Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

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Email Address () Website ()
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization status must have
a significant and continual affiliation with the social work profession. Please indicate
that which applies:
Professional Social Work Organization
CSWE Accredited School of Social Work
Organization applying for Continuing Education Approval Organization must have three
(3) letters of references from any combination of the following:
Professional Social Work Organization Social Work Service Provider Social Work Service Provider
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Section B: Continuing Education Program
Review and approval of continuing education applications from continuing education
providers must be completed by a credentialed social worker. Identify the social worke
assigned to administer this process for the organization.
Amanda Tonkovich, LCSW-BACS
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential
Director of Sexual Assault Programs
Relationship to Organization
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As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine timeline for administering the continuing education program.

Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

We require 30 days notice to review application. (30 days prior to training)

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

\$50 fee to process CE applications.

Section D: Authority

Submission of this signed application certifies that the Organization has studied the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education," and determined that the Organization is prepared to assess continuing education opportunities by these guidelines on a timely bases; and has ample storage to maintain all continuing education records for a minimum of three years, and in accordance with Louisiana law. Organization understands that if approved, the organization will be given authority to preapprove social work continuing education for three (3) years. After three (3) years, the organization shall reapply to the Board if interested in maintaining designation as a preapproving body. Organization agrees to comply with scheduled LABSWE Continuing Education audits and submit a list of all approved programs to the board office for current collection period by July 15 of each year. Organization agrees to notify LABSWE within thirty (30) days if any information submitted on this application changes. Organization understands that approval is granted at the discretion of the Board and may be revoked if Organization is found to be out of compliance with any aspect of established guidelines.

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

September 22, 2021

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Re: Reference for New Orleans Family Justice Center

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am writing this letter in order to recommend the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) for continuing education approval organization status. I am the Interim Assistant Provost for Title IX at Tulane University and a licensed clinical social worker. Throughout my tenure as a social service provider and Title IX professional, I have coordinated with the NOFJC in providing services to clients and improving the response for survivors of sexual and domestic violence. Representatives from Tulane, including myself, have participated in the multi-disciplinary committees organized by the NOFJC to improve community coordination around services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Additionally, staff from Tulane, including myself, have attended events and trainings organized by the NOFJC.

Throughout my interactions with the NOFJC, I have found the organization to hold itself to a high ethical and professional standard and provide trainings that are evidence-based and very informative. It is clear that the agency centers survivors in their services and advocacy and is committed to community collaboration and partnership, which is reflected in the training they provide. Based on my experiences with the agency, I recommend the NOFJC for status as a continuing education approval organization. They provide a vital source of continuing education for practitioners who work in the fields of sexual assault and domestic violence.

Sincerely,

Julia Broussard, MSW, LCSW

Interim Assistant Provost for Title IX

Julia Braussand, LCSW

Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault 2133 Silverside Dr, Suite A Baton Rouge, LA 70808

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809

September 21, 2021

Re: Reference for New Orleans Family Justice Center

Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am writing this letter to recommend the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) for continuing education approval organization status. I am the Director of Education and Prevention at the Louisiana Foundation Against Sexual Assault (LaFASA,) and we have had a close relationship with NOFJC for years. As the accrediting agency and training and technical assistance provider for sexual assault centers across the state, as well as a member of NOFJC's SA-DV Action Coalition and Accountability Working Group, I have seen first-hand the importance of NOFJC's work to improve community coordination around sexual assault services in Orleans Parish. The agency's work to promote a trauma-informed response across multiple disciplines through coalitions, trainings, and events is extremely impressive.

Throughout my interactions with the NOFJC, I have found the organization to hold itself to a high ethical and professional standard and provide training that are evidence-based and very informative. It is clear that the agency centers survivors in their services and advocacy and is committed to community collaboration and partnership, which is reflected in the training they provide. Based on my experiences with the agency, I recommend the NOFJC for status as a continuing education approval organization.

Sincerely,

/Jessie Nieblas, MPH

Director of Education and Prevention, LaFASA

New Orleans Health Department 1300 Perdido Street New Orleans, LA 70112 REC'D SEP 27 2021

