

Rebecca Hirt

Profile:

Counseling professional with proven abilities to support and guide children, adolescents, and adults through life challenges and circumstances, bringing about God's work of healing and restoration.

Educational Highlights:

Grand Rapids Theological Seminary, Grand Rapids, MI
Master of Arts: Counseling Ministries, May 2006
Limited License Professional Counselor (LLPC), May 2006
3.63 GPA

Calvin College, Grand Rapids, MI
Bachelor of Arts: Interdisciplinary Major: Social Work, Spanish, and Missions
Minor: Third World Development, 2002 3.544 GPA
Honduras Semester Study Abroad, Fall 2000

Related Experience:

Bethany Christian Services, Holland, MI
Bi-lingual Therapist, August 2006-current

- Provide counseling to children, adolescents, adults, and families
- Provide culturally appropriate services to Spanish speakers

Cornerstone University Counseling Center, Grand Rapids, MI
Counseling Intern, September 2005-May 2006

- Counseled clients (students) on issues such as stress, anxiety, dating, self-image, pornography, family
- Gave presentations on well-being and mental health topics in undergrad classes

Pregnancy Resource Center, Grand Rapids, MI
Counseling Intern, January 2006-May 2006

- Provided crisis counseling to clients regarding pregnancy, abortion, and adoption

Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, MI
High School Associate, June 2004- September 2005

- Directed High School Student Ministry under leadership of director
- Primary responsibilities: mentor female students and staff, led small groups, retreats, Bible studies, and summer trips

Instituto SS Trindade, Gramado, Brazil
Orphanage to 70 abused and abandoned children
House parent, August 2003- February 2004

- Mentored and counseled children and teenagers
- Designed and led small-group activities teaching life skills

Service-Learning Center, Calvin College
Student Coordinator, September 2001-April 2002

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- Facilitated social science students' placement into various service-learning opportunities
- Liaison between professors and service agencies

New Hope, Detroit, MI
Community Development Non-profit Housing Corporation
Community Development Coordinator, summer 2001

- Created and led community meetings, activities, and clean-up efforts to better the community
- Organized an annual dinner for 300 attendees and assisted in fundraising efforts

Henry Ford Health Systems, Detroit, MI
Cabrini Clinic, a free medical clinic
Internship, summer 2000

- Clinic duties: organized files, created a database, enrolled clients in insurance programs
- Implemented a patient education system
- Organized the repainting of the clinic

Additional Experience:

Thornapple Evangelical Covenant Church, Grand Rapids, MI
Childcare Coordinator, September 2002- May 2003

- Directed workers during Lollipops, while leading the preschool classroom
- Teacher for MOPS

Volunteer Experiences

Registrar for 1st Annual Women's Leadership Conference of Cornerstone University
Pregnancy Resource Center (Spring 1999); PARA Refugee Services (Spring 2002)

Training and Treatment Innovations, Sterling Heights, MI
Autistic Trainer, Summer 1998

- Employed specific techniques into daily life to encourage behavioral and language development

Sterling Heights High School, Sterling Heights, MI
Swim coach, Summer 1998

- Coached a swim team of children ages 6-18
- Provided workouts and technique instruction for all swim levels

Skills:

Computer Skills: MS Word, MS Access, MS Excel, MS PowerPoint
Leadership: Student Senate of Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
Language abilities: speaking, reading, and writing Spanish and Portuguese
Athletics: Tri-athlete

References:

Mrs. Belinda McConnell Atchison, Supervisor and Therapist, Bethany Christian Services
(616) 396-3391

Dr. Robert Lehman, Professor of Counseling, Grand Rapids Theological Seminary
(616) 222-1422

Kerry Stevens, Counseling Services Director, Cornerstone University
(616) 222-1533