

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

NAME	POSITION TITLE	INSTITUTION
Vanessa T. Goncalves, LSW, MSW vgoncalv@usc.edu	Ph.D. Student	University of Southern California Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

EDUCATION/TRAINING

DSM-5 Diagnosis, Treatment Planning, Motivational Interviewing (MI), Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT), Cognitive Processing Therapy (CPT), Cognitive Behavioral Coping Skills Group for Substance Use Disorders, Nurtured Heart Approach (NHA) Certified Trainer, Mindfulness, Attachment, Regulation and Competency (ARC) Framework, Attachment-Based Family Therapy (ABFT), QPR Gatekeeper Trainer, Case Management, Trauma-Informed Yoga, Columbia Suicide Severity Rating Scale Assessment (C-SSRS)

INSTITUTION AND LOCATION

<u>INSTITUTION AND LOCATION</u>	<u>DEGREE</u>	<u>YEAR</u>	<u>FIELD OF STUDY</u>
University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA	Ph.D.	In-Progress	Social Work
Rutgers University, New Brunswick, NJ	M.S.W.	2022	Social Work
Montclair State University, Montclair, NJ	B.A.	2019	Psychology/Sociology

Professional and Research Interests: Assessment exploring the culture and climate within U.S. military and veteran populations, with a strong focus on suicide prevention substance abuse, mental health stigma, and policy implementation. The research is particularly dedicated to suicide prevention among active service members, aiming to identify contributing factors, improve intervention strategies, and reduce mental health stigma in military culture.

Professional Experience:

07/23 – 08/24 Director of Operations, Generations Family Guidance, LLC, Scotch Plains, NJ
11/22 – 05/24 Social Worker-PCMHI-SUDs, Veteran’s Hospital Administration, East Orange, NJ
10/22 – 08/24 Intensive-In Home Counselor, Generations Family Guidance, Scotch Plains, NJ
04/20 – 10/22 Care Manager, Partnership for Children of Essex, Bloomfield, NJ
10/19 – 10/21 Veterans Case Manager, Community Hope, Garfield, NJ
07/17 – 10/19 Administrative Counselor, Immediate Care Psychiatric Center, Parsippany, NJ

Honors and Other Activities:

08/24 – Present Full two-year Provost Fellowship in doctoral program, University of Southern California, Graduate School, Office of Academic Programs.

Conference Presentation:

Goncalves, V. (2023). The Silent S: Talking about Suicide doesn’t make your child suicidal- informing and educating parents on exploring effective communication strategies with compassion in addressing Suicide. Poster presented at Lacordaire Academy, Montclair, NJ.

Professional Memberships/Certifications:

National Association of Social Workers

American Association of Suicidology

Trained by developer of the framework, Margaret Blaustein in an Attachment, Regulation, and Competency (ARC) Framework (10 months)

Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR) Gatekeeper Instructor Certificate

Nurturing Parenting Certificate

Alcohol Counselor Training (ACT) Certificate

Gambling Studies Certificate

School Social Worker Certificate, NJ