

Kellie E. Branch-Dircks, LCSW

Professional experience

2007 - Present Methodist Hospital Peoria, IL
Medical Social Worker

- Creative discharge planning, referrals, supportive counseling, and networking to ensure the needs of patients being discharged from the hospital setting are met prior to their return home.

2006 - Present Private Practice Therapist Peoria, IL
Clinical Therapist

- As a sole proprietor, provide individual counseling services both in traditional, office based setting at Proctor Hospital, as well as through my own company, EZ Dreamin Therapeutic Equine Services, specializing in Equine Partnered Psychotherapy.

2006 – September 2007 Tazewell County Jail Pekin, IL
Mental Health Professional

- Independent contractor. Responsibilities include assessments, crisis intervention, individual counseling, and employee support/education.

2004 – August 2007 Illinois Mentor Peoria, IL
Clinical Therapist

- Responsible for providing individual mental health treatment to foster children and their families, as well as collaborating with the court systems, DCFS, and other professional entities to ensure the best interest of the children are being met.

2000 – 2004 Tiny Toes Group Day Care, Inc. Mapleton, IL
Co-Owner/Vice President

- Responsible for payroll, employment taxes, admissions, maintaining paperwork requirements, and ensuring the daily operations of the program were in compliance with DCFS and state food program requirements.

1998 – 2000 Children's Home Association of Illinois Peoria, IL
Residential Clinician

- Responsible for developing and monitoring the mental health treatment of residential clients, as well as collaborating with the court systems, DCFS, and other professional entities to ensure the best interest of the children are being met.

1994 – 2001 Human Service Center/ERS Peoria, IL

Clinical Therapist

- Provided on-call crisis intervention services and assessments in collaboration with local law enforcement, medical personal, social service agencies, and families through screenings and referrals to necessary mental health providers.

Education 1997 *Master of Social Work* – University of Illinois
 1994 *Bachelor of Science* – Bradley University

Certifications 4/06 Certified Equine Partnered Psychotherapist
 11/07 Certification in Geriatrics for Non-Physician Providers.