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September 21, 2021

Re: Reference for New Orleans Family Justice Center

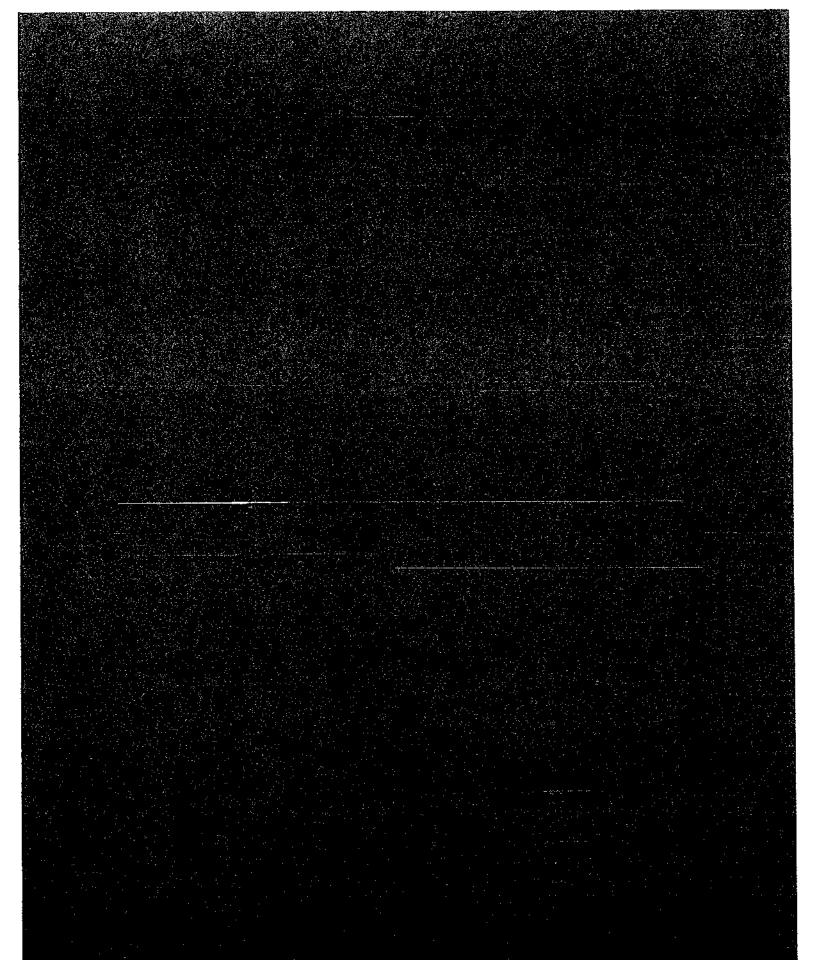
Dear Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am writing this letter to recommend the New Orleans Family Justice Center (NOFJC) for continuing education approval organization status. I am a Licensed Master of Social Work working as the Blueprint for Safety Interagency Coordinator at the New Orleans Health Department (NOHD). Throughout my tenure at NOHD, we have collaborated with the NOFJC in improving the response for survivors of sexual and domestic violence through collaborating on initiatives such as the Blueprint for Safety Project that coordinates the City's criminal justice response to domestic violence. Representatives from my agency have participated in the multi-disciplinary committees organized by the NOFJC to improve community coordination around services for survivors of domestic violence and sexual assault. Additionally, staff from my agency have attended events and trainings organized by the NOFJC.

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Sincerely,

Hope Levins, LMSW Blueprint for Safety Interagency Coordinator New Orleans Health Department



Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information		
Open Health Care Clinic		
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Tim Young, President and Chief Executive Officer		
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Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Cre	edential	
Current employee, Care Coordinator		
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Tanisha.Winfrey@ohcc.org
Email Address

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As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine timeline for administering the continuing education program.

Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

OHCC will make a decision on an educational offering's suitability within 14 days of receiving a complete application. Individuals or organizations may request expedited reviews up to 48 hours prior to educational offering if demonstration can be made that the expedited request was unforeseeable.

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

OHCC will charge \$35 to review applications for educational offerings.

Requests for multidate conferences will be \$35 for each day.

OHCC will charge \$50 to review complete applications submitted 2-13 days prior to the educational offering.

Section D: Authority

Submission of this signed application certifies that the Organization has studied the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education," and determined that the Organization is prepared to assess continuing education opportunities by these guidelines on a timely bases; and has ample storage to maintain all continuing education records for a minimum of three years, and in accordance with Louislana law. Organization understands that if approved, the organization will be given authority to preapprove social work continuing education for three (3) years. After three (3) years, the organization shall reapply to the Board if interested in maintaining designation as a preapproving body. Organization agrees to comply with scheduled LABSWE Continuing Education audits and submit a list of all approved programs to the board office for current collection period by July 15 of each year. Organization agrees to notify LABSWE within thirty (30) days if any information submitted on this application changes. Organization understands that approval is granted at the discretion of the Board and may be revoked if Organization is found to be out of compliance with any aspect of established guidelines.

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(4) 225-442-3540 (3) 225-442-3546 (a) 9420 Lindale Ave., Suite A, Baton Rouge, LA 70815

August 19, 2021

Dear Dr. Jamie Barney,

I am writing in support of Open Health Care Clinic becoming an approved continuing education approver for the Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners. OHCC's mission is to provide affordable, quality healthcare to our community. OHCC envisions a system that will ensure access to and awareness of high quality and culturally competent preventative and primary medical care and support services that respond effectively to the emerging needs of the community while reducing social stigmas. As a preapproved provider of continuing education units, OHCC can work towards realizing this vision by assisting in the education of licensed social workers.

OHCC provides a comprehensive, patient centered approach in caring for community members. OHCC has over 30 staff that provide social services to patients including 17 licensed social workers with a variety of credentials: RSW, CSW, LMSW, and LCSW. Social services include medical case management, housing case management, mental health and substance use disorder counseling, and behavioral health case management. OHCC also serves as an internship site for several schools of social work in Louisiana including Louisiana State University, Southern University, and Tulane University Schools of Social Work. They are committed to continuing to contribute to the education of competent professionals that provide quality services in our community.

Respectfully,

Addie Duval, LCSW-BACS

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Vice President of Greater Baton Rouge Region





DATE: August 17, 2021

TO: Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

RE: Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

To Whem It May Concern:

Please accept this letter of support for the application for continuing education approval being submitted by Open Health Care Clinic to serve in the role of approving professional educational edicatings with a social work focus for social workers in Louisiana.

