

**Candidate for Advisory Council Membership**

*Area Agency on Aging of Pasco-Pinellas, Inc. -- 9549 Koger Blvd., Ste 100--St. Petersburg, FL 33702*

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Home Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Preferred Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_

**County of Residence** \_\_\_\_\_

**Business Address** \_\_\_\_\_ **Bus. Telephone** \_\_\_\_\_  
*(If applicable)* \_\_\_\_\_

**County of Business** \_\_\_\_\_

**E-Mail Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Occupation** \_\_\_\_\_ **Title** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age** \_\_\_\_\_ **Birthdate** \_\_\_\_\_ **Sex:** Male \_\_\_\_ Female \_\_\_\_

**Race/Ethnicity** (please check): White \_\_\_\_ African American \_\_\_\_ Asian \_\_\_\_ Hispanic \_\_\_\_

American Indian \_\_\_\_ Other \_\_\_\_

**Education and/or Training** \_\_\_\_\_

**Boards/Advisory Councils You Serve On** \_\_\_\_\_

**Volunteer Experience** \_\_\_\_\_

**Talents/Hobbies/Skills** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please explain experience and/or interest in aging** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a participant or a caregiver of a participant of any social services, nutrition service or senior center?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

**If yes, please specify** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you interested in being considered in the future as a candidate for the AAAPP Board of Directors?**

Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_

Referred by: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

*Feel free to include a resume in addition to completion of this form.  
Please note that a Background Screening will be done on all candidates.*

# SAVANNAH SMITH

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## LICENSURE

### Board of Social Work Commonwealth of Kentucky

*Certified Social Worker*

License Number- 255850

Expiration Date- July 20, 2024

### Florida Board of Clinical Social Work

*Registered Clinical Social Work Intern*

License Number- ISW 14295

Expiration Date- December 10, 2024

Individual Supervisor – Brettina Adams, LCSW

Group Supervisors – Jodi Vosburgh, LCSW & Alison Wojtkun, LCSW, COR

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## EDUCATION

### University of Central Florida

Master of Social Work

### University of Florida

Bachelor of Health Science

*Emphasis - Public Health*

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## FIELD EXPERIENCE

### Department of Veterans Affairs – Bay Pines, FL

July 2021-Present

*GS-11 Social Worker, Primary Aligned Care Team (PACT)*

- Conduct psychosocial assessments of a wide variety of individuals from various socioeconomic, cultural, ethnic, educational, and other diversified backgrounds
- Utilize counseling skills to work with individuals and families experiencing emotional, medical, and social problems
- Identify the problems, strengths, weaknesses, and coping mechanisms of individual patients to formulate attainable goals and treatment plans
- Serve as a liaison to community agencies and network with agency representatives
- Utilize knowledge of medical and mental health diagnoses to support the complex needs of patients
- Collaborate with interdisciplinary teams to formulate treatment plans
- Perform Comprehensive Suicide Risk Evaluations and assess lethality of suicidal ideations
- Utilize knowledge of veteran's benefits to assess a veteran's eligibility for VHA programs
- Place referrals and consults for complex psychosocial needs, to include housing, medical, and mental health needs

### Hope For The Warriors - St. Petersburg, FL

May 2018- July 2021

*Regional Social Worker, Program Manager*

- Restructure and manage the standard operating procedures of the organization's Military and Veteran Caregiver Support Services
- Create virtual and in-person peer support opportunities for military and veteran caregivers
- Restructured the standard operating procedures and oversaw the execution of the organization's 10th annual Holiday Giving Initiative
- Facilitate one-on-one financial wellness counseling sessions
- Facilitate evidence-based resiliency-focused group counseling sessions to military service members, veterans, and caregivers
- Modify and condense session content for evidence-based relevancy and organization-wide use
- Utilize telemedicine platforms to perform needs assessments and clinical evaluations
- Conduct basic needs assessments, evaluate resiliency factors, and access to care to aid veterans in setting SMART goals and developing individualized action plans
- Implement appropriate interventions and provide resources based on individual client needs
- Evaluate VA treatment plans to develop an understanding of the impact of a veteran's service-connected injuries
- Collaborate with VA Patient Aligned Care Teams (PACT) to improve wellness and healthcare outcomes
- Develop partnerships with other military/veteran service organizations for veteran advocacy and collaboration purposes
- Utilize motivational interviewing techniques to coach veteran's into care
- Guide veterans to appropriate benefits, services, and programs related to service-connected injuries and immediate needs

