

Laurita Torres, LCSW

Education	Master of Divinity Garrett Evangelical Seminary, Evanston, Illinois	<i>May, 2021</i>
	Master of Social Work University of St. Francis, <i>Joliet, Illinois</i>	<i>May 2014</i>
	Bachelor of Arts in Social Work <i>Point Loma Nazarene University, San Diego, California</i>	<i>May, 2013</i>
Social Service Experience	Sarah's Inn	
	Counseling Program Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Supervises and professionally develop counseling program staff to ensure comprehensive and quality services to victims of domestic violence and their families.• Oversee the supervision and training of all child and family and adult counseling staff and interns. Currently 8 full-time and 2 students.• Coordinate responsibilities with both Family Counselor & Adult Counselors to ensure quality services.• Conduct team meetings to case manage as well as implement and coordinate services.• Collaborate with the Associate Director to develop and implement program plans.• Take lead in hiring of new team members and expansion of the program.• Represent the organization with professionalism at community meetings and events, and demonstrate diplomacy and tact in all interactions with various system representatives and community partners.• Participate and provide leadership on various external committees, task forces, and councils as assigned.• Collaborate with other community and county agencies on behalf of the clients we serve.• Provide community education presentations and professional trainings.	<i>May 2014- Present</i>
	Child & Family Counseling Program Supervisor <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide comprehensive and quality services to victims of domestic violence and their families. Primary focus on children and families.• Oversee the supervision and training of all child and family counseling staff and interns. 4 full-time and 2-3 part-time interns.• Coordinate responsibilities with team members to ensure client needs are met.• Design and plan support and education group curriculum for children and teens.• Provide community education presentations and professional trainings.	
	Intervention Counselor <i>Partner Abuse Intervention Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide psycho-educational training and counseling to perpetrators of domestic violence• Ensure professional relationships with clients to create an atmosphere of accountability, responsibility and support.• Confront and educate participants on potential offensive behavior, actions, and language.• Assist in co-facilitating psycho-educational groups and actively seek to enhance knowledge of community resources relevant to the clients we serve. <i>Intervention Program</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Provide counseling, crisis intervention, referral, emotional support and advocacy services for individuals impacted by domestic violence.• Design, plan and facilitate support and education groups for children and teens.	

- Ensure collaborative, professional relationships with clients to create an atmosphere of empathy, safety and support for individuals affected by domestic violence.
- Organize and prioritize daily services and responsibilities to ensure client needs are met.
- Supervise and develop Master of Social Work student interns in providing advocacy, counseling, and partner abuse intervention services to client population.

Children’s Counselor

- Provide counseling, crisis intervention, referral, emotional support and advocacy services for children, teens and their families who are impacted by domestic violence.
- Design, plan and facilitate support and education groups for children and teens.
- Advocate on behalf of children, teens and their families within various systems, including social service, housing, economic, legal, health care and education services, to ensure a systemic approach to treatment.
- Ensure collaborative, professional relationships with clients to create an atmosphere of empathy, safety and support for parents and children.
- Organize and prioritize daily services and responsibilities to ensure client needs are met.
- Coordinate responsibilities with team members, including but not limited to group service planning and evaluation measure tracking
- Supervise Master of Social Work student interns in providing advocacy, counseling, and partner abuse intervention services to client population.
- Answer 24/7 on-call phone for one-week rotations; Answer 24/7 crisis hotline.

Under supervision conducted therapy sessions with clients.

Adjunct Instructor Experience

Dominican University

- Lecturing, leading class discussions and conducting other teaching activities during scheduled classes for field seminar course
- Coordinating and conducting site visits with internship sites to ensure student-internship success.
- Grading and providing feedback to student’s assignments in timely manner.

*August 2022-
Present*

Erikson Institute

- Facilitating reflective supervision, leading class discussions and conducting other teaching activities during scheduled classes for field seminar course
- Coordinating and conducting site visits with internship sites to ensure student-internship success.
- Grading and providing feedback to student’s assignments in timely manner.

*Sept 2023-
Present*

Faith-Based Experience

Euclid United Methodist—Justice Pastor

- Provide pastoral congregational support, through pastoral visits, conducting funerals and supporting on the week to week worship operations like preaching and leading liturgy.
- Seek and create connection with local churches and nonprofits in the Austin and West Garfield Park neighborhood.
- Support and collaborate with various ministry departments.

*Oct 2017-
May 2021*

Church on the Block—Pastoral Leader

- Participated in various leadership roles, such as Transitional Leader, Sunday Coordinator, and Community Care Leader. Responsibilities centered member care and Sunday worship operations such as preaching, coordination, planning and implementing programing and member care.

*June 2013-
April 2017*