

Estefania Colazo

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Dedicated, compassionate, and focused case worker with 9+ years of working with children, youth, and families that surround our community. Supportive and caring with great interpersonal skills, critical thinking, attention to detail, and empathy while working with the families on my caseload.

RELATED EXPERIENCE

Department of Human Services, Oregon City April 2022- Present
CaseWorker

- specializing in working with children to ensure their safety while managing the life of the case with the purpose of reuniting or finding an alternative plan.
- Casenotes, referrals, providing resources to parents and children
- Ongoing court hearings, meetings with attorneys for case planning.

Morrison Child and Family Services, Portland OR April 2021- March 2022
Case Manager

- Assisted with case planning and reunification process for unaccompanied children
- Assisted with case file documentation in accordance with ORR requirements.
- Facilitated meetings with potential placements and providers.

Boys and Girls Aid, Hillsboro OR- July 2019- April 2021
Shelter Youth Counselor

- Analyzed youths behaviors for their safety and well-being
- Conducted proper case updates, medication administration, and case planning
- Facilitated meetings to support youth into a smooth and successful transition

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Clackamas ED District, Canby Oregon Dec 2019-2020
Special ED Assistant

- Assisted in a kindergarten classroom setting with children who were on the spectrum.
- Created monthly lesson plans
- Provide ongoing communication updates to families on the child's daily functioning, concerns, and progress in class.

NW Family Services, Milwaukie Oregon

Sep 2017- June 2019

School Site Support

- Executed the developmental and prevention activities for high risk youth at multiple schools
- Maintained case files and records of contacts confidential
- Conducted community referrals, resources, and provided beneficial services to families.

Vermont Hills Life Center, Portland Oregon

Sep 2014- Sep 2017

Afterschool Teacher

- Created monthly lesson plans and curriculums for different age groups
- Maintain programs policies and regulations
- Organization of monthly parent nights and conferences.

EDUCATION

Portland State University, Portland Oregon

2025-2027

Masters of Social Work

Portland State University, Portland Oregon

2019-2021

Bachelor's Child, Youth & Family Studies

Clackamas Community College, Oregon City Oregon

2015-2019

Human Services General Associate

VOLUNTEERING EXPERIENCE

Generalist Practicum Hours, ODHS

September 2025-Present

Informal Leadership at work, Oregon City Oregon.

June 2024- currently

Feed the Houseless, Portland Oregon

Nov 2020

Internship, Northwest Family Services

Sep 2017- June 2018

Study Abroad, Costa Rica

Dec 2018

Oral Memoir Interview, Clackamas Community College

Nov 2015

Support Daycare, Ellensburg Church

June 2012

SKILLS

Language Fluency- oral, written, and reading in English and Spanish

Cultural Competence & Crisis Intervention

Microsoft, Outlook, and Teams knowledge

Interview Skills

Research in Social Work knowledge

Family Assessment

Legal Compliance

Case Plan Development

I am an experienced human services professional with a strong background in child welfare, case management, and youth advocacy in Oregon. Since April 2022, I have served as a CaseWorker with the Department of Human Services in Oregon City, specializing in child safety, navigating complex case management, facilitating court hearings, and working toward reunification or alternative permanency plans.

Prior to this, I served as a Case Manager at Morrison Child and Family Services, focusing on the reunification process for unaccompanied children, and as a Shelter Youth Counselor at Boys and Girls Aid, where I specialized in behavior analysis and trauma-informed care. My background also includes intensive work with high-risk youth at NW Family Services and supporting children with special needs at Clackamas ED District.

Currently mid-way through my MSW journey, I am preparing for my advanced year this fall. I look forward to bridging my professional experience with advanced clinical skills to better serve as a dedicated child and family advocate