Open Health Care Clinic (previously Caring Clinic of Louisiana) opened in 2007 in response to the large number of uninsmed persons in our community. The organization has grown with the goal of better serving the community and contributing to not only a healthier physical contribution, but also creating healthier peace of mind in our patients. OHCC received Federally Qualified Health Conter (FQHC) status in 2015. In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, OHCC launched the televisit program that allows more access to needed services for our patients and our community.

OHCC's mission is to provide affordable, quality healthcare to our community. OHCC envisions a system that will easure access to and awareness of high quality and culturally competent preventative and primary medical care and support services that respond effectively to the emerging needs of the community while reducing social stigmas. As a preapproved provider of continuing education units, OHCC can work towards realizing this vision by assisting in the education of licensed social workers.

O'Brien House recognizes the need for social workers in Louisiana to have increased access to continuing education offerings that include a wide range of topics presented by experienced licensed clinical social workers. It is without hesitation that O'Brien House recommends Open Health Care Clinic to serve in the role of a continuing education approval organization.

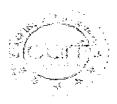
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August 27, 2021

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road Suite B Baton Rouge, LA 70809

To whom it may concern:

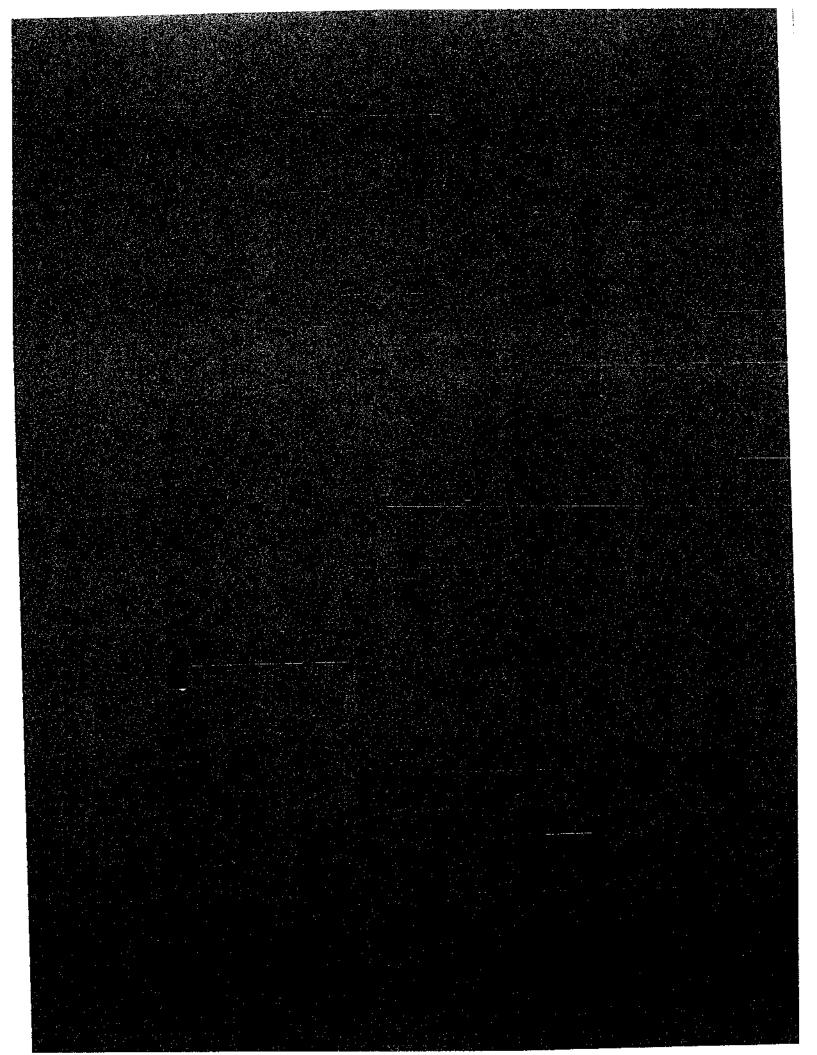
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OHCC pays close attention to the needs of the community and are committed to continuing to contribute to the education of competent professionals that provide quality services in the community. They are knowledgeable in the field of social work and are more than competent in ensuring that educational needs of professionals are met. It is for these reasons; I highly recommend OHCC to be a CEU provider.

Sincerely.

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Dr. Khrishandalyn Hicks, MSW, MA, LCSW Clinical Supervisor



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As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

#25 per application

Section D: Authority

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September 23, 2021

Re: Letter of recommendation for Melissa Sepeda, LCSW

My name is Stacy Dugas and I am a School-based Licensed Clinical Social Worker. I am writing this letter of recommendation on behalf of Melissa Sepeda. Melissa and I worked together for 3 years (the 2015-2018 school years) in the Livingston Parish School system, collaborating together to provide behavioral health services to Junior High students.

It was such a privilege to work with Melissa and I wish we had worked together for a longer amount of time. She and I collaborated several times a week regarding students and I frequently reached out to her for suggestions on strategies and interventions to use with my most challenging students. Melissa provided behavior intervention support at multiple schools and established very positive relationships with the faculty, families and students at each of her schools. She was also a very valuable, experienced team member who consistently contributed at team meetings, where Social Workers and other faculty came together to consult and share ideas for best practices in working with students experiencing very challenging issues.

