

Candace Blase, MA, ATR-BC

Education

MA, Art Therapy, Vermont College, Montpelier, VT, August 2001

Ph.D. coursework, Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, Fairfax, VA, 1990-92

BA, Women's Studies, University of California, Santa Cruz, 1987

Experience

Treatment Coordinator/Art Therapist, MSA The Adolescent Center, Columbia, MD, 6/02-present
Design and run art therapy program for outpatient child and adolescent treatment center for families in crisis. Train and supervise art therapy and counseling students. Provide individual, group and family art therapy, individual family therapy, multi-family groups. Participate in treatment team planning for up to 60 child and adolescent clients, serve as case manager for 10-12 adolescent clients (coordinate services with schools, outpatient therapists, community agencies, and others as needed). Client issues include sexual abuse, trauma, attachment, depression, suicidality, adoption, grief/loss, substance abuse and anger management.

Case Management Intern, International Rescue Committee (IRC), Baltimore, MD, 12/08 to 6/09
Assist case managers with resettling refugees from Somalia, Iraq, Burma and Bhutan. Help refugees negotiate social service and educational system in US.

Art Therapy Intern, Trauma Program, Sheppard Pratt Hospital, 10/00-5/01
Provided group and individual art therapy to adults on the inpatient trauma disorders unit and to adults with chronic mental illnesses. Trained in trauma treatment protocol.

Art Therapy Intern, Center for Multicultural Human Services, Falls Church, VA, 10/99-5/00
Provided art therapy to a caseload refugee and immigrant adult and adolescent clients including international survivors of political torture. Served as primary therapist for eight of the ten clients. Assisted agency with preparation of funding proposal for the trauma treatment program.

Manager, Market Photography Workshop, Johannesburg, South Africa, 7/97-5/99
Coordinated all teaching and administrative functions of this community-based school serving primarily historically disadvantaged South Africans. Designed and taught a project management course, wrote funding proposals, and tracked financial information.

Assistant Coordinator Schools Program, Community Dispute Resolution Trust, Johannesburg, 10/95-6/97
Assisted with implementation of conflict resolution training and assessment program for South African schools. Wrote funding reports, liaised with government and school officials, developed coordinated program with other NGO's, designed training manual, conducted trainings and interventions.

Teacher, Baltimore City Public School System, Baltimore, MD, 8/94-6/95
Taught history, government, and conflict resolution at Harbor City Learning Center. Student body consisted of students who had returned to school after long absences due to incarceration, pregnancy, family difficulties, and other challenges.

Trainer and Program Manager, Citizenship Law-Related Program of the Schools of Maryland, Baltimore, MD, 10/92-6/94

Coordinated federally funded conflict resolution training program for several Baltimore City Public School System schools. Trained teachers, students, administrators, school police, and community members. Developed training manual and wrote program reports for funder.

Legislative Assistant, Assemblyman Terry B. Friedman, Sacramento, CA 9/87-4/90

Drafted legislation, met with lobbyists and government officials, answered constituent correspondence, briefed Assemblyman on legislation. Areas of policy focus included social services, drug and alcohol treatment, issues affecting the elderly, and judicial reform.

Chief Lobbyist, Friends Committee on Legislation, Sacramento, CA, 11/82-8/87

Coordinated human rights based lobbying program, wrote funding proposals, liased with Executive Committee, and managed organizational finances.

House Parent, IOOF Children's Home, Gilroy, CA, 10/81-10/82

Served as unit staff for adolescent boys placed in residential care. Coordinated with mental health and educational staff to implement individual treatment plans.

Paralegal, Clarke-Dixon Moses, Attorney at Law, Santa Cruz, CA, 1/81-10/82

Assisted sole practice attorney with all matters of civil litigation practice. Assisted with pro-bono work for Quaker-sponsored lobbying organization.