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## EDUCATION

### **Master of Social Work**

May 2009

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida  
Concentration: Clinical Practice with Elders & Families  
Independent Studies: Victims of Violent Crime  
Graduated Summa Cum Laude

### **Bachelor of Social Work**

December 2005

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida  
Concentration: Generalist Intervention Models in Clinical Practice  
Graduated Cum Laude

### **Certificate**

May 2009

Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, Florida  
Concentration: Clinical Practice with Elders

### **Associate in Arts**

December 2003

Miami-Dade College, Kendall, Florida  
Major: Health Care Administration

## PROFESSIONAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, Florida

### **Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice College**

September 2015-Present

- developed fully online course content for Intro to Victimology using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
- Provided students with various teaching assessments such as discussion boards, current events, video reactions, reading assignments, articles, book assignments, exams, quizzes, group work, and community engagement.
- Constantly updating assignments and course content to represent the changing locales in the victim service field.
- Providing feedback and grades to students throughout the semester and making referrals to the eLearning Success Coach when appropriate.
- Allowing students to learn through challenging and proving their perception of terms on exam and quiz questions.
- working under Ricky Langlois, Faculty Advisor and Dr. Bruce Arneklev, Director of Criminal Justice, Criminal Justice College

Florida Atlantic University

Boca Raton, Florida

### **Adjunct Professor, School of Social Work**

May 2014-Present

- instructed and developed fully online course content for Evidence-Based Practice with Cultural Diversity using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
- instructed and developed fully online course content for Human Trafficking using various mediums to teach students including videos, articles, factual case scenarios, podcasts, and lectures.
- Provided students with various teaching assessments such as discussion boards, current events, video reactions, reading assignments, articles, book assignments, exams, quizzes, group work, and community engagement.
- Constantly updating assignments and course content to represent the changing locales in the social work field.
- Providing feedback and grades to students throughout the semester and making referrals to the eLearning Success Coach when appropriate.
- Engaging in meaningful discussion with student through the group link and via email.
- Allowing students to learn through challenging and proving their perception of terms on exam and quiz questions.
- working under Dr. Joy McClellan and Dr. Heather Thompson, Graduate and Undergraduate Faculty Advisor, School of Social Work

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Chief Programming Officer**

*May 2018- Present*

- Provide program oversight and mentoring, guidance, supervision, and professional development to all staff, interns, and volunteers in the Treasure Coast crime victim services program
- Provide program oversight and mentoring, guidance, supervision, and professional development to all staff, interns, and volunteers in the Palm Beach crime victim services program
- Provide oversight and mentoring, guidance, supervision, and professional development to all staff in the independent living program and advocacy programs.
- Evaluate the effectiveness of programs through needs assessments and by collecting quality assurance data through program evaluations including but not limited to client satisfaction surveys, staff feedback, and community assessments.
- Help to promote and diversify funding through effective resource stewardship at an agency with a healthy mix of government funding, grant funding, and private philanthropic support
- event planning and coordination of various trainings, fundraisers, and other related events.
- work with Dan Shorter, Chief Executive Officer

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Coordinator of Victim Services**

*July 2006-May 2018*

- conduct focus groups with victim assistance providers and leaders in the field
- develop and advocate for laws & policies that advance victims' rights and impacts
- conduct fundraisers to support program goals
- grant writing to sustain program and enhance services to victims of crime as well as support other agency goals related to victims with disabilities
- provide information and referral services pertaining to benefit and entitlement programs to individuals who are victims of crime and their families, the victim services community, the justice system and all other systems that people with disabilities who are victims of crime may need access
- develop and implement strategies of providing individual and systematic advocacy techniques to persons with disabilities and their families who are victims of crime
- understanding of the Victims of Crime Act, Individuals With Disabilities Education Act, and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act, the Americans With Disabilities Act and the ability to apply its provisions to the removal of architectural, programmatic and attitudinal barriers within the public sector to increase the provision of services for children & adults with disabilities who are victims of crime
- provide court accompaniment and assistance in completing necessary forms to obtain Crime Victim Compensation Claims, benefits, relocation funds, restraining orders, and any other type of assistance for which the individuals is eligible. train victim assistant providers on disability-specific needs, forensic techniques, and provisions in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act
- facilitate support groups for domestic violence, victims with disabilities and a disability acquired through an act of violent crime, sexual assault group for male veterans, and bullied youth with disabilities
- membership in various multi-agency collaboratives in an effort to identify and reduce the incidence of victimization and support victims through the criminal justice process
- event planning for various trainings, fundraisers, and other related events.
- Staff writer and editor of the agency newsletter
- work under and for Dan Shorter, Chief Executive Officer

Palm Beach State College

Lake Worth, Florida

**Adjunct Professor, Criminal Justice Program**

*September 2009-September 2014*

- developed and trained law enforcement officers on human trafficking, victims with disabilities, and social service response
- presented Florida Department of Law Enforcement identifying and investigating course
- worked under and for Tony Attanasio, Professor, Criminal Justice College

Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Master of Social Work Internship**

August 2008-April 2009

- founded and coordinated SASSI (Seniors Advocating for Seniors about Senior Issues) group
- provided the social service portion of the adult day care working primarily with Alzheimer's and dementia patients
- conducted reminiscence therapy groups
- provided crisis counseling to patients and their families
- facilitated support groups for primary caregivers and clients
- worked under and for Faith Martin, MSW; Director of the Division of Senior Services

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Independent Living Specialist and ALERT Youth Service Specialist**

Dec. 2005-July 2006

- provided direct services to people with disabilities by providing independent living skills training, emergency financial assistance, transportation assistance, vocational assistance, housing assistance, and peer review groups
- involved in the PBC Interagency Network, Human Trafficking Working Group, Victims' Rights Coalition, and Seniors vs Crime
- provided presentations on health and safety, victim services, and other presentations as requested to at-risk youth participants
- conducted presentations on health and safety, victim services, and other presentations as requested off-site to various community partners and their clients/participants
- work under and for Maite Reyes-Coles, MS; Supervisor of the Independent Living Department

Coalition for Independent Living Options, Inc.

