

# Maya Tsekenis, LMSW

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## EDUCATION

Master of Science in Educational Leadership, Brooklyn College (Anticipated, 1/2013)

Master of Social Work, Fordham University (2008)

Bachelor of Arts, Hunter College (2005)

## EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

**School Social Worker** New York City Department of Education 9/2008 – *present*

- Evaluate, assess and use professional clinical judgment to coordinate services for children with special needs.
- Perform social history assessments on child, family and community functioning.
- Visit the child's school in order to conduct a formal social and behavioral observation of child.
- Conduct clinical interviews with teachers, paraprofessionals and sometimes deans and principals in order to triangulate comprehensive information on the child's academic, social and behavioral needs.
- Effectual use of the Special Education Student Information System, SESIS.
- Train and orient staff to successfully transition from IEP Pro to SESIS.
- Effectively communicate the results of all evaluations to parents.
- Create initial referrals, mandated three-year reviews and annual reviews.
- Coordinate and co-facilitate IEP meetings for parents.
- Formulate an accurate IEP using SESIS to provide child with a free and appropriate public school education.
- Identify community resources to help support the multifaceted needs of children and their families.

**Applied Behavioral Analysis Therapist** City-Pro Group Inc. 1/2009 – 9/2011

- Implement one-on-one behavioral intervention program for toddlers diagnosed with PDD and/or Autism.
- Conduct behavioral and skill-based assessments, write program objectives, data collection & graphing, attend IFSP meetings and Family Team meetings on a daily, weekly, and monthly basis, respectively.
- Discrete trial teaching (DTT), MAND program implementation and training.
- Observe and record toddler's behaviors.
- Incidental and Natural Environment Teaching (NET) & play, joint attention and socialization skills.
- Introduce self-help and adaptive skills for mother and child.
- Continuously communicate and coordinate with all the other therapists on the team.
- Advocate for the families of children diagnosed with autism and help gain access to resources.

**Social Worker** Mount Sinai World Trade Center Treatment Program 6/2008 – 9/2008

- Advocated and provided case management for 9/11 first responders.
- Offered psycho-education on workers compensation and public health benefits eligibility.
- Conducted mental health assessments and screened for posttraumatic stress disorder.
- Made the appropriate referrals to outside social service agencies for continuation of care.

**Clinical Social Work Intern** Healthy Connections 9/2007 – 5/2008

- Performed individual play therapy with children and psychotherapy with adolescents.
- Co-facilitated a play therapy group for school-aged children in a local domestic violence shelter.
- Used yoga, musical instruments, drawing and movies as a catharsis for children.
- Conducted intakes, assessment, goal setting, contracting and time-sensitive termination with clients.
- Conducted comprehensive bio-psycho-social assessments within two intake sessions.

**Medical Social Work Intern** Metropolitan Hospital Center 9/2006 – 5/2007

- Provided individual therapeutic discharge planning to postpartum women.
- Observed and monitored infants in the neo-natal-intensive care unit.
- Disseminated literature to mothers' on the importance of breastfeeding.
- Trained new social work staff and oriented them to the policies and procedures of the hospital.

## AWARDS/CREDENTIALS

2011 **Permanent School Social Work Certificate**, NYSED  
2010 **Certificate of ABA Training**, City-Pro Group, Inc.  
2009 **Bilingual Extension**, NYS Education Department  
2008 **NASW Student Award**, NYC Chapter of NASW  
2007 **New York State Social Work Education Association**  
*Graduate Social Work Student of the Year*

## LANGUAGES

Fluent Spanish & Greek