Melissa displays an upbeat, caring and energetic demeanor that puts others at ease and communicates acceptance and respect to all those she comes into contact with. She was quick to build a great rapport with her students and her passion for helping students and families was evident on a daily basis. The compassion she has for working with young adults and families to help them cope with dysfunction, restore stability and thrive within their schools, homes and communities was such a great asset to our team and school system as a whole.

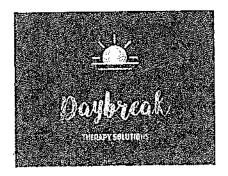
Mellssa was highly skilled in creating individualized behavior plans, coordinating care between students and outside agencies and facilitating creative interventions. I often saw Mellssa put students and families at ease and she provided sound guidance and support, helping families build on their existing strengths. Mellssa is highly knowledgeable in various therapies, including but not limited to mindfulness, trauma-based therapies, grief resolution and cognitive behavior therapy.

I wholeheartedly recommend Melissa and wish her the very best in her future endeavors. I'm confident she will be a tremendous asset!

Please feel free to contact me for any additional information at 225-978-0059.

Stacy Dugas, LCSW

Licensed Clinical Social Worker/ Behavior Intervention Specialist Pupil Appraisal Center Livingston Parish School System Stacy dugas@losb.org



DAYBREAK THERAPY SOLUTIONS, LLC 1234 DEL ESTE AVE. #602 DENHAM SPRINGS, LA 70726 225-320-3223 / 225-380-2196 (F)

June 28, 2021.

Re: Melissa Sepeda

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

Lam pleased to write a letter of recommendation for Ms. Melissa Sepeda as she pursues Continuing Education Approval Organization status. I have known Ms. Sepeda for the past seven years as a coworker for Livingston Parish Public Schools and currently at Daybreak Therapy Solutions which is in a private practice setting. She worked in the Livingston Parish Public School system as a school based social worker serving students who are in need of special education services. These services included, but not limited to, individual/group/family counseling, collaboration of behavioral services with faculty and staff, coordination of special education services and evaluations, and facilitation of writing behavior support plans for students who are receiving behavior interventions. At Daybreak, she is the clinical director and business owner where she provides individual and group therapeutic services to children, teenagers, adults, couples, and familles. Ms. Sepeda oversees a total of 12 employees, manages insurance claims for private insurance and Medicaid clients, examines treatment plans and therapy notes, and administers the logistics and overall operation of the Daybreak clinic.

I have always found Ms. Sepeda to be a passionate and hard-working social worker. She develops proficient professional relationships with employees as well as her clientele. Ms. Sepeda is able to establish good rapport and remain objective when making ethical and clinical decisions. She goes above and beyond the realm of her duties and responsibilities to provide additional supportive services to the community.

I think Ms. Sepeda will make an excellent addition to the organizations who review and approve CEU applications.

Feel free to contact me at 225-278-8199 if you would like additional information about Ms. Sepeda.

Sincerely,

Kellie Barbay

Kellie Barbay, LCSW, BACS kbarbay@daybreaktherapysolutions.com



Daybreak Therapy Solutions, LLC 1234 Del Este Ave. #602 Denham Springs, LA 70726 225-320-3223 / 225-380-2196 (f) Contact@melissasepeda.com

September 20, 2021

Re: Mellssa Sepeda, LCSW

Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners:

I am honored to write a letter of recommendation for Mrs. Melissa Sepeda, LCSW in pursuit of her BACS certification. I have known her for 8 months as my Clinical Director at Daybreak Therapy Solutions; a private practice in Denham Springs. Mrs. Sepeda is also the owner and has created an atmosphere of respect at our practice that encourages curiosity, growth, and transparency.

Mrs. Sepeda consistently and without reservation makes herself available to myself and my colleagues to discuss our caseloads and concerns. She freely and genuinely gives us feedback, constructive criticism, and guidance in ways that both nurture our passion and grow us as social workers. She is transparent with her own experiences in the field and is dedicated to supporting us grow in our professionalism, capacity, and dedication to the field. She regularly provides opportunities for us to undergo further training while still seeking continuing education herself beyond minimum requirements. In my 8 months at Daybreak Therapy Solutions, I have grown exponentially in my capacity and confidence thanks to Mrs. Sepeda's guidance and support.

Mrs. Sepeda has a sincere passion for our diverse clientele, a significantly underserved population, and the greater social work field and behavioral health knowledge base. She is consistently creating programs and opportunities for our clients with the goal to meeting needs, such as our food pantry program, clothing and school supply drives, and family events to strengthen relational bonds. I firsthand witness her dedication to building strong ties in our community and, without fail, her treating each and every person that walks through our door with the same level of genuine respect and care, regardless of their background, diagnosis, ability to pay for services, demographic, or socioeconomic status. Mrs. Sepeda wholeheartedly embodies our social work principles and values—service, social justice, dignity and worth of the person, importance of human relationships, integrity, and competence. She is dedicated to strengthening all her employees' and her own cultural competence to ensure we provide appropriate and high-quality services to all clients,

Mrs. Sepeda will be an excellent addition to the social work field as a BACS. She already serves as an outstanding mentor to myself and my fellow LMSWs in our office and will be able to serve as an exceptional clinical supervisor to many LMSWs in the future.

