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**CLINICIAN ✦ DIRECTOR ✦ SOCIAL LEARNING SPECIALIST**  
*Staff Training ✦ Program Development/Management ✦ Leadership*

A dedicated, passionate **Clinician and Director** highly regarded for overseeing direct service, outreach, counseling and general support to clients. Record success in the implementation and promotion of specialized programs, events and strategies related to social cognitive skill development and executive function coaching. Decisive leader with in-depth expertise across administration, staff training, public speaking, transition planning, and more. Exceptional training and academic qualifications, including a Master of Social Service from Bryn Mawr College Graduate School of Social Work.

## SELECTED HIGHLIGHTS

- Utilize forward-thinking approach to help students diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger's and higher verbal autism spectrum diagnoses to become successful, independent learners.
- Originated programming and oversaw budgeting, marketing, website content and staff supervision to deliver the best possible student outcomes and guarantee organizational success.
- Implemented best practices to direct a summer travel camp to help students diagnosed with ADHD and learning differences improve their executive functioning and social cognitive skills, with the program at full enrollment first year of inception.
- Established programming and oversaw budgeting, marketing, website content and staff supervision to deliver the best possible student outcomes and guarantee organizational success.
- Designed and facilitate custom-tailored and highly effective social learning programs for boys who are diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger's and related challenges.

## CORE COMPETENCIES

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| ▪ Social Cognitive Skill Development | ▪ Parent Coaching      | ▪ Academic Administration |
| ▪ Curriculum Development             | ▪ Public Speaking      | ▪ Student Support         |
| ▪ Executive Function Coaching        | ▪ Continuing Education | ▪ Faculty Training        |
| ▪ Transition Planning                | ▪ Individual Therapy   | ▪ Operations Management   |

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### **Ride the Wave Counseling & Coaching (formerly Center for ADHD) ✦ Linwood, NJ ✦ 2014 – Present** **Managing Director**

- Delivering superb service to students and young adults diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger's Syndrome, learning differences, social anxiety and higher verbal autism spectrum diagnoses.
- Design and facilitate outstanding social cognitive skill building programs based on Social Thinking® methodology, with programs including "Guy Stuff", "How to Hang Out" and "Lego How to Hang Out".
- Provide specialized individual therapy to students ages 7-22 and their families, with treatment modality focusing on consistently improving self-regulation and social cognitive skills.
- Delivered well-received executive function coaching to students and their families.
- Align with student's schools and provide extensive clinical consultation to prescribing physicians.
- Direct an 8-week summer travel program designed to help students diagnosed with ADHD and learning differences improve their executive functioning and social cognitive skills, with the program at the full enrollment first year of inception.
- Present at national, regional and local conferences as well as parent support groups to promote the organizations' vision and continuously engage in related advocacy.

### **Y.A.L.E. School Philadelphia ✦ Philadelphia, PA ✦ 2016 – 2017** **Admissions/Clinician**

- Conducted a comprehensive review of prospective applicants for admission, coordinating sharing of information with sending school districts and providing tours to prospective families.
- Developed and taught weekly Skill Development Classes to students in grades 1-8, and designed a unique curriculum for classes utilizing the Social Thinking and Zones of Regulation methodologies.
- Consulted directly with School Director and Behavior Specialists on clinical matters.
- Reviewed numerous prospective admissions files and coordinated family visits to school while under heavy workloads.

**Y.A.L.E. School Philadelphia - Continued**

- Provided the best possible individual counseling to students as well as “push-in” social cognitive and self-regulation skill development, and communicated clearly with student’s families and outside service providers around clinical issues.

**Social Village at Princeton Speech-Language and Learning ✦ Princeton, NJ ✦ 2015 – 2016****Director**

- Excelled as Director of the social-recreational program for students ages 8-19 who present with social learning needs (Asperger’s Syndrome, ADHD, and higher-independence Autism Spectrum diagnoses).
- Improved methods to provide parent trainings on sexuality education and relationship skills, including facilitation of “Guy Stuff” program for middle and high school students.
- Created programming and oversaw budgeting, marketing, website content and staff supervision to deliver the best possible student outcomes and guarantee organizational success.
- Trained a diverse array of program staff to help support students’ social cognitive skills, emotional regulation skills, and executive function skill development.

**Ryan Wexelblatt Consulting ✦ Narberth, PA ✦ 2013 – 2015****Independent Contractor**

- Provided custom individual and group therapy through Spectra Support Services (Broomall, PA) to undergraduate students and college-age young adults who presented with autism spectrum diagnoses.
- Demonstrated attentiveness and professionalism in handling group topics, including sexuality and relationship education, social cognitive and executive function skill development.
- Managed all Behavior Specialist services to individuals through the Pennsylvania Adult Autism Waiver.
- Sought for consultation around program development to Terri Rossman, Director of Princeton Speech-Language and Learning on development of Social Village program and Katz Shamitz, Director of Skills for Living Program in Norwood, Massachusetts.

