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Profile

Andrew Cieslinski is an Associate with HCBS Strategies. He joined the team in January 2013 during his first year of graduate school at the University of Michigan's School of Public Health. He has gained a wide range of experience around Medicaid funded home and community based services. This experience includes assisting states in planning and implementing projects to meet the requirements for the HHS Balancing Incentives Program (BIP), developing standardized tools for intake, screening, and assessment, creating protocol around monitoring technology, and creating and piloting initiatives to gain Federal Financial Participation (FFP) funding.

Mr. Cieslinski conducts literature reviews, policy research and analysis, assists with the development of a variety of project deliverables, and provides administrative support. As an Associate for HCBS Strategies, Mr. Cieslinski has been involved in projects for Texas, Oregon, Nebraska, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Indiana, and Alaska.

Prior to joining the HCBS Strategies team, Mr. Cieslinski worked as a clinical research assistant at the University of Michigan's Institute of Gerontology. He also has experience working as a lead resident care provider in an adolescent residential psychiatric facility and as a resident aide at an assisted living facility.

Education

University of Michigan School of Public Health

Master of Public Health, Health Behavior and Education

Ann Arbor, MI

Graduation: April 2014

Grand Valley State University (GVSU)

Bachelor of Science, Psychology

Minor: General Business

Graduate of the Frederik Meijer Honors College

Grand Rapids, MI

Graduation: December 2010

Professional Experience

HCBS Strategies, Inc.

Associate

Baltimore, MD

January 2013-Present

- Assist State, Federal, and private sector entities with enhancing Medicaid programs around home and community based services.
- Experience working with Texas, Oregon, Nebraska, Hawaii, Maryland, Minnesota, Illinois, Colorado, Indiana, and Alaska to improve, expand, and create various processes for improving Medicaid funded HCBS for the disabled and elderly.

University of Michigan Institute of Gerontology

Clinical Research Assistant

Ann Arbor, MI

August 2012-May 2013

- Collected data through physical and cognitive testing with elderly subjects.
- Looked to evaluate long-term effects of aspirin on vascular dementia and blood pressure.

Pine Rest Christian Mental Health Services

Lead Resident Care Provider

Grand Rapids, MI

August 2010- August 2012

- Worked in a locked residential facility with adolescents with psychiatric illnesses and traumatic histories.
- Led peer counseling groups, passed medication, performed physical management, and acted as a mentor.

Oak Crest Assisted Living
Resident Assistant

Jenison, MI
March 2009-November 2009

- Aided 25 elderly residents with daily activities including showering, dressing, toileting, and eating.

Professional Clubs

- Michigan Healthcare Executive Student Association (MHESA) (2012)
- Health Behavior and Health Education Student Association (HBHESA) (2012)
- Psi Chi International Psychological Honors Society (2010)
- American Psychological Association (2009)

Publications

“Conflict-free Case Management Systems Design.” Prepared for the Alaska Association of Developmental Disabilities, February 2015.

“The Role of the Assessment Process in Supporting Reform of the Home and Community-Based Supports Service Delivery System in Colorado.” Prepared for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, October 2014.

“Moving Towards a More Person-Centered HCBS Delivery System in Colorado.” Prepared for the Colorado Department of Health Care Policy and Financing, June 2014. Available at: https://drive.google.com/a/hcbs.info/file/d/0B_FNUnc6VCqgM2d1XzVEQS0wWVvk/view

Final Report: Texas “No Wrong Door” IT Strategy Development Initiative: A summary of the work conducted under the Balancing Incentives Program (BIP) to lay the groundwork for an IT system that supports new business processes for accessing Long Term Supports and Services (LTSS) in the State of Texas. Prepared for the Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services, August 2013.

“Unrealistic Optimism of Undergraduate Students About Postgraduate Events.” Prepared for the Journal of College Student Development. April 2012.

“Facial Feedback as a Mechanism for Aggression.” Prepared for Grand Valley State University’s Frederick Meijer’s Honors College. May 2010.

“The Impact of Experimenter and Subject Gender on Views of Sexual Activity.” Prepared for Grand Valley State University’s Frederick Meijer’s Honors College. April 2010.

Select Presentations

“Am I Prepared to Take Care of My Parents? The Effects of Filial Anxiety on Life Satisfaction.” Presentation at the Sixth Annual Art and Science of Aging Conference. June 2010.

Technical Skills

Experience in **business process analysis, online database research, report writing, policy analysis, quantitative/qualitative analysis software, and survey development.**

Additionally, knowledge of **website coding and design, project management software suites (ASANA), and Microsoft Office including Project, Visio, Dreamspark, Excel, PowerPoint, and Word.**