

YOLANDA JESTER

Professional Summary

Over Twenty years as an educator, Residential Counselor, Career Specialist, and tutor. Versed in classroom management, behavior strategies and individualized instruction.

Skills

- Advanced computer proficiency (both PC and Mac)
- Career Orientated
- Exceptional organization skills
- Attention to detail Project planning
- Quality assurance
- Exceptional Student Education Certified
- First Aid and CPR Certified Motivational techniques
- Team player
- Strong interpersonal skills Strategic planner
- Reliable
- Organized
- Learning disability familiarity

Work History

Vocational Specialist, 06/2013 to 07/2018

Eckerd Project Bridge – 1571 Northwest 13 Court. Miami Florida 33125

- Provide career assistance to student and graduates.
- Assist student in finding training –oriented employment opportunities.
- Help Individuals sort out their career options.
- Mock Interviewing, Resume building.
- Work with the client after being employed with career skills.

Residential Counselor, 04/2011 to 06/2013

The Children's Home – Baltimore, MD

- Conducted therapeutic individual and family therapy sessions.
- Developed and implemented treatment plans and modified when needed.
- Displayed sensitivity to the cultural and linguistic needs of the clients and families served.
- Provided comprehensive case management services, including creating treatment plans and connecting clients and families to appropriate resources.
- Developed goal-oriented psychoeducational and activity therapy groups to improve clients' level of functioning.
- Observed and monitored client behavior and responses to treatment.

Math Teacher 9-12, 08/2008 to 04/2011

The Board of Child Care Strawbridge School – Baltimore, MD

- Tailored lesson plans for students with emotional and cognitive disabilities.
- Instructed Small groups of students in basic concepts.
- Tailored lesson plans for students with emotional and cognitive disabilities. Taught
- an average of 25 students or more per class.
- Prepared reports and paperwork for parent-teacher conferences.
- Prepared instruction materials, including making copies, constructing bulletin boards and setting up work areas.
- Provide guidance and directions to program aide or assistant.
- Write required reports/keep accurate and orderly records,

Math/ Science Teacher, 08/2000 to 08/2008

Dade County Public Schools – Miami, FL

- Prepared instruction materials, including making copies, constructing bulletin boards and setting up work areas.
- Instruct individuals and groups at appropriate grade Levels, write
- required reports/ keep accurate and orderly records.
- Implement lesson plans.
- Implement Formal, and Informal Test.
- Record each student progress.
- Attend Team meetings to discuss students' progress.

Residential Coordinator, 06/1993 to 03/2000

Florida Baptist Children's Home – Miami, FL

- Maintain a therapeutic milieu by day to day supervision of students
- Manage a staff of 15 Residential Leaders or more.
- Schedule team meetings
- Record Case Manager Progress notes.
- Review and record group therapy notes.
- Record all financial expense for each residential
- group Provide weekly allowance for each group.
- Maintain and record Monthly budget.

Education

Master of Science: Special Education, Certification Requirements

University of Phoenix - Miami Florida

Bachelor of Science: Liberal Arts/ Legal Studies, 2000

Barry University - Miami Florida

Master of Science: Rehabilitation, Incomplete

Coppin's State University - Baltimore Maryland