**Camp Sequoia Programs, LLC ✦ Narberth, PA ✦ 2010 – 2014****Managing Director**

- Built unique summer- and school-year programs for students who present with social learning and emotional regulation needs, with client population including students diagnosed with ADHD, Asperger’s Syndrome, learning differences and higher-independence autism spectrum diagnoses.
- Exceeded all expectations, with client base and retention increased each year of operation serving over 150 families annually.
- Managed all facets of business operations including logistical management, program/curricula development, budgeting, communications, and staffing, as well as creating admissions process and facilitating all admissions assessments.
- Supervised a multitude of clinical staff, created training for clinical staff, and provided expansive training to social educators.
- Hired, trained and supervised high-performance program staff consisting of educators, graduate and undergraduate students. Provided staff evaluations as well as ongoing staff training and evaluation.
- Align with state standards in building program curricula around Zones of Regulation and Social Thinking frameworks, and facilitated Social Thinking groups and sexuality education groups.

**Hill Top Preparatory School ✦ Bryn Mawr, PA ✦ 2008 – 2011****High School Clinician/Hill Top Summer Camp Director**

- Provided individual and group counseling on weekly basis, and originated a group counseling curriculum based on cognitive needs of each student group which delivered superb outcomes.
- Worked collaboratively with student’s funding sources and referring school districts to maintain program excellence.
- Significantly increased school’s summer revenue stream through successful enrollment in summer program as Founder and Director of Hill Top Summer Day Camp Program.
- Innovated on procedures to handle all aspects of summer program operations including admissions, logistics, budgeting, program development, staffing and communications.
- Presented at professional conferences, prospective family open houses and professional open houses, building productive relationships to expand networking and academic opportunities.

**Y.A.L.E. School ✦ Cherry Hill, NJ ✦ 2004 – 2008****Clinician/Certified School Social Worker**

- Conducted crisis assessment and consulted with student’s mental health providers in a high-stress environment.

- Facilitated a number of IEP meetings and annual review meetings, and designed social-emotional IEP goals.

**EDUCATION**

**Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA - Master of Social Service – Clinical Social Work**

**Temple University, Philadelphia, PA - Bachelor of Arts – Communication**

**Certifications:**

Pennsylvania Licensed Social Worker (License Number: SW132557)

New Jersey Licensed Social Worker (License Number: SLO6136600)

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

- CHADD International Conference on ADHD, Speaker 2017
- Florida Center for Autism and Related Disorders Conference, Speaker 2017
- Social Thinking® Global Providers Conference, Speaker 2017
- CHADD (Elkins Park, Chester County, Long Island, MetroWest chapters), Speaker 2011-Present
- Autism Society National Conference, Speaker 2016
- Gwynedd Mercy University Autism Conference, Speaker 2016-Present
- National Sex Educators Conference, Speaker 2015
- Princeton Speech-Language and Learning, Speaker 2016
- Bucks County Intermediate Unit, Speaker 2015
- Pennsylvania Department of Education Community on Secondary Transition Conference, Speaker 2015
- National Adoption Center, Volunteer Speaker 2009-Present
- American Camp Association, Speaker 2009-2013
- Jewish Learning Venture Inclusion Conference, Speaker 2012-2013
- Woodlynde School, Speaker 2012
- North Penn School District Parents Special Education Council, Speaker 2013

**ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS**

<b>TECHNICAL SKILLS</b>	Microsoft Office Suite
<b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Certified Autism Specialist™ through International Board of Credentialing and Continuing Education Standards</li> <li>Social Thinking® Clinical Training Program Level 1 Certificate of Completion (highest level of training available)</li> <li>Executive Function Skill Training with Sarah Ward, CCC-SLP of Cognitive Connections</li> <li>Sexuality and Asperger’s Syndrome Advanced Training with Dr. Isabelle Henault</li> <li>Zones of Regulation training with Leah Kuypers</li> <li>Pennsylvania Act 126 Training</li> <li>New Jersey and Massachusetts School Social Worker certifications</li> </ul>
<b>ORGANIZATIONS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>National Association of Social Workers</li> <li>Pennsylvania Society for Clinical Social Work</li> </ul>
<b>VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE</b>	BuxMont CHADD, Professional Advisory Board Member, 2016-Present / ASCEND, Board of Directors 2012-2013 / ADHD Aware, Board of Directors 2012-2013