# Kathryn Feldhaus, LMSW

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**Professional Summary-** LMSW with experience and training in medical social work, working with abused children and domestic violence victims. Have experience in severe trauma abuse; individual, group and family therapy focused at families who have suffered abuse. Coordinated healing camp programs and wrote grants to receive funding for these programs. Committed to the welfare of the client. Work cohesively with clients and families to promote healing and growing into healthy environment. Passionate advocate for victims of abuse, working hard to ensure they are given the steps to move towards a healing process.

Education- University of Texas at Arlington, Master of Science in Social Work (MSSW)

Relevant coursework: Beginning Treatment of Children, Clinical Practice with Traumatized Children and Families, Family Therapy, Child Development from Infancy to Adolescence

Texas Woman's University, Bachelor of Science in Social Work (BSSW)

License-Texas State Licensure for Masters of Social work (LMSW) License Number 56807

Trainings-Stewards of Children (registered facilitator), UTA Field Instructor Academy, Texas Christina University California Brief Multicultural Competence Scale Training (CBMCS)

#### **Relevant Experience**

Children's Advocacy Center of Collin County	Plano, TX
Family Advocate Supervisor	2017 to Present

Family Advocate	Supervisor
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- Provide long term case management to clients with a criminal case
  - Assist clients with filling out necessary documentation for Crime Victim's Compensation
  - Guide clients in registering for VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)
  - Inform of the legal process
- Provide guidance to children and guardians for court preparation ٠
- Coordinate with the District Attorney to meet with the victims and guardians to ensure victim is prepared for all aspects of the court proceedings
- Provide Court accompaniment to children and families
- Work diligently with law enforcement, Crime Against Children Unit, and CPS workers deciding what is in the best interest of the child
- Perform community education workshops •
  - Stewards of Children (adults)
  - Internet Safety (children and adults)
- Provide information and guidance on local community resources to families who express need •
- Work with children and families who have experienced sexual abuse •
- Perform assessments for caregivers of sexually and physically abused children •
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- Oversee the Long Term Family Advocate program and it's staff •
- Provide supervision to staff in the Family Advocate Program ٠

- Monthly reports for grants
- Supervise interns each semester; mentor interns and ensure they are learning and utilizing best practices with clients.

#### Alliance For Children, Inc. Fort Worth, TX 2013 to 2017 Family Advocate/ Intern Supervisor

- Lead clients to local resources to help ensure their safety and immediate needs were met
  - o Assist clients with filling out necessary documentation for Victims of Crimes Act
  - Guide clients in filing for VINE (Victim Information and Notification Everyday)
- Manage 3-5 interns a semester
  - Mentor interns in working with victims of abuse
  - Guide interns in recording the victim's data accurately
  - Ensure interns have real world experience in the social work environment
- Provide guidance to children and guardians for court preparation ٠
- Coordinate with the District Attorney to meet with the victims and guardians to ensure victim is prepared for all aspects of the court proceedings
- Work diligently with law enforcement, Crime Against Children Unit, and CPS workers deciding what is in the best interest of the child
- Crisis intervention with children and adults
- Perform community education workshops
  - Welcome & Unwelcome Touches (school age children)
  - Stewards of Children (adults)
  - Internet Safety (children and adults)
- Work with children and families who have experienced sexual abuse
- Perform assessments for caregivers of sexually and physically abused children
- Knowledge of completing monthly grant reports

#### Mental Health Mental Retardation (MHMR) Tarrant County Arlington, TX

#### *QMHP* (Qualified Mental Health Professional)

- Guided clients to local resources •
- Provided crisis counseling and case management •
- Developed and monitored treatment plans according to client's needs •
- Taught clients, with the approved curriculum, life skills with the goal to become self-reliant
- Provided rehab, employment resources, and housing training based on client's needs ٠
- Performed State required 90 day uniformed and Psychosocial Assessments •
- Empowered clients to complete objectives with specific goals within their treatment plan ٠

## **Arlington Police Department-Victim Services**

## Intern/Volunteer

- Completed assessments of client's safety
- Assisted victim's in filling out Crime Victim's Compensation Claims and protective orders ٠
- Provided crisis counseling both in person and over the phone

#### 2011-2012

Arlington, TX

2009-2013

- Developed safety plans for victims in need
- Found local shelters for victims and ensured they arrived to the shelters safely
- Advocated for victims within the criminal justice system