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Consulting Clients

- Children's Aid 2014-2015
- Goodwill Industry 2025
- CASES 2021-2022
- Mayor's Office to Advance New York City and The City of New York 2016-2020
- New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene 2018
- Memorial Sloan Kettering 2018-2019
- HOPE Program 2022
- Fund for the City of New York-ongoing
- Hedrick Martin Institute 2017, 2025
- Mental Health Service Corps 2020
- Uncommon Schools NYC 2019
- City University of New York 2020-current

Professional Experience

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

Adjunct Assistant Professor (2012-current)

- Educate and advise graduate students in the Creative Arts Therapy department with their clinical practice through Supervision, Ethics and Professional Identity Development.
- Develop culturally relevant curriculum and teach graduate level courses of Personality I and II focused on psychoanalytic theoretical perspectives of development.
- Collaborate with professors and department chair on designing common curricula and corresponding student assessments.

Art Therapy, Counseling and Consulting, Brooklyn, NY

Trainer, Art Therapist and Mental Health Counselor (2007-current)

- Perform comprehensive clinical assessments and interpret intake data to diagnose and design interventions for children, adolescents and adults.
- Address trauma, substance use, depression, anxiety disorders and neurodivergence through appropriate interventions in individual therapy.
- Utilize behavioral therapy, Motivational Interviewing, mindfulness, play therapy and art therapy to encourage adaptive coping skills and resiliency in children, adolescents and young adults.
- Develop curriculum and provide trainings on trauma, sustainability, and Motivational Interviewing Community Based organizations, Mental Health Clinics, New York City agencies and New York State Agencies

Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, New York, NY

Art Therapist (2016-2019)

- Facilitated open studio art therapy groups for breast cancer patients.
- Provided ongoing support and counseling in a community setting.

Children's Aid Society, New York, NY

Director of Clinical Services and Training (2015-2016)

- Oversaw and developed clinical mental health programming within the Youth Empowerment Programs, including Court Involved Youth, Alternative to Placement Programs, Victims Services, and Young Men of Color Initiatives.
- Supervised a team of 30 individuals on using trauma informed approaches and evidenced based practices, while providing direct clinical supervision to 7 clinicians and coaches.
- Organized and facilitated ongoing trainings for the division, as well as provided trainings to Early Childhood Programs, Family Wellness Programs and the Adolescent Division.
- Managed a \$750K budget, as well as collaborated with partners, New York City agencies and administration on program policies and outcomes.

PEAK Program Director (2013-2015)

- Collaborated with the Department of Probation, Department of Education and ROADS Charter II on the implementation of Pathways to Excellence, Achievement and Knowledge ATP program and policies.
- Developed and implemented an Advisory curriculum, Career Readiness Program and Summer Curriculum "The City is our Classroom" and train staff on execution.
- Trained, supervised and supported the school-based support team and educators on applying Motivational Interviewing and Restorative Practices skills to the academic and therapeutic settings.

Counseling In Schools, New York, NY

Clinical Supervisor/Counselor (2005-2013)

- Successfully implemented counseling programs in New York City K-12 public schools to assist schools at risk of closure and recovering from trauma related to September 11th
- Led school-based support of teachers and staff and provided professional development series.

Artistic Noise, New York, NY

Clinical Supervisor/Art Therapist (2011-2012)

- Collaborated with the Director, the Department of Probation and Hunter School of Social Work on the planning and successful execution of an art therapy program for youth serving probation.

Woodhull Medical and Mental Health Center, Brooklyn, NY

Art Therapist (2003-2005)

- Performed clinical duties with an interdisciplinary team on an acute inpatient unit with the treatment planning, assessment and discharge of patients.

Related Experience

Free Arts NYC, New York, NY

Professional Facilitator (2002-2004)

Jewish Board for Family and Children Services Horizons, Brooklyn, NY

Art Therapy Intern (2001-2002)

Federal Employment and Guidance Services, Brooklyn, NY

Art Therapy Intern (2000-2001)

Son Rise Program, Pittsburgh, PA

Intern (1999-2000)

Global Volunteers, Ilula, Tanzania

Student Medical Volunteer (1999)

Education

Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, NY

- Masters of Professional Studies (Art Therapy and Creativity Development), 2002

University of Pittsburgh, Pittsburgh, PA

- Bachelor of Science (Psychology), minor in Studio Art, 2000

Memberships and Certifications

MWBE, NYC Department of Small Businesses, November 2019

MINT Member, October 10, 2015

New York State Licensed Creative Arts Therapist (LCAT), April 6, 2009

New York State Licensed Mental Health Counselor (LMHC), February 21, 2006

New Jersey State Licensed Professional Art Therapist (LPAT), January 9, 2023

Board Certified Art Therapist (BC), 2006

Registered Art Therapist (ATR), 2004

Publications, Presentations and Exhibitions

Rice, D.J., (2026). *Expanding the Practice: A Path Toward Consulting and Training Facilitation.* In C. Walpole Tiku (Ed.), *The Business of Art Therapy: Navigating Career Paths, Creativity and the Changing Landscape of the Field.* Routledge.

AICAD Symposium- Engaging Values, Values in Metaphor; Protecting what matters Through Artistic Practice, Pratt Institute 2025
Arts, Creativity and the Global Crisis: Reimagining Identity, Otherness and the Possible, Compassionate Listening, Pratt Institute 2019

Rice, D.J. (2017). *MI and Youth Empowerment Programs.* In E. McNamara (Ed.), *Motivational Interviewing: Children and Young People III, Education and Community Settings.* UK, Positive Behaviour Management.

Children's Aid Society Staff Summit, Art and Self-Care, New York, NY, 2016

Transformative Practices & Restorative Justice Conference, Compassionate Conversations using Motivational Interviewing and Restorative Practices, New York, NY, 2016

Expressive Therapy Conference, Open Studio in Schools with At-Risk Youth, New York, NY, 2013

Pratt Institute Spring Institute, Art Therapy in Schools, Brooklyn, NY, 2011

The Rubelle and Norman Schafler Gallery, The Spontaneous Gesture Realized, Brooklyn, NY, 2008

Continuing Education

ETO-Social Solutions, "Points of Service and Assessments, New Administrator Orientation", 2014.

IIRP trainings: "Basic Restorative Practices", "Facilitating Restorative Conferences", "Restorative Leadership Development" 2013-2014

Motivational Interviewing: "Supervising using Motivational Interviewing", "Coding and Practice" "Continuing the Practice", "The Basics", "MINT TNT", "HETI TNT", 2013-2015

Soho Cognitive, "Moving Treatment Forward with CBT", New York, NY 2013 -2014

Ackerman Institute, "Restoring Ruptured Bonds", New York, NY, 2011

Ackerman Institute, "Treating Children with Relational Trauma", New York, NY, 2009

Institute for the Arts in Psychotherapy, Advanced Seminar in Child Resilience Studies and Embodied Child Therapy, New York, NY, 2006-2007