Sincerely,

Josie-Grace Bridges, LMSW jbridges@daybreaktherapysolutions.com

Emily DeAngelo

From:

Emily DeAngelo

Sent: To:

Thursday, September 30, 2021 10:53 AM msepeda@daybreaktherapysolutions.com

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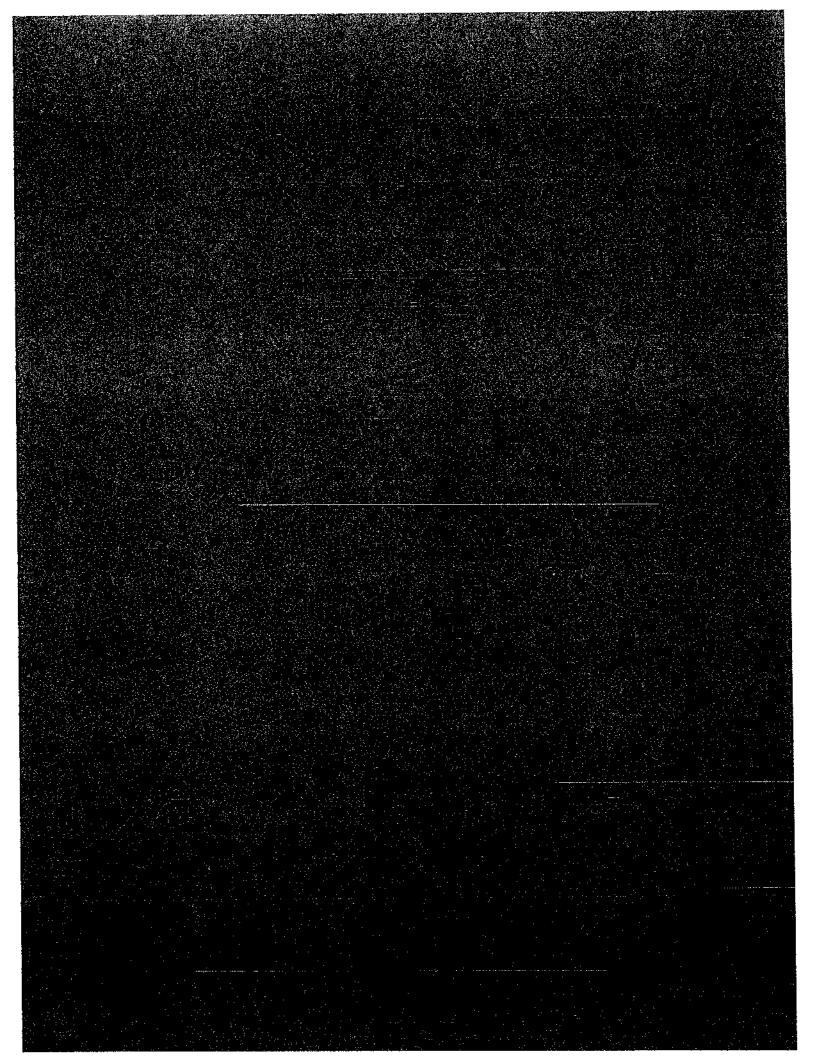
I recommend having additional letters of recommendation submitted to accompany the continuing education approval organization application. I don't know that the Board is going to accept recommendation letters from individuals employed with Daybreak Therapy Solutions, LLC.

Kind regards,

Emily DeAngelo, Administrator Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, LA 70809 www.labswe.org

Phone 225.756.3470 option 5

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Louisiana State Board of Social Work Examiners

Application for Continuing Education Approval Organization

Section A: Organizational Information	
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Review and approval of continuing education providers <u>must</u> be completed by a credentialed assigned to administer this process for the organization.	social worker. Identify the social worker nization.
Elizabeth (Beth) Cooney LCSW-P.	ACS #7102
Name/Social Work Degree/Social Work Credential Divector of Evidence Based Practice	
Relationship to Organization 10 Veterans Momorial Blvd	Suite 201 Metairie, LA 70005
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Section C: Approval Guidelines, Process and Agreement

Protocol for receiving request for approval from education presenters:

 Organization will provide LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application to education presenters upon request.

LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Application may be mailed, faxed, sent

electronically and/or published on Organization website.

 Organization will accept only LABSWE Continuing Education Approval Applications, completed in its entirety and accompanied by required documentation.

Process by which Organization will study and assess the proposed education offering:

· Organization will review application and supporting documentation to determine that it meets all standards and guidelines established in "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education."

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine timeline for administering the continuing education program.

Describe time limit set for making a decision on an educational offering's suitability:

A continuing education committee comprised of four clinical social workers will review all applications. Each applying organization will be notified within 3 weeks of receiving the application.

As each organization is structured and staffed differently, organizations shall determine their own fees, if any, charged for these services.

Describe fees agency will charge to process Continuing Education Applications:

Mercy Family Center, Project Fleur de l's, will charge \$125.00 to process continuing education applications. This fee will apply for each day if there are multiple workshops with different section D: Authority speakers and content.

Submission of this signed application certifies that the Organization has studied the "Criteria for Approving Continuing Education Offerings" and "Guide for Assessment of Continuing Education," and determined that the Organization is prepared to assess continuing education opportunities by these guidelines on a timely bases; and has ample storage to maintain all continuing education records for a minimum of three years, and in accordance with Louisiana law. Organization understands that if approved, the organization will be given authority to preapprove social work continuing education for three (3) years. After three (3) years, the organization shall reapply to the Board if interested in maintaining designation as a preapproving body. Organization agrees to comply with scheduled LABSWE Continuing Education audits and submit a list of all approved programs to the board office for current collection period by July 15 of each year. Organization agrees to notify LABSWE within thirty (30) days if any information submitted on this application changes. Organization understands that approval is granted at the discretion of the Board and may be revoked if Organization is found to be out of REC'D OCT 0 4 2021 compliance with any aspect of established guidelines.

