Training/Workshops

- **Triple P Service Provider Certification – Level 4**, Triple P Parenting, Completed February 2022
- **Brain Story Certification**, Alberta Family Wellness Initiative, Completed April 2022
- **Helping Children Foster a Positive Relationship with Food**, Alberta Health Services, Completed May 2022
- **Mental Health First Aide**, Mental Health Commission of Canada, Completed December 2021
- **Introduction to Adverse Childhood Experiences (ACES) and Early Trauma**, West Midlands Violence Prevention Alliance, Completed August 2021
- **Identifying Best Practices for Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder**, Canada FASD Research Network, Completed June 2021
- **Trauma Informed Care**, Imagine Institute for Learning, Completed June 2021
- **Engaging Front-Line Service Providers in Alcohol Screening and Referral During Pregnancy**, Society of Obstetricians and Gynecologists of Canada, Completed March 2021
- **Suicide Prevention, Risk Assessment and Management**, Canadian Addiction Counsellors Certification Federation, Completed February 2021

References and Documentation Available Upon Request