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### **Education**

- 2019-2022     **Doctor of Social Work candidate** (anticipated)  
Concentration: Teaching as Practice  
University of Saint Thomas, St. Paul, MN
- 1999-2001     **Master of Social Service**  
Concentration: Program Planning and Development  
**Master of Law and Social Policy**  
Bryn Mawr College, Bryn Mawr, PA
- 1995-1999     **Bachelor of Arts -Social Work**  
Women's Studies Minor  
Shippensburg University, Shippensburg, PA

### **Teaching Experience**

Western Kentucky University, Department of Social Work

2021-Present   *MSW Online Program Coordinator*

2018-Present   *Full-Time Instructor*

2016-2018     *Part-Time Adjunct Instructor*

### **Courses Taught**

SWK 378- Social Work Practice II- Groups  
SWK 501- Cultural Competency in Social Work Practice  
SWK 520- Generalist Social Work Practice  
SWK 522- Group Dynamics in Social Work  
SWK 612- Social Work in Diverse Rural Communities  
SWK 622- Integrated Social Work with Families  
SWK 623- Social Work Clinical Assessment and Intervention  
SWK 630- Rural Social Welfare Policy  
SWK 560; 561- Generalist Field Practicum I & II  
SWK 660; 661- Advanced Field Practicum I & II  
Faculty Field Liaison  
Faculty External Field Instructor

### **Peer-Reviewed Publication**

Griffiths, A., Holderfield-Gaither, E., Funge, S.P., & Warfel, E. T. (2021). Satisfaction, willingness, and well-being: Examining the perceptions of a statewide sample of public and private foster parents. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 121, 1-10. <https://doi.org.libsrv.wku.edu/10.1016/j.childyouth.2020.105886>

### **Publication Under Review**

Murphy, A. L., Warfel, E. T., Boamah, D., Griffiths, A. Ending racial disproportionality in child welfare: A systematic review of evidence-based interventions. *Journal of Social Work*.

### **Accepted Peer-Reviewed Presentation- National**

Warfel, E. T., Factors Impacting Social Work Faculty Response to Students' Mental Health Needs. (November 2021) *Council on Social Work Education, Annual Program Meeting*.

### **Professional Experience**

ResCare, Inc. - Kentucky SAFE (Specialized Alternative Family Environments) Therapeutic Foster Care and Community Youth Services- Statewide

2017-2018 *Executive Director*

2008-2018 *Treatment Director*

2008-2017 *Psychotherapist*

In this role, I managed 55 staff, the day-to-day operations, and the financial oversight of the statewide therapeutic foster care program and community-based residential program for Kentucky youth in the custody of the Cabinet for Health and Family Services, Department of Community Based Services. I collaborated with psychiatrists and interdisciplinary professionals to provide clinical assessment, intervention, and evaluation of therapeutic services to youth and families.

2015-2017 *Program Director*

In this role, I managed a pilot project with Jefferson County Department for Community Based Services and Passport Health Plan, managed care organization, which provided intensive wraparound services to children and families.

Western Kentucky University/Bowling Green Housing Authority- Project Empower Bowling Green, KY

2011-2014 *Behavioral Health Specialist*

In this role, I provided clinical interventions to individuals, couples, and families, while collaborating with a larger treatment team.

The Coad Group *Exton, PA*

(Chester County Council on Addictive Diseases)

2004-2007 *Director of Student Assistance Program (SAP) Services*

In this role, I managed contracts and staff that provided mental health and substance use/abuse assessment and referral services for students and their families in middle and high schools throughout the county. I facilitated psycho-educational groups and individual sessions in the school setting and coordinated and facilitated county-wide meetings of student assistance professionals.

Chester County Juvenile Probation Department- West Chester, PA

2001-2004 *Community Service Case Manager*

2000-2001 *Social Work Graduate Intern*

In this role, I managed a caseload of juveniles assigned community service through the court system due to criminal activity. I worked with community partners to develop meaningful activities for juveniles to restore the harm done to the community and then presented to the courts on their progress. I started a "Young Offenders" program that matched juveniles under 12 with an adult mentor to understand the impact of their actions on others.

Chester County Intermediate Unit -Downingtown, PA

Chester County Regional Education Services

2000-2004 *Therapeutic Staff Support*

In this role, I provided one-on-one therapeutic services and support to a young boy diagnosed with autism spectrum disorder and his family in both their home and the community. I worked with the Behavior Specialist and treatment team to develop effective and appropriate treatment plans.

### **Professional Affiliations/Certifications/Awards**

Licensed Clinical Social Worker KY #4022

Council on Social Work Education (CSWE)

National Association of Social Workers (NASW)

Part-time Faculty of the Year Award recipient 2017

### **Professional Service**

Executive Board Secretary- National Association of Social Workers (NASW) - Kentucky Chapter

NASW-KY Political Action for Candidate Election (PACE) committee

NASW-KY CEU committee

### **University, College, and Department Service**

WKU Social Work Department Advisory Committee

Assist WKU Field Director with a variety of tasks

Developed and presented WKU Department of Social Work Field Instructor Trainings

Advisor to 20 WKU MSW students each semester

Advisor- Graduate Student Social Work Association (GSSW)

MSW Admissions Committee

Practice Readiness Exam Committee

Diversity Curriculum Committee Chair

Practice Curriculum Committee

Part-time Faculty Training Committee

Social Work Month Planning Committee

Social Work Lobby Day committee

Social Work CEU committee

WKU Homecoming committee

Assist with MSW recruitment