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Summary

23 years of experience as a Vocational Consultant/Expert in a number of settings including Labor and Industries (Self Insurance) and the private sector. Wide and varied skill set in all areas of vocational counseling and provision of expert witness services. Emphasis on effective case management, problem solving and cost containment.

Certifications

Registered Vocational Consultant, Department of Labor and Industries, 1988 - Present
Certified Disability Management Specialist, 2003 - Present

Employment History

2008 - 2011 *Vocational Services Specialist*
Department of Labor and Industries Self Insurance Section, Tumwater, WA

Served as internal Vocational Expert/Adjudicator for Self Insurance Section. Reviewed and evaluated employability assessments, made vocational determinations on behalf of the Director of Labor and Industries regarding eligibility for vocational and time loss benefits. Provided expert consultation to the entire self insured community including internal claims staff, Assistant Attorney General staff, claims examiners, private vocational counselors, claimant/employer attorneys, and injured workers. Researched relevant issues, interpreted statutes and policies, assisted customers in resolution of vocational questions and issues. Adjudicated vocational issues including issuing suspension orders as appropriate. Reviewed and evaluated retraining plans. Approved retraining programs as appropriate. Position required broad based understanding of the vocational process, the unique needs of all parties, and the ability to balance these considerations within appropriate legal parameters.

2005 - 2008 *Vocational Consultant*
Rainier Case Management, Spokane/Eastern Washington

Provided all phases of private vocational consulting to industrially injured workers. Clientele included state fund, self insured, as well as long and short term disability claimants. Services included return to work programs, assessment of ability to work, retraining plan development as appropriate, monitoring of approved plans to assist worker in completion of authorized services. Vocational research and report preparation, coordination of services, professional interaction with providers, attorneys, and claims staff. Considerable experience as an expert witness in worker compensation litigation as well as personal injury cases. Provided testimony in multiple settings and states (approximately fifty cases).

2004-2005 *Vocational Consultant*
Vista Consulting Services, Spokane/Eastern Washington

Private vocational consulting. Duties as described above.

1997 - 2004 *Senior Vocational Consultant*
Whittall Management Group, Tacoma and Spokane, Washington

Provided all phases of vocational counseling in the private sector as above. Designated Senior Vocational Consultant (only one of seventy five counselors with company). Assisted with staff training, mentoring and supervision. Provided internal quality control, staffed difficult cases and interacted with Labor and Industries staff in committee setting.

1992 - 1997 *Vocational Services Specialist and Dispute Reviewer*
Department of Labor and Industries, Tacoma and Tumwater, Washington

Held several positions including Regional Vocational Services Specialist (1992 - 1993) in Tacoma coordinating return to work opportunities for injured workers, Vocational Services Specialist in Self Insurance (1993 - 1995), duties as described above, and as a Dispute Reviewer in the Vocational Dispute Resolution Office (1995 - 1996). Duties included extensive forensic review of vocational files to assist the Director of Labor and Industries in determining eligibility for vocational services.

1990 - 1992 *Vocational Consultant/Branch Manager*
Rainier Case Management, Tacoma, Washington

All phases of vocational consulting in the private sector. Acted as Branch Manager. Trained and supervised staff, assisted in resolution of case management issues.

1988 - 1990 *Vocational Consultant Intern*
Career Directions Northwest, Tacoma, Washington

Private vocational consulting as described above under direction and supervision of fully certified vocational consultant.

Education

- 2002 - 2003 Graduate course work in vocational counseling
(required for Certified Disability Management Specialist
Certification)
Utah State University, Logan, Utah
- 1976 - 1980 Graduate course work in Student Personnel
Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington
- 1976 - 1979 B.A., Sociology
Central Washington University, Ellensburg, Washington
- 1971 - 1975 B.A., Social Work
Pacific Lutheran University, Parkland, Washington