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EDUCATION

MA in Social Service Administration (Social Work) – June 2005
Graduate Certificate in Health Administration and Policy
University of Chicago, School of Social Service Administration

BA in Anthropology and English Literature, *magna cum laude* – May 2001
Wheaton College (Wheaton, IL)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Asset Building Research Associate, Faculty Member (December 2008 to present)
School of Social Work, University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

- Coordinate and manage asset-building research, including research design, implementation, publications, presentations and reports to funders.
- Lead author for asset building research and analysis under contract with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (2009-11).
- Write policy briefs and research briefs highlighting issues affecting asset building among low-income households
- Manage planning phase of Israel Child Development Account Demonstration.
- Plan research design for state-wide children's development account demonstration, working in partnership with a state-wide task force in the design of the intervention.
- Present on research findings at regional and national conferences.
- Hire and supervise masters-level social work field interns and research assistants.
- Member of North Carolina Assets Alliance Research Subcommittee and Conference Planning Committee

Public Health Analyst (October 2007 to August 2008)

Consultant on Mental Health Policy (November 2005 to September 2007)

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA) (Rockville, MD)

- Lead policy analyst on international mental health in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - Developed and co-managed the *SAMHSA Iraq Training Initiative*, an international mental health training and exchange program.
 - Planned two international behavioral health conferences focused on capacity building and policy development in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - Planned and co-facilitated bi-weekly conference calls with workgroups for behavioral health services in Iraq and Afghanistan.
 - Developed activities and strategic plans for international behavioral health workgroups, including building and sustaining active collaborations with other U.S. Government agencies, international government agencies, WHO, U.N. Office on Drugs and Crime, and non-governmental organizations.
- Developed the International Strategic Action Plan for SAMHSA.
- Lead policy coordinator on target issues of trauma-informed care and elimination of seclusion and restraint in mental health care.

- Developed data collection and reporting strategy for U.S. Pacific Jurisdictions.
- Planned education and outreach efforts to vulnerable populations, such as the SAMHSA-sponsored *American Experience: National Summit to Promote the Well-Being of Arab and Muslim Youth*, held in Michigan in March 2008.
- Traveled internationally to strengthen collaborative relationships and present on the role of social work and the role of interdisciplinary teams in mental health services.
- Planned and hosted visits by international delegations to SAMHSA, matching their interests and research needs with government and community experts.

Social Work Intern (October 2004 – June 2005)

Bluhm Legal Clinic, Child and Family Justice Center (Chicago, IL)

- Provided advocacy and clinical support for children and families involved in the juvenile justice system and for human trafficking victims seeking asylum through immigration proceedings.
- Conducted intake and needs assessment, development of treatment plans, case management, provision of therapeutic services, and advocacy with school and court personnel.
- Pioneered collaboration with legal clinic and major law firm to provide pro-bono representation and support for disadvantaged clients. Partnered with lawyers and clients to research, evaluate, and present issues to families, court authorities, and school administrators relevant to each case.

Psychosocial Rehabilitation Intern (October 2003 – June 2004)

Trilogy, Inc. (Chicago, IL)

- Provided outpatient individual and group therapy for adults with mental illness and addiction disorders.
- Completed training in Dialectical Behavior Therapy and implemented this intervention with clients.
- Developed individual treatment plans, monitored and documented progress of clients.
- Worked with interdisciplinary team to provide full range of clinical and supportive services to clients.

Contracts and Grants Manager (November 2001 – September 2003)

Alternatives, Inc. Youth and Family Agency (Chicago, IL)

- Generated and managed ten public contracts, 55% of the total budget for youth social service agency. Coordinated, developed, and submitted funding proposals to Federal, State and City government agencies.
- Designed and implemented program evaluation process, measured program efficacy and made recommendations for program improvement.
- Liaison between seven government agencies, thirty community partners, and Alternatives' staff members regarding grant and contract requirements, including performance tracking, evaluation, and budgets.
- Created and implemented tracking system for timely management of all grants and contracts.
- Created and implemented system to strengthen and document linkages with collaborating organizations.
- Researched, analyzed, and presented on social and political issues affecting the local community.

