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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

Creative, innovative self-starter with excellent leadership, and communication skills
Trained as an actor ([Andrea Sooch](#)) and as a clinician (Andrea Szucs)
Designed and developed programs and curriculum
Co-creator of *The ACTing Cure* group model
Researched, created and facilitated groups for individuals with ID/DD
Experienced working with persons with Alzheimer's and dementia
Focused on Experiential, Behavioral and Relation Oriented Therapies
Proficient in languages: Native Hungarian, fluent German

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

AHRC, New York, NY September 2014 – Present
Consultant Drama Therapist / Trainer / Supervisor

- Designed and facilitated drama based projects and programs for groups and individuals with ID/DD -- using tools of Drama Therapy and Improvisational Theater.
- Supervised, trained and mentored interns
- Made assessments; case formulation / conceptualization / treatment plans
- Supported and cultivated talent, spotted strength and helped individuals with ID/DD to express feelings, discover and enhance creativity, autonomy and relatedness.
- Maintained records for each individual through progress notes and record of sessions.
- Assisted individuals with community integration and socialization skills.

Hearthstone Alzheimer Care, New York, NY December 2014 – January 2016
Assistant Program Director / Creative Drama Specialist

- Facilitated all programs and developed new ones.
- Provided creative drama activities to help residents to maintain and maximize cognitive and communication skills – using tools of Drama Therapy and Improvisational Theater.
- Created daily full schedules and monthly events.
- Wrote service plans and conducted assessments.
- Executed management roles
- Established long-term relationships with community partners and families, conducted trips to community.
- Performed public speaking, participated in service plan meetings.

Hearthstone Alzheimer Care, New York, NY August 2014 – December 2014
Drama Specialist – Volunteer

- Facilitated groups for persons with dementia using expressive arts activities to help residents to maintain and maximize cognitive and communication skills

AHRC, New York, NY 2012 –2014

Social Work and Drama Therapy Intern

- Provided clinical interventions with individual clients
- Researched, developed & facilitated therapeutic drama groups
- Mentored and supervised interns to co-lead drama group
- Made assessments; case formulation / conceptualization / treatment plans

Performance of a Lifetime, New York, NY 2006 – 2008

Corporate Trainer / Actor / Facilitator

- Facilitated transformative education through role-play
- Conducted experiential and didactic sessions

EDUCATION

Fordham University, New York, NY

Master of Social Work, 2014

Concentration: Clinical Leadership

North American Drama Therapy Association

Registered Drama Therapist Alternative Training Program – Completed 2014

Universität für Musik und Darstellende Kunst , Vienna, Austria

Associate Degree in Performing Arts, 1993

Eötvös Loránd University (ELTE), Budapest, Hungary

Faculty of Education and Psychology / Centre of Teacher Training

Bachelor's Degree in Teaching, 1988

LICENSE, CERTIFICATION

Certification in Applied Positive Psychology - NYC Open Center -2016

Registered Drama Therapist - NADTA - 2015

Licensed Master of Social Work – State of NY - 2014

Brock University, Ontario, Canada.

Interactive-Behavioral Therapy (Positive Group Psychotherapy for people with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities), 2013

The American Musical and Dramatic Academy, New York, NY

Professional Performance in Musical Theater, 1995

AFFILIATIONS:

AEA (Actors' Equity Association)

ASGPP (American Society of Group Psychotherapy and Psychodrama)

NADTA (North American Drama Therapy Association)

SAG-AFTRA (The Screen Actors Guild - American Federation of Television and Radio Artists)

PRESENTATION EXPERIENCE:

Engaging Persons with Dementia through Action Methods: A Strengths-Based Approach
7th Annual Expressive Therapies Summit - New York, New York, November 10, 2016

Positive Supervision: Positive Psychology In Action
NADD 33rd Annual Conference - Niagara Falls, ON, Canada, November 3, 2016

The Acting Cure: Strengths Based Group Techniques for People With Cognitive Limitations
74th Annual ASGPP Conference -- Phoenix , AZ, April 3, 2016

Ménage à trois: Couples Therapy, Positive Psychology, and Psychodrama
74th Annual ASGPP Conference -- Phoenix , AZ, March 31, 2016

Positive Supervision in Mental Health
Behavioral Health Network, Inc. -- Springfield, MA, March 9 - 11, 2016

Make Volunteering Work for You
The Actor's Fund of America
AWP Panel, New York City, NY, January 2016

Positive Interactive-Behavioral Therapy
ServiceNet, Springfield, MA, November 12-13, 2015

Integrating Positive Psychology, Couples Therapy & Psychodrama
Expressive Therapies Summit -- NYC, November 8, 2015

Positive Supervision for Mental Health Professionals
ServiceNet, Springfield, MA, October 30, 2015

Working with Older Adults
The Actor's Fund of America
AWP Panel, New York City, NY, November 2014

Positive Supervision for Mental Health Professionals
Behavioral Health Network, Springfield, MA, October 2014

Teaching Adults
The Actor's Fund of America
AWP Panel, New York City, NY, March 2014

*Interactive-Behavioral Therapy –
Positive Group Psychotherapy for people with intellectual and psychiatric disabilities*
Brock University, Ontario, Canada, June 2013

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The ACTing cure: evidence-based group treatment for people with intellectual disabilities,
Dramatherapy <http://dx.doi.org/10.1080/02630672.2016.116282>