

# Paul Brazzel, LCSW, PPSC

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## EDUCATION

**San Diego State University**  
Masters in Social Work (MSW)  
**Oregon State University**  
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

San Diego, CA  
May 2000  
Corvallis, OR  
June 1995

## PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

I am a Licensed Clinical Social Worker with over seventeen years of experience working with children and families. My professional experience includes working collaboratively with other professionals as well as supervising graduate students and other social workers seeking licensure. I am dedicated to my LGBTQIA community. I am committed to the fields of social work, school social work, restorative practices and education. I uphold a strong work ethic, excellent evaluations, and professional and approachable demeanor. The Field Faculty Lecturer position allows me to share my experience and mentor college and graduate level students during their internship experiences through lectures and field site visits with students and field instructors. In the PPSC Coordinator Position I monitor and guide students through the process of obtaining CTC credentials in School Social Work with a Child Welfare and Attendance.

## EXPERIENCE

**San Diego State University**  
**Field Faculty School of Social Work**  
**PPSC Coordinator School of Social Work**

San Diego, CA  
Jan 2018 to present

### *Responsibilities:*

- Staying current with **SDSU** and CTC expectations of **SDSU's** MSW and PPSC School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance candidates
- Lecturer SW 650 and SW 750 Field Seminar Courses
- Lecturer SW 670 Summer Bridge Course
- Lecturer SW 720 Psychosocial Development of Vulnerable Children Course
- Lecturer Imperial Valley Campus SW 758 School Social Work Course
- Assist with CTC accreditation for the PPSC School Social Work and Child Welfare and Attendance credentials
- Graduate student internship placements
- Intern support role with the City Heights Lead and Learn from the Heart program
- Board Institute Reviewer for the California Commission on Teacher Credentialing
- Support student interns and collaborate with community partners and Price Philanthropies through a social emotional learning program in the City Heights neighborhood

### *Achievements*

- Trained new and existing field instructors on cultural humility and diversity in supervision
- Co-presented to regional conference for school social workers on electronic media and ethical dilemmas
- Successful re-accreditation for the PPSC in School Social Work program, Spring 2019
- Working closely with community donor and new Personal Relations hire to enhance professional profile and visibility of social workers within the community including participation and guidance in video resource and E-newsletter
- 2019 Outstanding Faculty Award
- Assisted in the procurement of the Provost's Innovation for Excellence Award for the 2019-2020 academic year
- Assisted in first Imperial Valley Campus student cohort for PPS credential
- Assisted graduate student leaders in securing Student Success Fee grants for a student organization and graduate intern cohort
- Partnered with the Director of the Title IV-E program to co-author a chapter in a School Social Work textbook
- Supporting the 2022-2023 binational conference
- 2022 Trailblazer Award from the San Diego County Office of Education for leadership in school social work services
- Partner with Dr. Tonika Duren Green to secure and support Project HEAL, increasing interdisciplinary experiences for graduate students and to address the pandemic's impact on youth in the foster care system

**San Diego State University**  
**Social Work Field Instructor**  
**Adjunct Faculty**

San Diego, CA  
Oct 2003 - June 2018  
2014 - 2015

*Responsibilities:*

- Staying current with **SDSU** and CTC expectations of **SDSU's** MSW and PPSC students
- Provides weekly supervision to graduate students in the MSW program
- Provides learning activities and monitors progress of prospective PPSC and Title IV-E students

*Achievements*

- Collaborated with Field Faculty with the PPSC Standards Verification form
- Built relationships with other school based Field Instructors around San Diego County
- Guest lecturer in School Social Work class, Bully movie night, Paper Tigers movie night, Person in Environment class and undergraduate class

**Lemon Grove School District**  
**District Social Worker**

Lemon Grove, CA  
Oct 2003 - June 2018

*Responsibilities:*

- Part of multidisciplinary student success team
- Supervises undergraduate and graduate school interns from **SDSU**, National University, Pt. Loma Nazarene and USC
- Formulating and facilitated social skills groups
- Provides individual student support alleviating psychosocial stressors
- Provides crisis management
- Connecting families to community resources
- Monitoring student attendance
- Collaborating with teachers on student behaviors
- Leads and teaches district staff restorative practices through district trainings
- Leads and teaches district staff trauma informed practices through district trainings
- Lead of School Safety Team
- Ensures professional development of classified and certificated staff
- Coordinator for outside agencies providing suicide education and screening for 700 students

*Achievements*

- Successfully completed trainer of trainers course for restorative practices and trauma informed practices
- School consultant for social emotional curriculum and for CPI
- Evidence of student attendance improvements following implementation of evidenced based practices
- Evidence of improved student's perception of school safety and connectedness on California Healthy Kids Survey data
- Developed relationships with community partners and served as the Lemon Grove Collaborative Chairperson
- Participated in procuring and managing the California School Community Violence Prevention Grant for Lemon Grove Academy and Federal Elementary School Counseling Grant for two schools

**Trinity Foster Care**  
**Foster Care Social Worker/Child and Family Therapist**

San Diego, CA  
Aug 2001 – Sept 2003

*Responsibilities:*

- Provided weekly therapy sessions to foster families
- Completed psychosocial assessments, case management and treatment plans
- Responsible for training foster parents
- Completed family assessments to screen potential foster parents
- Attended weekly treatment planning meetings with child psychiatrist

*Achievements*

- Assisted in the creation of a mental health clinic
- Delivered crisis intervention to families in order to reduce disruptions in placement
- Successfully lobbied the county for more money for the agency because of the seriousness of behaviors of the foster children
- Assisted in the successful transition of foster children from residential treatment to foster care

**Albertina Kerr Youth and Family Center**  
**Team Leader, Child and Family Therapist**

Portland, OR  
June 2000 – June 2001

*Responsibilities:*

- Provided weekly individual and family therapy for children in a residential treatment facility
- Completed psychosocial assessments and treatment plans
- Met weekly with staff for supervision on treatment updates and behavior supports
- Attended weekly treatment planning meetings with child psychiatrist

*Achievements*

- Assisted in the creation of a therapeutic school
- Trained new in-coming therapist

### **AFFILIATIONS**

- Board Member and Past President of the California Association of School Social Workers
- Member of the **SDSU** Field Advisory Committee
- Member of a Social Work Consortium for building professionalism among veteran and new social workers
- Supporting SDSU's Project HEAL supporting collaboration between school social work, school counseling, and school psychology interns

### **HOBBIES AND INTERESTS**

- Wellness and life balance through outside activities such as surfing, sailing, yoga, bicycling and hiking
- Small business owner providing clinical supervision to associate social workers seeking licensure hours, providing wellness retreats to other social workers, as well as providing therapy for children and families
- Co-owner of a sports and recreation shop in my community