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College of Human Sciences & Education School of Social Work

October 1, 2021

LABSWE 18550 Highland Rd., Suite B Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear LABSWE,

I am pleased to present this letter of support for the Mercy Famly Center- Project Fleur-de-lis to serve as an approved pre-approval organization for continuing education events. During my 15 years of experience with the Mercy Family Project, they have demonstrated a strong commitment to social work and supervision of MSW students, and commitment to hire professional social workers throughout the state in a variety of positions. Mercy Family Project strives to provide high quality trainings for their workforce and other providers that treat mental illness, addictive disorders and primary care services and prevention in the New Orleans area.

They have demonstrated knowledge of the continuing education process and are committed to insuring compliance with all aspects. Please contact my office if I can assist in providing additional information at tilley@lsu.edu or #225-578-2133.

Respectfully, Space Rilley

Traci Lilley, LCSW-BACS, MSW

Associate Director and Director of Field Internships

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September 30, 2021

Louisiana Board of Social Work Examiners 18550 Highland Road, Suite B Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Dear Members of the Board:

Please accept this letter of support for Mercy Family Center and its renewal application to become a Continuing Education Approval Organization. Children's Bureau has had a collaborative relationship with Mercy Family Center over the past several years. The professionals at Mercy Family Center have provided high quality trainings and continuing education presentations to our staff and to the mental health professionals in the New Orleans community. Children's Bureau and Mercy Family Center share a passion and commitment to provide trainings for mental health professionals working in schools to increase students' access to evidence-based mental health treatments and in the community to augment our professional workforce.

If you need additional information, please contact me at bburch@childrensbureaunola.org.

Sincerely,

Berre Burch, Ph.D.

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Clinical Director

Children's Bureau New Orleans

Kathleen Whalen, LCSW-BACS Tulane School of Social Work Adjunct Professor 4440 Franklin Avenue New Orleans, La 70122 Kwhalen1@tulane.edu 504-914-6159

September 30, 2021

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Members of the Board,

I am pleased to present this letter of support for Mercy Family Center-Project Fleur-de-lis to serve as an approved pre-approval organization for continuing education events. During my 15 years of experience in collaborating with Mercy Family Center and Project Fleur-de-lis, they have demonstrated a strong commitment to social work and supervision of MSW students to our Tulane social work students.

Mercy Family Center and Project Fleur-de-lis strive to provide high quality trainings for their workforce and other providers that treat a variety of mental health disorders in youth and families in the New Orleans area. They have demonstrated knowledge of the continuing education process and are committed to insuring compliance with all aspects.

Please contact me if you need additional information at kwhalen1@tulane.edu.

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Emily DeAngelo

From:

Meaghan Grunwald < Meaghan. Grunwald. DCFS@LA.GOV>

Sent:

Monday, August 23, 2021 10:41 AM

To:

Emily DeAngelo

Cc:

Helen C. Groves

Subject:

Meaghan Grunwald, LMSW(license # 12278)-requested position description

Attachments:

Meaghan G. 2020-2021 PES Planning DOH 7-13-2020.2nd signature complete.pdf; TDS

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Good Morning,

Attached, is the position description and my Planning and Evaluation Form for the Training and Development Specialist III position. This documentation was requested by letter sent to my LCSW supervisor Helen Carol Groves, LCSW-BACS (license # 8614), in order to make a decision regarding my LCSW Supervision hours from July 12, 2020 - June 22, 2021. Please advise if you have any questions or are in need of anything else.

Thanks,

Meaghan Grunwald, MSW, LMSW

DCFS Training Unit
Regional Trainer-Thibodaux Region
Department of Children and Family Services
627 N. Fourth St.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
225-219-0032
Email:Meaghan.Grunwald.DCFS@LA.GOV



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Employee Name: DCFS Training Unit Agency Mission / Goals / Standards: administrative and technical support to program offices relative to training of employees. This section is working to assure that employees complete all federal, state, department and job specifics training requirements as well as to provide Mission Statement: Department Mission / Goals: and program practices Improving customer service through staff productivity and satisfaction; 4. Reducing fraud and abuse; and 5. Modernizing and realigning business operations providing safe refuge during disasters. GOALS: 1. Promoting and supporting safe and thriving children and families; 2. Encouraging and supporting individuals moving into self-sufficiency; 3. MISSION: The Department of Children and Family Services is working to keep children safe, helping individuals and families become self-sufficient, and Meaghan Grunwald Employee Personnel #: 278016

GENERAL Work and Behavior Expectations (at least one each): established procedures and records retention policy. Ensure confidentiality of information and report all suspected fraud as required by law. Enroll in the CPTP Professional Trainer program (next available class) and complete the program within 12 months (See Attachment) Perform departmental program duties in accordance with rules, regulations, and policies. Organize and maintain files in accordance with the Comply with Civil Service time and attendance regulations by ensuring that annual leave and other special absences are consistently scheduled in Annual leave must be pre-approved and the set standard of such leave usage should not exceed 160 hours annually. Annual leave should be planned advance and not taken without prior approval. Meet work deadlines, be responsible for personal productivity and accountable for meeting performance measures. Assume responsibility for assigned state owned property, including computer equipment. Bank of Expectations

assignments and request assistance when needed from supervisor.

