

MJ (MALEKA) JIHAD, MSW

International Psychology Professional & Cultural Expert

EXPERIENCE

CEO/ COFOUNDER/ CULTURAL CONSULTANT

*Emic Cultural Consultants Collective (EC3),
International / (Based in the United States)
2020 - Present*

- Promote and empower individuals / organizations through education, mentorship, and trainings in cultural humility, respect, leadership, and healing.
- Facilitate, train, coach, and explore conversations that generate change around systematic racism in a safe platform.

PROGRAM MANAGER / SUPERVISOR / CONSULTANT

*Office of Respondent Parents Counsel (ORPC),
Denver, Colorado
2019 - Present*

- Provide clinical support and advocacy for parents involved in dependency and neglect cases
- Provide program development, training, and supervision for the Parent Advocate Program

ADJUNCT FACULTY

*University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work,
Online / Campus Denver, Colorado
2019 - Present*

Instructor for the following courses:

- SOWK4020 - Social Work Practice for Social Justice
- SOWK4132 - Power Privilege and Oppression
- SOWK4712 - Social Work and the Law
- SOWK4299 - Advance Standing Seminar
- SOWK4990 - VFX (Virtual Externship in Therapy Skills)
- SOWK4340 - Supervision Practice

DIRECTOR / CONSULTANT

*MJ Consulting Firm (LLC)
MJCF: Coalition (Non-Profit)
Denver Colorado
2017 - Present*

- Provide clinical consultation for families and professionals with family regulation involvement
- Provide culturally respectful support and advocacy services within the child welfare system

DIRECTOR COMMUNITY OUTREACH / CONSULTANT

*Rocky Mountain Children's Law Center
Denver, Colorado
2013 - 2017*

- Provided professional consultation, guidance, and expertise in areas of child protection, children and family services, and education

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EDUCATION

FIELDING GRADUATE SCHOOL Santa Barbara, CA

*PhD Leadership & Development
Concentration: Social Justice
2022 (Completion Year 2024)*

CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY Chicago, IL

*Completed coursework towards
PhD International Psychologist,
Concentration: Trauma Services
2017-2021*

TULANE UNIVERSITY New Orleans, LA

*Master of Social Work
2012*

FORT LEWIS COLLEGE, THE CHICAGO SCHOOL OF PROFESSIONAL PSYCHOLOGY Durango, CO

*Bachelors Sociology, Psychology
2010*

CERTIFICATIONS

Disaster Mental Health
International Trauma Specialist

AWARDS

Social Worker of the Year 2019
(ORPC)

- Ensured safety, health, education, family permanency and access to justice for families involved in child welfare

FAMILY PRESERVATION THERAPIST

Savio House

Denver, Colorado

2012 - 2013

- Provided family preservation and/or family reunification services to referred Department of Human Services (DHS) clients
- Provided education and or therapy skills to caregivers regarding child development and safety

SCHOOL SOCIAL WORKER

INTERNSHIP

College Prep Middle School,

New Orleans , LA

2011 - 2012

- Co-facilitated, CBITS (Cognitive Behavioral Interventions for Trauma in Schools)
- Administered therapeutic and educational assessments

COUNSELOR / FACILITATOR

INTERNSHIP

Access Mental Health Facility,

Durango , Co

2010 - 2011

- Provided a network of skilled therapeutic and community resources to residents and their families
- Co-facilitated group Family Behavioral Therapy

CHILD AND FAMILY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM COORDINATOR

INTERNSHIP

Volunteers of America, Safe House (Domestic Violence Shelter)

Durango , Co

2008 - 2011

- Provided needs assessments and therapeutic services for families (survivors) of domestic violence
- Developed programming for children's family safety support success plans

CULTURAL THERAPEUTIC SPECIALIST

EXTERNSHIP

The Chicago School of Professional Psychology ,

Kuwait City, Kuwait

2020

- Participated in an international multidisciplinary team in creating and administering a needs assessment for therapeutic organization
- Developed an informational fact sheet that addressed mental health for international health professionals and clients within the Middle Eastern region

PUBLICATIONS

2022, Societies, Special Issue, "Child Protection and Child Welfare" Structures of Oppression in Child Welfare: Reflections on Administrative Barriers to Equity.

2022, National Association of Counsel for Children ,Child Welfare Law and Practice (4th edition) Multidisciplinary Team.

CULTURAL TRAUMA SPECIALIST

EXTERNSHIP

*The Chicago School of Professional Psychology,
Manila, Philippines*

2019

- Member of multidisciplinary consultation team addressing trauma services in the Philippines
- Developed and provided a needs assessment tool for two programs focusing on the cultural context

CULTURAL EDUCATIONAL SPECIALIST

EXTERNSHIP

*The Chicago School of Professional Psychology,
Berlin, Germany*

2017

- Developed and presented a school-based programming tool to help support the integration of the Syrian Refugee students and their families into the German education system
- Visited NGO's and programs in Germany to create initial therapeutic service partnerships for Syrian Refugee women and children living in refugee communities

MEMBERSHIPS AND AFFILIATIONS

- American Psychological Association (Div.52, International Div.35, Religion and Spirituality, Div.32 , Humanistic)
- GlobalMindED
- International Association for Cross-Cultural Psychology
- International Society for the Prevention of Child Abuse & Neglect
- National Association of Black Social Workers
- National Organization of Forensic Social Work
- Middle East Psychology Association

PRESENTATIONS / SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2022 Center for Advanced Studies in Child Welfare - Conference
- 2022 Spring Colorado Department of Human Services- Town Hall
- 2022 University of Colorado Denver - Panel
- 2022 National Association for Public Defense - Conference
- 2022 University of Denver Law School Civil Rights- Conference
- 2022 Kansas Racial Equity - Summit
- 2022 California Title IV -E Summit - Conference
- 2022 Muslim Youth for Positive Impact - Webinar
- 2021 University of Denver Professional Development- Workshop
- 2021 Colorado School of Public Health – Panel
- 2021 Kempe International Child Welfare Virtual - Conference
- 2021 National Association for Public Defense - Conference
- 2021 National Association of Counsel for Children - Panel
- 2021 Office of Respondent Parent Council Annual - Conference

- 2021 Network to Advance Abolitionist Social Work - Webinar
- 2020 Kempe International Child Welfare Virtual - Conference
- 2020 National Bar Association - Presentation
- 2019 Office of Respondent Parent Council Annual - Conference