

CECILIA POWERS, LCSW-S

PO Box 911456, Sherman, TX 75091 · 903-361-7045

cecilia@texomafamilyandcourtservices.com

www.texomafamilyandcourtservices.com

EXPERIENCE

JANUARY 2020 – CURRENT

CHILD CUSTODY EVALUATOR AND PARENTING FACILITATOR, TEXOMA FAMILY AND COURT SERVICES

Assess family functions; Observe family dynamics in the home; assess safety of children in the home; Provide unbiased reporting; Thoroughly research facts presented through doctors, medical records, schools, therapy records, police records, CPS records, etc; Document timely and thoroughly; meet the requirements in Texas Family Code 107.104

MARCH 2024 – CURRENT

COMMUNICATION COACH, BETWEEN TWO HOMES

Assist in Parenting Facilitation with high conflict, court-involved families, provide communication skills to individuals and couples, monitor communication and provide productive feedback

MAY 2019 – CURRENT

SOCIAL WORKER, HOSPICE PLUS

Assess people and communities in need of help; Observe client behavior; Created and implemented a treatment plan, Evaluate and monitor improvement, help families process grief and loss, assist with community resources, educate on coping skills; Created grief support group

AUGUST 2018 – CURRENT

HOME STUDY EVALUATOR, MAUNEY AND ASSOCIATES

Assess family functions; Observe family dynamics in the home; Interviewed references; Document thorough kinship and adoptive home studies as subcontractor for CPS; Wrote over 80 home studies.

AUGUST 2018 – MAY 2019

SOCIAL WORKER, TEXOMA MEDICAL CENTER

Assess people and communities in need of help; Observe client behavior; Created and implemented a treatment plan, Evaluate and monitor improvement, assess community resources and make referrals.

NOVEMBER 2017 – MAY 2018

QMHP, SOUTHERN HEALTH PARTNERS/AIKEN COUNTY DETENTION CENTER

QMHP; Assess mental health needs; Observe and provide therapy for inmates; Create and facilitate Anger Management course

FEBRUARY 2008 – JUNE 2017

CASEWORKER IV, DEPARTMENT OF FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES

Trainer and Mentor; Worked efficiently with caseload of more than 45 children; Interacted with attorneys, courts, families, schools, doctors, therapists; Write kinship home studies; Select families for adoption

FEBRUARY 2004 – JUNE 2006

STAFF, DISCOVERY ACADEMY/ASCENT INC

Front line staff and supervisor; working with up to 40 teenage girls; provide emotional support and guidance; developed systems to manage behaviors; communicated with girls and families; created routines, assisted adjudicated teens work through probation process

EDUCATION

MAY 2013

MASTERS OF SOCIAL WORK, TEXAS A&M COMMERCE

Internship with Child Advocacy Center and CPS Kinship

APRIL 2003

BACHELOR'S OF ARTS - LINGUISTICS, BRIGHAM YOUNG UNIVERSITY

Minor in TESOL

CERTIFICATION

- **CERTIFIED FINANCIAL SOCIAL WORKER – MAY 2024**

SKILLSVOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

2022 – present: Volunteer therapist with A Home Within for people previously in foster care

2021 – present: Community Partner with BSW students at Tarleton State University

2024 – present: Board member with Grayson County Pride

2022: Volunteer at Parent Builder with Humanitarian Experience in Costa Rica

2010 – 2023: Volunteer with Grayson County 4-H program

2000 – 2002: Church mission to Rome Italy

1998: Taught English in Russia with International Language Programs

SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS AND PARTICIPATION:

Co-speaker – Intervention Between Two Homes, August 2024, Sherman, TX

Speaker/Author – Enhancing Mental Well-being in Older Adults: Strategies and Solutions, Texoma Geriatric Mental Health Symposium, September 2024, Sherman, TX

Co-speaker – Intervention Between Two Homes, Social Work and Law Symposium, SWLS 2024, Online

Co-speaker – Intervention Between Two Homes, October 2024, Sherman, TX

Presenter – Introduction to Working with LGBTQ+ Clients, East Texas NASW, January 2025, Online

RECENTLY ATTENDED RELEVANT SEMINARS AND WORKSHOPS:

“Evaluation for Child Custody”, Palo Alto University, David A. Martindale, January 15, 2025 (20 hrs)

“Fundamentals of Parenting Coordination Online Training Program”, AFCC, Debra K. Carter PhD, Robin M. Deutsch PhD, Shely Polak PhD, Matthew Sullivan PhD, December 2-December 5, 2024 (16 hrs)

“Trust-Based Relational Intervention- TBRI Connecting Principles”, Grayson County CASA, Judge Cheryl Vaughan and Sara Price, September 10, 2024. (6 hrs)

“Advanced Family Law Mediation Training” Dispute Resolution Center, Diane Harvey, LCSW and Mark Sims. July 23-July 26, 2024. (30 hrs)

“Mediation and Dispute Resolution” Collin College, Melanie Morgan. June 10 – July 22, 2024. (40 hrs)

“Parenting Coordination/Parenting Facilitation” Dr. Aaron Robb and Bradley Craig, LMSW-IPR. June 13 – 14, 2024. (16 hrs)

“Litigation and Evaluation involving Abuse Allegations in Family Court Cases” Institute on Violence, Abuse, and Trauma (IVAT) and Professional Consortium on Abuse Allegations in Family Courts. May 3-4, 2024. (15 hrs)

“Addressing Allegations of Child Sexual Abuse in Family Law Cases” Association of Family and Conciliation Courts – Texas Chapter. Nov 30 – Dec 1, 2023. (9 hrs)

“Conducting Mental Health Assessments for Immigration Cases” Girasol Program, Monica Romo, LCSW. Nov 7, 2023. (2 hrs)

“Parents & Children: Modern Challenges and Modern Solutions” North Texas Families in Transition. Oct 20, 2023. (4 hrs)

“Therapeutic Interventions for Ambiguous Loss and Grief Among Youth in Foster Care” Pauline Boss, PHD. May 23, 2023 (2 hrs)

“Flipping the Script with High Conflict People In and Out of the Courtroom” AFCC Texas Chapter, Bill Eddy LCSW, Esq. and Megan Hunter, MBA. Dec 8, 2023. (8 hrs)

“Licensure Boards to the Courtroom: Everything You Need to Know” AFCC Texas Chapter, Kenda Dalrymple, JD, Christy Bradshaw Schmidt, MA, LPC, and Tammi Axelson, LMSW-IPR. Dec 9, 2023 (4 hrs)

“Malicious Mothers, Ferocious Fathers, & Angry Adolescents” Texas Association of Family Forensics. April 22, 2022. (6 hrs)

“Trauma Informed Care” North Texas Aging and Disability Services. April 12, 2022. (1 hr)

“Childhood Domestic Abuse: How Witnessing Abuse Impacts Children” Hope’s Door Community Education. Mar 17, 2022. (1.5 hrs)

“Teen Relationships and Sexting” Hope’s Door Community Education. Jan 26, 2022. (1.5 hrs)

“A Trauma-Informed Approach to Addressing Placement Instability For Youth in Foster Care” UT Arlington School of Social Work. Dec 9, 2021. (3 hrs)