West Palm Beach, Florida

**Bachelors of Social Work Internship**

April 2005-December 2005

- authored the agency's intern handbook
- provided direct services to consumers
- collaborated with various community groups to get a better understanding of Independent Living position
- provided presentations to consumer on independent living skills, health and safety, victim services, and others as requested
- represented programs to referral sources, community agencies, social service agencies, and others as requested
- involved in the Human Trafficking Working Group, Victims' Rights Coalition, and Seniors vs Crime
- instituted new file system to organize and distribute consumer files
- worked under and for Shelley Gottsagen, MSW; Executive Director

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

**Recipient: FBI Director's Community Leadership Award 2017**

**Recipient: National Association of Social Workers Florida Chapter Social Worker of the Year 2014**

**Recipient: Palm Beach County Victim Advocate of the Year 2013**

**Recipient: Palm Beach County Service Worker of the Year 2013**

**Recipient: Veterans Affairs Medical Center Special Advocacy Recognition Award 2013**

**Recipient: Palm Beach County Adult Education Center Special Volunteer Recognition Award 2013**

**Recipient: Palm Beach Gardens Police Department Special Recognition Award 2013**

**Recipient: Florida Attorney General's Office Distinguished Victim Service Provider Award 2012 (presented in 2013)**

**Recipient. Palm Beach County Division of Senior Services. *Celebrating People in Action.* 2009**

Nominee: National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2013

Nominee: PATH Award for Excellence in Leadership 2013

Nominee: Social Work Educator of the Year 2013

Nominee: National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2012

Nominee; Florida Attorney General's Office Advocate of the Year 2011

Nominee: Newkita Women of Change, 2011

Nominee; National Victims of Crime Advocate of the Year 2011

Nominee; Florida Attorney General's Office Advocate of the Year 2010

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Program Nominee; National Victims of Crime Innovative Program of the Year 2010  
Graduated with Honors, Masters of Social Work, 2009  
2nd Place Winner World AIDS Day Literary Competition, 2008  
Graduated with Honors, Bachelors of Social Work, 2005  
Graduated with Honors, Associates of Arts, 2003  
Community Service Award, 1999-2000  
History Achievement Award, 1998  
Chemistry Achievement Award, 1997  
Honorable Mention; Scientific Study on Erosion, *Jupiter Inlet Park*, 1992-1997

## **BLIND PEER REVIEWED WORKS (Published or In Press)**

### ***Journal Articles: International***

Green, D.L. & Macaluso, B. (2008). Special Populations and Law Enforcement: A Focus on the Interactions between People with Disabilities and Law Enforcement. *A Gift From Within*. <http://www.giftfromwithin.org/>

### ***Books***

Green, D.L. & Macaluso, B. (in process). *Case vignette workbook for victim service providers*. Springer Publications.

Macaluso, B. (2006). *Intern Handbook Manual for Coalition for Independent Living Options*. In-House Publishing.

### ***Book Chapters***

Green, D.L. & Macaluso, B. (2013). A Day in the Life of a Domestic Violence Social Worker. In A. R. Roberts (Editor-in-Chief), *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 4<sup>th</sup> edition. N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

Green, D.L. & Macaluso, B. (2009). Social Work Best Practices, Roles and Functions. In A. R. Roberts (Editor-in-Chief), *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. N.Y.: Oxford University Press

Green, D.L. & Macaluso, B. (2009). A Day in the Life of a Domestic Violence Social Worker. In A. R. Roberts (Editor-in-Chief), *Social Workers' Desk Reference*, 3<sup>rd</sup> edition. N.Y.: Oxford University Press.

## **POLICY IMPACTS**

Committee Guidance, Human Trafficking Mandatory Hotline Law (Prescribes the Human Trafficking Hotline Postings be mandatory at healthcare facilities, strip clubs, massage services, etc), [Passed successfully through legislation – Effective October 1, 2015]. 2014-2015

Committee Coordinator/Drafter, Ashley's Law (Increase statute of limitations for child victims to report sexual molestation without penetration), [Passed successfully through legislation – Signed by Governor Rick Scott on April 1, 2014, Effective October 1, 2015]. 2013-2014

Florida State Representative Lois Frankel Advisor, Human Trafficking Federal Legislation (Mirror Florida Law to include Scheduled 1 & 2 drugs as 'automatic coercion' when used to traffic individuals for sex or labor), 2013-2014

## **MEDIA: WEB, TELEVISION, RADIO, AND SOCIAL MEDIA**

Macaluso, B. and Shorter, D. (2018). Crime Victim Services for People with Disabilities. *Palm Beach County Public Television Channel 20*. West Palm Beach, FL

Macaluso, B. (2013). Victims with Disabilities. *House Calls*. Belle Glade, FL

Macaluso, B. (2012). Human Trafficking; Look Beneath the Surface. *House Calls*. Belle Glade, FL

Macaluso, B. (2012). CILO Representative for Live United Campaign. *United Way Commercial*. Jupiter, FL

Macaluso, B. (2011). Human Trafficking; Look Beneath the Surface. *WXEL Florida Forum*, Delray Beach, FL