

Connie Silletti-Cafaro, MA

PROFILE

Counselor with extensive experience working with adolescents and young adults in academic settings, and with adults in the medical, social services and mental health fields. Dedicated professional with a passion for education and fostering growth and development of young people by guiding them to make successful educational, personal and occupational life plans.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Hudson County Community College

Perkins Equity Coordinator

Jersey City, NJ

2019 - Present

- Assess student's academic, social-emotional and career needs; provide support and referrals to campus and community partners, as needed.
- Develop academic plans and maintain consistent appointments for caseload of students on academic probation and/or in danger of placement on suspension or dismissal.
- Provide guidance in academic advisement and major exploration to ensure student success.
- Advise students requesting special considerations and academic appeals.
- Coordinate career exploration utilizing FOCUS 2 Career Assessment.
- Monitor CTE programs for equitable participation, regardless of traditional gender career roles.
- Coordinate services for special populations to include the disabled, disadvantaged and ESL learners.
- Collaborate with local high schools to recruit students and exchange best practices ideas for programming.

Public Schools of Plainfield - Plainfield High School

Senior Case Manager/Counselor

Plainfield, NJ

2014 - 2018

- Provided case management and counseling to participants enrolled in Teen Parenting Program, their children and guardians.
- Maintained a clinical caseload of students requiring weekly individual counseling to address personal, academic and mental health issues, to promote academic success and overall improvements in functioning.
- Advocated on student's behalf and provided guidance while applying for community/social services.
- Partook in recruitment activities in an effort to enroll students in the varying groups and services offered.
- Facilitated weekly parenting and life skills groups.
- Co-supervised interns enrolled in Rutgers University Master's programs.
- Member of I&RS and Crisis Intervention Teams.

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Hoboken University Medical Center

Hoboken, NJ

Medical Case Manager

1999 - 2011

- Maintained a caseload of 100 clients diagnosed with HIV/AIDS and provided needs assessment and treatment plans.
- Educated and counseled clients to ensure medical, psychiatric and substance abuse treatment adherence.
- Utilized effective intervention skills in crisis situations to prevent suicide, abuse and homelessness.
- Conducted community presentations on health, wellness and prevention.
- Coordinated the distribution and tabulation of annual county-wide surveys for 1,000 clients across 5 county agencies.

SKILLS

Microsoft Office

CitySpan MIS

Ellucian Colleague

NYU SIS

HCCC Liberty Link Student Planning

FOCUS 2

Genesis

Conversational Spanish

PowerSchool

Expert Proofreader

Excellent oral and written communication skills

Strong leadership abilities

CERTIFICATIONS

New Jersey School Counselor

AFFILIATIONS

New Jersey School Counselor Association

Hudson County School Counselor Association

SPECIALIZED TRAININGS

LinkedIn Learning: Developing Your Emotional Intelligence

Mental Health First Aid Training

Minor Sex Trafficking

Human Trafficking: Engagement and Interviewing Skills

EDUCATION

New Jersey City University

Jersey City, NJ

Master of Arts in Counseling

GPA 3.87

Kean College Of New Jersey

Union, NJ

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

GPA 3.25