

# Yasir S. Thomas

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## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Seasoned professional, achieved 10 plus years guiding the public through interaction with the American Criminal Justice System; highly transferable skill set. Works well independently and in collaboration with multi-cultural teams. Creative problem-solver, who draws on broad base of experiences, to provide leading approaches to achieving goals.

## EXPERIENCE

### KENNEDY HEALTH

CHERRY HILL, NJ

#### **MENTAL HEALTH TECHNICIAN II** *FEB 2017-AUGUST 2017*

- Lead inspirational and motivational groups to encourage adolescents on a psychiatric unit in crisis.
- Lead Activities and excelled in nonviolent crisis intervention techniques.

### CENTER FOR FAMILY GUIDANCE

CAMDEN, NJ

#### **BEHAVIORAL TECHNICIAN** *SEPTEMBER 2016- FEBRUARY 2017*

- APPLIED NONVIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION TECHNIQUES TO A SUICIDAL ADOLESCENT POPULATION ON PSYCHIATRIC UNIT. (HANDLE WITH CARE TECHNIQUE)
- GROUP FACILITATOR

### YALE “UNIVERSITY” NEW HAVEN HEALTH PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

NEW HAVEN, CT

#### **MILIEU COUNSELOR** *JANUARY. 2016- SEPTEMBER 2016*

- Lead therapeutic groups, Milieu Safety and coordination, Non Violent crisis Intervention
- Utilized nonviolent Crisis Intervention techniques, CPI, Managed environment on inpatient psychiatric unit, Group Facilitator.

### Superior Court of New Jersey - Probation Division Camden vicinage

Cherry Hill, NJ

#### **Senior Probation Officer** *May 2010– August 2014*

- Appointed to manage Camden city caseload of 50 or more juvenile probation, including dual diagnosis. Including dual diagnosis patient supervision. Trained in nonviolent crisis intervention.
- Operated multiple IT systems simultaneously as daily duty.

- Recommended or initiated judicial intervention during client non-compliance with recommendations mostly supported by Superior Court Judges.
- Coached probationers to achieve adherence with probation contracts and encouraged probationers to surpass expectations by emerging through life and legal challenges.
- Selected by judicial administration to serve as committee member on the federal project- *Juvenile Detention Alternative Initiative*- Collaborated effectively to help participating jurisdictions reduce juvenile detention populations.

## **Superior Court of New Jersey – P.R.E.P**

Blackwood, NJ

*Probation Residential Education Program*

**Probation Officer** May 2005- May 2010

### **Group Leader**

- Lead therapeutic groups to generate change in the behavior/decision making of at-risk juveniles.
- Trained and utilized non violent crisis intervention techniques with a adolescent mental health population.

### **Assistant Unit Supervisor/ On-Call Pager Duty**

- Orchestrated stability of program operations when relied on by youth-aide staff whenever needed to resolve internal conflicts and abnormal events.

## **State of New Jersey – Juvenile Justice Commission**

Chatsworth, NJ

**Senior Youth Worker** January 2004- May 2005

- Supervised and maintained security on juvenile sex offender unit; Zero Incidents during period of service.
- Assisted in the treatment and education of adolescents under Psychiatrist care on sex offender unit
- Applied non violent crisis intervention techniques

## **Department of Homeland Security- T.S.A**

Philadelphia, PA

**Federal Security Screener** July 2003- January 2004

**Philadelphia International Airport**

- Performed pre- boarding security screening of passengers and luggage; discovered and stopped emerging transportation security threats utilizing state of the art technology.
- Educated and provided friendly customer service to passengers.

## **Volunteers of America**

Camden, NJ

**Case Manager** May 2003- August 2003

- Managed a caseload of adult male parolees' post incarceration. Performed assessments and discovered client needs to facilitate successful re-integration into community.

## EDUCATION

*SOUTHERN NEW HAMPSHIRE UNIVERSITY*

*MASTERS OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION— IN PROGRESS*

*UNIVERSITY of TENNESSEE*

*May 2002 BACHELOR of SCIENCE* Criminal Justice Concentration Law and the Courts

- Scholarship Collegiate Athlete- NCAA Division I Football

## SKILLS

**CERTIFIED BASIC LIFE SUPPORT, NON VIOLENT CRISIS INTERVENTION, LEADER MOTIVATIONAL SPEECH**