PUBLICATIONS

Taylor, A. (2011). The Refund to Savings Initiative: Can tax time be the catalyst that saves our national savings rate? Invited guest contributor on *The Inclusive Economy* blog, March 23, 2011. http://cfed.org/blog/inclusiveeconomy/the_refund_to_savings_initiative/

Taylor, A., Graham, L., Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2011). *Assets for Independence: Analysis of Data Collection Policies and Procedures*. (Draft, final expected August 2011). Commissioned report prepared with Abt Associates for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Taylor, A., Graham, L., Grinstein-Weiss, M. (2011). *Site Selection Analysis and Recommendations for the Next Phase of the Assets for Independence Evaluation.* (Draft, final expected August 2011). Commissioned report prepared with Abt Associates for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Taylor, A., Grinstein-Weiss, M., Denard, S. (2010). *Asset Building Initiatives in Canada: Review of Research and Lessons Learned for the Asset Building Field in the U.S.* (Draft, final expected August 2011). Commissioned report prepared with Abt Associates for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Grinstein-Weiss, M., Rohe, W., **Taylor, A.,** & Freeze, E. (2009). *Evaluation Design for the Assets for Independence Program: Data review.* Commissioned report prepared for the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Grinstein-Weiss, M., Spader, J., Yeo, Y., **Taylor, A.,** Freeze, E. (2010). Parental Transfer of Financial Knowledge and Later Credit Outcomes among Low- and Moderate-Income Homeowners. *Children and Youth Services Review*, 33, pp 78-85.

Taylor, A. (2005). Health Care Reform: Strategies and successes of the Campaign for Better Health Care. *Advocates' Forum* (University of Chicago Press), 9-19.

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

Taylor, A. (Session Organizer). (Jan 16, 2011) Session title: *International Asset Building to Enhance Human Well-Being: Research and Emerging Opportunities in Sub-Saharan Africa, Israel, and Canada.* Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, Tampa, FL.

Taylor, A., Grinstein-Weiss, M., DeMarco, D., Spader, J., Graham, L. (Forum Organizers). (July 30, 2010) Asset Building Research Forum, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, held in Washington, D.C.

Taylor, A. (Session Organizer and Moderator). (July 28, 2010) Session title: *Innovations in the Field of Asset Building: New Initiatives and Directions.* Assets for Independence 2010 Conference, Washington, D.C.

Taylor, A. (Session Organizer). (July 27, 2010) Session title: *Asset Building in a Global Context.* Assets for Independence 2010 Conference, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, held in Washington, D.C.

Taylor, A. (July 27, 2010) *Asset Building Innovations in Canada.* Presented at the Assets for Independence 2010 Conference, Washington, D.C.

Grinstein-Weiss, **Taylor, A.,** M., Yeo, Y., Spader, J., Freeze, E. & (January 14-17, 2010). *Teach your children well: Credit outcomes and prior parental teaching of money management.* Presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Key, C., Yoo, J., Grinstein-Weiss, M., & **Taylor, A.** (January 14-17, 2010). *The effect of homeownership trajectories on children's behavior among low- and moderate-income households: Evidence from a quasi-experimental study.* Presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Yeo, Y., Grinstein-Weiss, M., & **Taylor, A.** (January 14-17, 2010) *Neighborhood satisfaction between low- and moderate-income homeowners and renters: A multilevel analysis.* Presented at the Society for Social Work Research Annual Conference, San Francisco, CA.

Grinstein-Weiss, M. & **Taylor, A.** (October 13-14, 2009). *Financial education for children: Research and practice.* Presented at the North Carolina Asset Building and Financial Education Conference, Durham, NC.

Taylor, A. (Session Organizer). (March 2008) Session title: *Mental health needs of immigrant and refugee families*. Presented at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services conference “American Experience: National Summit to Promote the Well-Being of Arab and Muslim Youth,” Dearborn, Michigan.

Taylor, A. (Conference Organizer and Session Organizer). (March 2006) Session title: *Multidisciplinary teams in mental health care*. Planning Conference for Iraq Mental Health, sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, held in Cairo, Egypt.

INVITED LECTURER

Guest lecturer on Asset Building Policies (March 2010 and March 2011) for Poverty Policy course (MSW 885), taught by Dan Hudgins, UNC School of Social Work.

AWARDS

Excellence in Teamwork Award, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, 2008
Exemplary Achievement Award, U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, 2008

VOLUNTEER AND SERVICE POSITIONS

English as a Second Language (ESL) Tutor, Durham, NC (2008 – present)
Youth Advisor, St. Philips, Durham, NC (2009 – present)
Homeless Urban Ministry Shelter Dinner Coordinator, National Cathedral, Washington, DC (2007-2008)
International Health Volunteer, Dharamsala, India (2004)
Youth Advisor, Church of Our Saviour, Chicago, IL (2001-2005)