Recognize when to make a decision independently and when to consult the supervisor or other staff. Effectively make decisions regarding work

Notify work unit promptly when ill and request sick leave.

Comply with time and attendance regulations by arriving at work station and beginning work at the scheduled time.

Notify work unit/supervisor as soon as possible if delayed in arriving for work at scheduled time

accordingly. Any request exceeding this amount will be considered on a case by case basis.

- Provide quality customer service by treating all with dignity, compassion, respect and provide timely information and services in a professional manner. Work with others in a manner that demonstrates appreciation of individual differences.
- Maintain all licenses and complete all training required for the position.
- Ensure a state of readiness to respond as needed to disasters, such as hurricanes, tornadoes, chemical spills, flooding, etc.
- Cooperate and work positively with others when working on team projects and other work assignments.
- Share knowledge, experience, time and talents with others when appropriate.
- Obtain/accept guidance, consultation and supervision from the DCFS Training Unit Manager on an ongoing basis.
- Meet work related commitments in a timely fashion or notify supervisor of difficulties in meeting those commitments. Arrange with supervisor for
- Demonstrate good verbal and written communication skills in assignments coverage of work assignments when necessary.
- Participate as an active listener and contributor in unit meetings and discussions.
- Utilize technological tools and software as appropriate to meet the Department's goal of providing more cost effective and efficient ways of providing
- and tracking training. Use work time effectively (e.g. avoid excessive talking, personal phone calls).
- Provide assistance as necessary for the overall operation of the DCFS Training Unit and the Department.

TASK SPECIFIC

- legal mandates, policies and procedures on an ongoing basis. Manage and ensure that training of staff in assigned locations is coordinated effectively and efficiently in line with the Department's mission, goals,
- Operate and maintain necessary training equipment to accomplish training per the agency's mission, goals and objectives.
- Serve as CPTP Coordinator to manage and ensure that the CPTP training of staff is coordinated effectively and efficiently in assigned regions.
- Send out letters defining training requirements to supervisors entering or moving between Supervisory Groups 1, 2 and 3.
- Track supervisors to assure that the continuing education qualification is met annually.
- Provide technological assistance to supervisors and other staff taking courses through LEO.
- Run reports as needed to facilitate and support the assigning and tracking of CPTP training.
- Prepare reports on compliance as needed for management.
- Participate in monthly CPTP webinars.
- are provided the initial welcome letter regarding training requirements, policies and procedures, are provided the 1-day orientation training within 30 Coordinate with Human Resources for all new DCFS hires (CW, CSE, and ES) biweekly; Manage and ensure that all new hires in the assigned regions days of hire and are tracked for compliance of required on-line trainings. Keep supervisors apprised of the DCFS training requirements needed by new
- Minimum of (3) attendees are needed to conduct an ILT. (Exemption to State Office, New Orleans and Lake Charles Regions, no minimum is
- If minimum attendees is not meet obtained, make arrangements with the neighboring region trainer.
- An exemption approval is needed in advance, from the Training Manager, if a monthly training is not held.
- Support the Department's need for assigning staff to trainings (web and instructor led)
- Maintain well organized files for tracking staff and for tracking training data, reports and other documentation of work assignments;
- Ensure all training mailbox submissions subject lines are appropriately labeled



- Notify staff of shared 'agency offered' and of 'outside the agency' general training announcements.
- Analyze and input general training credit request in the LEO accurately and time.
- ALL staff trainings must be inputted in the LEO system regardless of their CW 20 or 32 training requirement.
- Prepare the monthly Child Welfare Training Hours Report for assigned locations:through LEO. Prepare, manage and coordinate reports of agency wide required trainings to comply with Departmental, Safety and Governmental requirements...
- When the compliance measure is not obtain, trainer must show documented active attempts to obtain compliance within the service region. Each trainer's participation target is 95 percent completion compliance for his or her service area.
- Prepare, manage and coordinate special reports of training data as requested by the Department.
- Provide technological assistance to DCFS staff in LEO to facilitate successful completions of instructor Led or online/web based courses and to obtain
- Coordinate and manage ZOOM WebEx software for assigned locations. their transcripts and certificates
- Participate in professional development training programs to advance proficiency in training delivery, ensure remaining current with best practices
- Participate in quarterly professional development web-based training courses (See attached List) and new technology:
- Demonstrate practical knowledge and application of adult learning constructs, professional presentation skills and professional transfer of learning
- Maintain knowledge on current departmental policy and procedure changes.
- Coordinate and manage training room calendars for the bookings of training rooms in the assigned regions.
- Research and develop training materials, aids and scripts, per the training needs of DCFS.

