

Catherine E. O'Brien | Curriculum Vitae

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Objective:

Seeking a first-year field placement as part of the forensic program.

Core Qualifications

- Ability to notice facial expressions, body language, and overall tone of an individual.
- Working understanding of law enforcement procedures
- Personal experience with a variety of individuals (Lawyers, Social Workers, Foster Parents, etc)
- Ability to speak and write clearly, directly, and eloquently whether testifying or in regards to written reports
- Professionalism
- Working knowledge of all confidentiality concerns and laws

Education:

University of Denver, Denver, CO

Sept 2017-Currently

Attending

Master's Program in Forensic Psychology

Barry University, Miami Shores, FL

Aug 2012- May 2016

Major: Psychology

Degree: Bachelor of Science in Psychology Specializing in Forensics

Graduation: May 2016

Field Work Experience

Guardian ad Litem (G.A.L.)-Miami Dade

Oct 2015- Aug 2017

Eleventh Judicial Circuit

Responsibilities:

As a GAL volunteer I was appointed by the Court to advocate for the best interest of a child who has been abused, neglected, or abandoned and was going through the court system. My responsibility was to ensure that the child/ adolescent never felt that he or she was going through the judicial proceedings alone and to ensure that the best interest of the child is always a part of any decision or discussion had by his/her team. I was responsible for weekly/biweekly visits (depending on the severity of the case). I was also part of therapy treatment meetings (in person/over conference call) where we all discussed what needed to be focused on, what needed to be monitored more, and what other services could be introduced to the child's life. I was also responsible for keeping in touch with the child's school teachers, therapists, parole officers, case managers, lawyer, and any other individual currently involved in the child's case. Cases vary on a case by case basis and some cases required that the child be monitored more by multiple people on his/her team

Affiliations:

American Psychological Association- Student Affiliate

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References:

- Lamar Thomas: lamar.thomas@gal.fl.gov (786) 667-2559
- Harvey Dedemadiz: hdedemadiz@frcflorida.org +1(786)239-1834
- Dr. Feldman: DFeldman@barry.edu (305) 899-3478