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#### TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN :

As a professional in two fields: psychology/social work and art/art history, I am writing about Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh. Enclosed is my resume which spotlights my qualifications and experience. As indicated, I have worked for twenty years since my graduate degree in a variety of governmental and private agencies.

Since 1965 I have been studying and attending classes of many spiritual teachers both Eastern and Western. have included personal contact with Alan Watts, Swami Satchidananda, Fritz Perls and others. In 1976 I began studying the religious books of Bhagwan Shree Rajneesh, and as I continued to attend his lectures and do his meditations, it became clear to me that here was a man of truly superior stature. This led me to visit the ashram in India in 1978, and make subsequent visits to Rajneeshpuram in Oregon last year and this year. In Laguna Beach He appears on public access television (Storer Cable) and I know personally that he has a wide following among community people who are not sannyasins (in addition, of course, to the hundreds who have been initiated). I have seen his books in local libraries and know personally many people whose lives have been positively changed by His ideas.

Bhagwan is a world-wide figure ... And one who is influencing those He touches in a positive way. It seems to me that He should be welcomed anywhere for any length of time.

In my own work as a psychotherapist, His ideas have been invaluable to me in helping others towards a more relaxed state of mind, a life free from drugs and other addictions, centered on awareness, one-pointedness, and freedom. In the field of art, which was my original university field, Bhagwan has had a profound effect. Many sannyasins are producing beautiful works in sculpture, painting, pottery, and allied areas. Bhagwan's ideas spread into all areas of creativity.

My feeling is very strong that the presence of a person of such high status and quality would benefit any country in which He resides. As an American, I prefer that He remain here.

Thank you for your attention.

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## **OBJECTIVE**

To work with staff members cooperatively in a dynamic environment, interchanging my experience and knowledge with that of others. To work in a helping capacity.

## EDUCATION

M.S.W. - University of Southern California
M.A. - Radcliffe Graduate School (Harvard)
B.A. - Boston University (Phi Beta Kappa)

# LICENSES

L.C.S.W. - Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LH 949)M.F.C. - Marriage, Family and Child Counselor (MM 001517)

### WORK EXPERIENCE

Holistic Health Center, 1915 South Coast Highway, Laguna Beach. Workshop leader. Private practice. 9/81 - present.

Center for Creative Alternatives, 132 E. 18th St., Costa Mesa. Individual and family counseling. Processing of medical insurance for clients. 8/81 - 9/82.

Los Angeles Guidance and Counseling Services, 924 Westwood Blvd., Los Angeles. Counseling of individuals, couples, and families. Supervision of a UCLA student. 5/77 - 10/78.

Neighborhood Youth Association, 11646 W. Pico Blvd., West Los Angeles. Development and writing of funding proposals, especially related to drug and alcohol abuse. Liaison to NIAA and NIDA. Created public presentations for T.V., radio, and slide shows. Represented agency at hospitals, with doctors, and at other community events. 11/73 - 5/77.

Los Angeles Free Clinic, 8405 Beverly Blvd., Los Angeles. Led pregnancy information group with doctor, nurse, and other counselors. Worked with in-house medical team counseling clients and their families. 3/68 - 9/73.

Greater Los Angeles Community Action Agency, Los Angeles.

- Two years: counseling youth and young adults in East Los Angeles. Was liaison to doctors in the area for health care delivery of all clients in the agency. Originated and conducted sex and pregnancy group for girls. 9/63 6/65.
- Two years as programs management worker, helping a variety of community agencies develop and carry out their programs. Advised groups and agencies regarding local resources. 6/65 11/67.

Family Service Assistance League, Los Angeles.

Counselor. Worked with individuals and families counseling about a wide variety of family, school, and personal problems. Led teenage group focusing on family difficulties. 3/68 - 6/69.

California State College, Los Angeles. Taught course in social work. Spring, 1968.

1965 - Present: I have conducted workshops, supervised counselors in training, and counseled for a variety of institutions as well as privately, including:

- Group leader for aides at Junipero Serra Boys' Home, Los Angeles (now called California Youth Homes, Inglewood).
- Therapist, trainer, and group leader at Southern California Counseling Center, L.A.
- Co-Leader of psycho-drama groups for students at Sunset High School, West Covina.
- Researched proposal for Special Services for Groups, Inc., concerning runaway youth.
- Wrote proposal for Comprehensive Employment Center, Venice, California, which was approved and funded by the National Institute of Drug Abuse.

#### GENERAL STATEMENT REGARDING EXPERIENCE

In my work at clinics and agencies, I have successfully counseled hundreds of people who presented situations involving: substance abuse, lack of self esteem, alcoholic family members, school difficulties, phobias, fears, poor health, and sexual difficulties. Many clients have referred their friends and relatives to me since they were so satisfied.

My supervisory/teaching work with students has been stimulating and productive for both the trainees and myself.

During my grant writing employment, over half of my grant proposals were approved and funded for many thousands of dollars, creating or perpetuating programs to help people. I nominated and wrote the report for NYA to compete for "agency of the year" which won them that honor. I have successfully established and maintained liaison with many community resources.

#### POST-GRADUATE TRAINING

Gestalt and group counseling workshops - Esalen Institute, Big Sur, CA.

Southern California Group Psychotherapy Institute, Los Angeles - group and family therapy training.

Health Training Center, West Los Angeles - courses in video production and use of video in group process.

L.A. Public Access Project, Santa Monica - video production workshop.

# REFERENCES

Personal and professional references available upon request..