Documentation / Comments



POSITION DESCRIPTION

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This position requires unique knowledge and skills requiring incumbent to exercise greater independence, critical thinking skills, professional judgment, communication skills, multiple task skills, organizational and planning skills. Incumbent must perform specialized functions/tasks, as ability to plan, coordinate, and execute legistics for special trainings and events to coordinate participation of staff, faster patents and stakeholders. Requires ability to correctly use and instruct staff on standard office equipment, computer, tap tops, in focus projector, VCR/DVD, copiers, fax machine, video conference equipment, Incumbent is responsible to have expert proficiency in the web-based learning system and is responsible for posting, scheduling, rostering, tracking and reporting web-based and instructor led training. The incumbent tracks and reports on DCFS Child Wellare (CW), Economic Stability (ES) and Child Support Enforcement (CSE) training of staff, foster parents, and stakeholders within regional service areas. Incumbent must meet the critical function of ensuring the Child Welfare staff accurately and timely comply with the prescribed training requirements per Louisiana law, LSA-R.S. 46-285). Incumbent must assure reporting per federal mandates and departmental policies. In addition, must fulfill function of tracking per policy of Civil Service CPTP training of DCFS staff.

30% Management of Staffing Training (Coordination, Tracking and Reporting)

Monitor and disseminates the DCFS on-line training memorands, e-malls, training newsletters, etc. To staff, providing descriptions and logistical information regarding specific training equise and workshops scheduled and coordinates/communicates with management staff to ensure the field and program staff are aware of mandatory training and ad-hoc training opportunities within the regions/service area.

Coordinates with Human Resources all new DCFS hires (CW, ES, and CSE) and may provide an overview of training/safety policy and procedures, new worker packets of training orientation resources, and registering Child Welfare new workers for initial mandated courses, as well as, Economic Stability for initial courses.

Amages and monitors Web-based trainings and Video Conference training offered by State Office and other Agency partners, and methoding setting up room, managing the equipment, coordinating staff attendance and evaluations.

Coordinates and monitor CPTP training requirements of Regional staff and casures staff maintains compliance with required trainings.

Coordinates and monitors agency-wide training requirement to comply with Departmental, Safety and Governmental requirements, Le., Sexual Harassment, Defensive Driving, Bloodborne Pathogens, Ethics, Voter Registration.

Demonstrates proficiency in the use of all technology and tools required to roster, deliver, evaluate. Track and report department wide training. This includes standard office equipment, computers, copier, fax machine, video conference equipment, in focus projector, VCR/DVD, desktop Microsoft Word, PowerPoint, Excel, Teaming, Web-ex, Mondle and any other Learning Management System (LMS) utilized by the agency.

Prepares for training session offered regionally and form State Office through scheduling dates and times, preparing materials, sign in sheets, and evaluation forms, coordinating and/or preparing the training sites, cheeking to ensure equipment is in working order, transporting equipment and materials to training site and other activities as appropriate.

Responsible for maintaining the implemented Learning Management System (LMS) for DCFS staff and stakeholders in assigned regions (service areas). Enters and tracks documented training data in the LMS through formal certificates and/or sign in sheets of training received by DCFS staff and foster/adoptive parents. Creates and edits, as needed in LMS staff profiles, course profiles, categories, sections, and rosters of staff enrollment.

Develops, prepares, manages, interprets and disseminates required monthly training data reports (Monthly Child Welfare Training Hours & Percentage Reports, Quality Assurances Training Reports, Centralized totake Reports) related to course completion in the regions (service areas).

Enrolls staff and stakeholders in mandated course acctions for instructed led and computer based courses.

SCS will keep this document for six (6) years.

Researches all training records (paper and electronic) as needed for any lingation and compiles reports as requested by General Counsel.

Direct Training

Develop and implement supervisory related instructor-led courses and web-based course within their assigned service area based on needs and requests.

Demonstrates practical knowledge and applications of adult learner constructs, professional transfer of learning techniques and evaluation of training.

Demonstrates proficiency in delivery of instructor led training, as well as, web-based training.

Conducts regional training sessions (both instructor-led and web-based) for staff in regional services areas, such as Customer Service.

Maintain knowledge on current departmental policy and procedure changes.

May travel within service area or statewide, when needed,

20% Curriculum Development

Responsible for development and implementation of computer-based and/or instructed-led non-program specific courses for all DCFS staff such as but not limited to Professionalism, Workplace Culture Expectations, Quality Improvement of Reporting using Microsoft Office Suite, Emergency Preparedness, IT Security, Civil Rights, Customer Service. Telework, etc.

Provides assistance with development of computer based and/or on-line courses for DCFS programs based on information provided by programmatic staff. The incumbent is responsible for managing data, tracking and evaluating the delivery of those courses on-line and computer-based courses.

pilaborate with the iT Staff, technical consultants and program staff to determine the effective software to use for on-line training,

Develop and revises training material for state, federal and departmental policy and procedures.

Coordinates and conducts surveys of all staff to evaluate the effectiveness of training course to determine possible revisions.

Work with programs, field staff and national experts to ensure training materials correctly reflected currently policy and procedures.

Reads, observes and de-briefs selected curricula in preparation for conducting training.

Reviews and evaluates current and new training material for consistency, technical accuracy and compliance with established standards and department policies.

Revises and updates existing curricula as assigned/needed.

5% Professional Development and Contract Management Attend Training meetings as scheduled/needed.

Participate in professional development seminars, conferences and training programs to advance proficiency and to ensure remaining carrent with best practices and new technology.

Maintain depth of knowledge of DCFS training topics, policies and procedures.

Incumbent initiates, develops, manages and monitor supporting training contract, honorariums, purchase orders and/or agreements with providers to deliver training to State Office, Regions and Statewide, assuring staff obtains required annual training hours.

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