# Alyssa Bernstein, LMSW

## **Experience**

# December 2018-Present Associate in Psychiatric Social Work (in Psychiatry) New York, NY

Columbia University Medical Center-Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders

- Full-time faculty position in the department of Psychiatry at the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Columbia University.
- Provides specialized in Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (CBT) for children, adolescents, and adults with anxiety disorders.
- Delivers individual and group therapy as well as diagnostic evaluations and assessments.

## November 2017-December 2019 Program Coordinator

New York, NY

Columbia University Medical Center-Center for Anxiety and Related Disorders

- Conducted patient screenings and clinical triage for the Columbia Psychiatry Access Service.
- Collaborated with clinical services and research study personnel to facilitate appropriate referrals.
- Counseled potential new patients on receiving treatment in the clinical and research context.
- Utilized expert clinical judgment in facilitating appropriate clinical referrals and placements.
- Co-led a CBT groups with Clinic Director and Senior Faculty.
- Completed two training years of didactic programming under the supervision of Dr. Anne Marie Albano.

#### March 2016-August 2018

## **Fee For Service Clinician**

New York, NY

The Jewish Board (JBFCS)-Harlem Child Development Center

- Utilized evidence-based approaches including play therapy, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, Child Parent Psychotherapy, and Trauma-Informed Care.
- Conducted intake assessments, provide diagnoses, develop and implement treatment plans.
- Collaborated with a multi-disciplinary team to ensure treatment goals are being met upon the three-month review.
- Receiving supervision towards LCSW by providing intensive outpatient clinical treatment for children ages 4-8 and their families.

#### October 2015-October 2017

## **Senior Operations Associate**

New York, NY

Homes for the Homeless, Inc

- Served as lead for all clinical case consultation with the Directors of Family Services focusing on evidence-based best practices.
- Interacted weekly with clients to ensure their needs are being met through high quality service provision.
- Supervised MSW student and received Seminar in Field Instruction Certification through Fordham University.
- Spearhead Trauma-Informed Care training initiatives and curriculums across three family shelters.
- Hired, trained, and managed 18 LMSWs across three family shelters requiring recruitment planning, development of new employee orientation for licensed professionals and ongoing supervision.
- Led Quality Assurance initiatives resulting in restructuring audit tools, report tracking, and revised chart forms.
- Co-developed and implemented an approach to behavior management for children experiencing homelessness at HFH Summer Camps.
- Developed and implemented Overview of Case Management Services and Self-Care training for 36 social services staff.
- Provided clinical consultation during the opening of the Crisis Nursery/Family Respite Center.

#### December 2014-October 2015

#### **Project Director**

New York, NY

Research Foundation of CUNY/Silberman School of Social Work

- Provided consultation on social service delivery practices to the NYC Department of Homeless Services.
- Designed and reconciled a \$500,000 budget in accordance to NY State guidelines to ensure all expectations agree with contractual obligations.
- Coordinated 100 days of training for all homeless services employees in NYC and NY State.
- Hired skilled instructors directed implementation of the trainings and evaluation process for all independent contractors and consultants.
- Liaised between instructors, curriculum consultants, Silberman staff and Office of Temporary and Disability Assistance managers.

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## September 2012-December 2014

## **Program Director**

Bronx, NY

Aguila, Inc

- Directed the opening of a Tier II family shelter for 101 families seeking temporary shelter in New York City.
- Counseled families facing barriers to permanent housing and provided resources to help expedite their stay.
- Directed program operations in accordance with funding source regulations including; social service delivery, fiscal operations, budget control, community and government relations.
- Helped low-income families access resources and innovative social service programming while maintaining their family system during a time of extreme stress.
- Coordinated all clinical operations for therapeutic services, case management training, HIPAA compliance, NYS Part 900 regulations.

## October 2011-September 2012

#### **Associate Program Director**

Brooklyn, NY

Volunteers of America-Greater New York

- Assisted the program director in leading a trauma informed staff that provides recovery based services for survivors and families of domestic violence, and who are seeking emergency housing.
- Maintained a case load of high risk families and established program delivery models such as Trauma-Informed Services, domestic violence awareness, and discharge planning.
- Managed five case managers through monthly chart audits, bi-weekly supervision, and amended services as needed
  to ensure compliance with Human Resources Administration, Office of Children and Family Services and agency
  regulations.

#### September 2010-October 2011

#### **Case Manager Supervisor**

New York, NY

Volunteers of America-Greater New York

## **Continuing Education**

| Understanding and Treating Clinical Perfectionism, New York City Cognitive Behavioral Association                 | 2019 |
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| Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies Annual Conference  | 2019 |
| Addressing Practical Executive Function Deficits in Children with ADHD, Silver School of Social Work              | 2019 |
| Acceptance and Mindfulness Based CBT Treatment for OCD, Silver School of Social Work                              | 2018 |
| Cognitive Behavior Therapy in Clinical Social Work Practice, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College 2017 |      |
| Building Family Resilience, Silver School of Social Work, NYU   | 2016 |
| Beginner's Level Conversational Spanish for Social Workers, Silberman School of Social Work, Hunter College 2013  |      |
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#### **Education**

## The University of Georgia, School of Social Work

Athens, GA

Masters of Social Work, Marriage and Family Therapy Certificate Participant

The University of Georgia, Franklin College of Arts and Sciences

Athens, GA

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Psychology minor

#### **Professional Affiliations**

National Association of Social Workers

Association for Behavioral and Cognitive Therapies

#### Awards

Selected for Leadership Academy, 2011

Awarded, Rookie of the Year from Volunteers of America-Greater New York, 2011

Recipient, Full tuition from Georgia's Intellectual Capital Partnership Program, 2009-2010

Awarded, Mary Jane Coberth Award for Mental Health Advocacy, 2008-2009