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EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Biology

Stanford University, CA

Sep 1991 - Jun 1995

Master of Social work

San Jose State University, CA

Sep 1996 - Jun 1998

Doctor of Education

Houston Christian University, TX

Aug 2019 - May 2022

- EdD in Executive Leadership in Mental Health and Human Services
- Dissertation research --*Examining the Non-abusive Use of Corporal Punishment in Christian Households: A Qualitative Study*

WORK EXPERIENCE

Associate Commissioner, Family and Youth Services Bureau, ACFY

Jan 2026 - Present

Administration for Children and Families, Department of Health and Human Services

- Lead a federal human service bureau with 50 federal employees to administer grants, contracts, and cooperative agreement for runaway and home youth programs and adolescent pregnancy prevention education.
- Work with other federal agencies and government offices, such as Children's Bureau, Office of Human Trafficking, Office of Family Violence Prevention and Services, Office of Planning, Research, and Evaluation, White House Faith Office, HUD, Administration for Native Americans, and Department of Education.

Adjunct Professor, Indiana Wesleyan University

Jan 2023 - Dec 2025

- Taught 14 social work practice I courses, individual practice working with individuals
- Taught 13 social work practice II courses, group practice working with groups and families

Continuing Education Director, ACHHS

Mar 2021 - Dec 2025

- Led a team of workshop reviewers and social work consultants to review all the conference workshop submissions. Worked with the Association of Social Work Board on behalf of the nonprofit organization, Association of Christians in Health and Human Services, to meet professional standards for awarding social work continuing education units.
- Peer reviewed research articles for the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*
- Coordinated Diverse Discussions webinars with synchronous online learning social work credit for attendees

Peer Reviewer

Jan 2020 - Oct 2025

- Reviewed papers and manuscript submitted to the *Journal of Human Behavior in the Social Environment*.

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WORK EXPERIENCE (CONT.)

Executive Director, Association of Christians in Health and Human Services Mar 2020 - Dec 2025

- Lead a team of educators and clinicians to support interdisciplinary continuing education, ethical practice, Christian faith integration, and networking for students and professional members
- Hosted 4 annual conferences with participants from 39 states, from a base of 400 members nationally and internationally who have joined or attended
- Hosted three dozen diverse discussion webinars addressing macro, mezzo, and clinical practice
- Applied for and received ASWB ACE provider status to provide social work continuing education credit for synchronous in-person and online learning courses
- Administered two online support groups for Christian social workers and other health and human services professionals and students that have grown from less than a dozen to over a thousand members in that time frame

DrKimParkerLCSW, Telehealth Private Practice Mar 2020 - Dec 2025

- Provided telehealth services to clients with various mental health needs
- Provided marriage annulment psychosocial evaluations services serving Vietnamese population

Licensed Clinical Social Worker, Private Practice at Kim L Parker, LCSW Mar 2009 - Feb 2020

- Worked with clients in foster homes and adoptive homes for home based therapy through Medicaid and other state insurance
- Provided office based therapy services to clients with various mental health needs
- Performed intake, scheduling, and insurance billing for clients with private pay, private insurance, and HMOs

Took extended maternity leave for the birth of baby and family childcare May 2008 - Mar 2009

Foster Care Clinician, Depelchin Children's Center Feb 2001 - May 2008

- Provided crisis intervention, individual, family and group therapy, and case management
- Collaborated with DFPS, schools, psychiatrists, and therapists to provide clinical services
- Conducted parenting skills training and ARD meeting training for foster parents
- Assisted foster care youths with developing and implementing independent living plans
- Facilitated foster to adopt cases for foster parents to adopt the children in their care
- Made home visits to supervise and support the foster families and adoptive placements

Mental Health Case Manager, Covenant House Texas Nov 1999 - Feb 2001

- Performed psychosocial assessments of homeless youths ages 16-21
- Provided crisis intervention, brief counseling, and case management
- Provided linkage to community resources, including assistance with securing housing, vocational goals, and obtaining independent living skills

Mental Health Counselor, Asian American for Community Involvement Aug 1998 - Nov 1999

- Performed culturally sensitive mental health assessments and DSM IV diagnoses of severely mentally ill individuals in a system of care environment for Vietnamese clients
- Provided crisis intervention, individual and family counseling for school children and families
- Provided case management and linkage to community resources

PUBLICATIONS

Doctoral Dissertation: Examining Non-abusive Use of Corporal Punishment in Christian Parents: A Phenomenological Study

05/2022

This dissertation research for the candidacy of Doctor of Education degree from Houston Christian University was a phenomenological study to explore the experience of corporal punishment in Christian households from the young adult child's perspectives to ascertain the aspects of Biblical Christian faith integration with skilled parenting behaviors and frameworks that produce best outcomes for the youths and families.

Book: East Meets West: Parenting from the Best of Both Worlds

09/2016

Self-published with WestBow Press, a division of Zondervan. This memoir/self-help book is a running dialogue on self-identity, diversity, multiculturalism, and patriotism in America, western and eastern religions, thoughts, and cultures, parenting frameworks, immigration, stress coping skills and self-improvement.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Applying Intersectionality & Implicit Bias to Southeast Asian Refugee Immigrant Americans

ACHHS CONFERENCE 10/20/2022

Explored Intersectionality Theory of oppression, cultural humility, implicit bias, and cultural competency to identify strengths and resources to serve the immigrant client population. The role of nonjudgmental social work interventions, individual personality, and faith will be highlighted as factors promoting well-being and upward mobility for this American immigrant population.

Examining Non-abusive Use of Corporal Punishment in Christian Households

ACHHS WEBINAR 12/27/2021

Presented an hour long webinar on preliminary findings of a qualitative dissertation research study that sought to answer two questions for faith-based audience: Should Christian parents spank? What does the research reveal about corporal punishment?

Unity in the Midst of Diversity Discussion Panel

NACSW CONFERENCE 11/11/2017

Organized and participated in a discussion panel with five diverse social workers to process the importance of respectful dialogue on the controversial social issues that divide us, such as racism and racial reconciliation.

The Practicality of the Prince of Peace

NACSW CONFERENCE 11/14/2015

Presented an hour-long workshop regarding the intersection of theological faith and clinical work with clients. Discussed how shalom is demonstrated in the clinician's inward faith and outward relationship with clients, and also how it flows from individuals to families, to the larger communities.

The Case for the Conservative Christian Social Worker

NACSW CONFERENCE 11/8/2014

Organized and participated in a discussion panel with five other social workers to process the importance of respectful dialogue on the controversial social issues that divide us, such as racism and racial reconciliation. Worked with diverse team members to develop the discussion questions, format, content of video presentation.