### The Salvation Army - St. Petersburg, FL

July 2017- March 2019

*Community-Based Care Coordinator*

- Conduct intakes for group home placement by analyzing micro, mezzo, and macro systems of influence

- Determine appropriateness of placement based on immediate needs of abused, neglected, and exploited children
- Develop and maintain a therapeutic alliance with all youth
- Utilize verbal and nonverbal de-escalation techniques in response to disruptive behaviors
- Determine need and submit request for client disruptions through close monitoring of high-risk behaviors
- Facilitate court-ordered visitation and complete audit of client visitation logs
- Create discharge and transition plans for all youth
- Maintain monthly progress notes on educational, medical, behavioral, permanency, and life skills progress
- Audit medication logs to ensure efficacy and adherence to safety standards
- Supervise 35 staff caregivers and oversee shift operation
- Ensure that all responses to crisis situations are ethical
- Represent the group home at court-ordered staffings and discuss client behavior, health, and immediate needs
- Evaluate efficacy of internal program operations in accordance with the NASW Code of Ethics
- Track impact of external services that directly affect clients and implement change when necessary
- Review, submit, and execute an appropriate response to internal and external incident reports while adhering to internal policy and external contractual terms

**The Salvation Army - Tampa, FL**

**February 2017- July 2017**

*Case Manager*

- Assess hardship to determine eligibility for financial assistance
- Provide rent, utility, and prescription assistance to low-income and homeless individuals and families
- Assess risk to determine need for homeless prevention services
- Manage financial accounts to meet grant requirements
- Assist homeless clients with resumes, cover letters, and job applications

**Solutions 4 Life - St. Petersburg, FL**

**January 2017- December 2017**

*MSW Generalist Intern*

- Facilitate group counseling sessions for adults with Substance Use Disorders and other co-occurring mental illnesses
- Perform biopsychosocial assessments
- Develop master treatment plans, addendums, and 30-day interval treatment plan reviews using evidence-based practice
- Assess risk and de-escalate crisis situations in both individual and group settings
- Administer random urinalysis to clients
- Maintain medical records of clients and assist in preparation for licensing audit
- Oversee client adherence to program requirements of court-ordered SUD mental health services
- Participate in weekly supervision to discuss NASW Code of Ethics, client progress, and treatment plans

**Heart of Florida United Way - Orlando, FL**

**October 2015- January 2017**

*Senior Crisis Specialist*

- Supervise critical overnight shifts characterized by clients in crisis or at risk of suicide
- Mentor and train new employees
- Administer in-person case management to the victims of the Pulse Tragedy at the PULSE Family Assistance Center

*2-1-1 Information and Referral Specialist*

National Suicide Prevention Lifeline (NSPL)

- Perform suicide risk assessments
- Utilize de-escalation techniques, facilitate a discussion of healthy coping mechanisms, and develop a safety plan
- Determine lethality of high risk scenarios and the need for emergency intervention by law enforcement

Supportive Services Veterans and Family Program (SSVF)

- Assess housing needs with veteran or VA social worker to determine program eligibility prior to HMIS intake
- Provide shelter, transitional, and low income housing resources for individuals and families

Mission United

- Discuss veteran's need for education, employment, and/or legal services
- Determine eligibility for financial assistance from Catholic Charities, Jewish Family Services, or The Salvation Army
- Assess need for additional community resources and problem solve if resources have been exhausted

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Financial Social Work	OCT 2020
Building Resiliency through Cognitive Reappraisal and Lifestyle Modification, <i>Massachusetts General Hospital</i>	APRIL 2020
Stress and the Relaxation Response: The Fundamentals of Mind Body Medicine, <i>Massachusetts General Hospital</i>	JAN 2020
The Invitation to Change Approach: Combining CRAFT, ACT, and MI to Help Families Struggling with Substances	SEPT 2019
QPR Suicide Prevention Gatekeeper Certification	NOV 2018
N.A.P.P.I International Certification- <i>Non-Abusive Psychological and Physical Intervention</i>	APRIL 2018