

HEATHER OGDEN

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Professional Summary

Experienced Educator and passionate student advocate who has a strong interest in the development of students. Excellent reputation for creative resolution of problems, fair application of law and policy, demonstrated leadership, and encouraging timely degree completion for a diverse student body.

Awards

- Influencer of the Year Award, SUU 2019
- Influencer Award, SUU 2018
- Influencer Award, SUU 2017
- Influencer Award, SUU 2016
- Advisor of the Year, SUU 2014
- Awarded Woman of Distinction, Center for Women & Families, SUU 2014
- Eileen Robinson Award for Exemplary Service in Academic Advising, SUU 2013
- Advisor of the Year finalist, SUU 2013

Work History

Southern Utah University; 2012-Present

Director of Ethics and Compliance/ Title IX

02/2017 to Current

Southern Utah University – Cedar City, UT

- I oversee and lead the University's compliance and educational efforts with regards to Title IX of the Higher Education Act of 1964 as amended in 1972, as well as other laws and rules related to sexual harassment, sexual misconduct, gender and interpersonal violence, sexual assault, and related policy violations on campus.
- Solid understanding of laws and policies that govern student behavior and conduct.
- Strong association in adjudicating and sanctioning student conduct in Title IX matters.
- Also responsible for developing policies and procedures meant to ensure the safety of all parties related to SUU.
- Oversee and safeguard adequate, reliable, and impartial investigations of reports and complaints of sexual misconduct or sex discrimination.
- Strong advocate for campus safety, and work closely with other entities on campus to improve campus culture and climate, as well as, further crisis response and communications.
- Extensive experience with Title VII in law, policy, and investigations as it relates to faculty and staff.
- Facilitate services for students needing coordinated campus support services.

Assistant Professor/Director of Teacher Education

08/2015 to 05/2017

Southern Utah University – Cedar City, UT

- Taught undergraduate courses in Family Life and Human Development, developed new curriculum for new FLHD courses at SUU to fit a diverse body of learners through distance education and on-campus learning.
- Provided leadership, administration, and support to faculty with a very high level of diplomacy, care, and professionalism.
- Co-authored "Mindful Parenting" manual to help facilitate an experiential learning environment, and educate community members.

Lead Student Success Advisor

09/2012 to 08/2015

Southern Utah University – Cedar City, UT

- Designated as the Undergraduate Outreach Coordinator for the College of Education.
- Supervised a small group of other Advisors across campus. Responsible for training and supporting staff to adhere to division goals.
- Advised students on a personal, emotional, and academic level to help them become successful in their academic and future pursuits.

Jordan School District 2011-2012**Certified Comprehensive Guidance Counselor**

08/2011 to 08/2012

Jordan School District – Riverton, UT

- Help students prepare for academic achievement, ensure career readiness, and develop personal or social competencies through a comprehensive, preventive, and developmental counseling program.
- Provided leadership in a state-level committee to examine high school dropout rates in Utah in conjunction with the State Office of Education, Clemson University and WestEd (of San Francisco, CA)

Counselor

08/2011 to 08/2012

Jordan Family Education Center – Riverton, UT

- Provided short-term, solution focused individual and family counseling services after school hours for youth and their families in Jordan School District

Carbon County School District 2007-2011**Certified Comprehensive Guidance Counselor**

08/2007 to 07/2011

Carbon School District – Price, UT (Grades K-12)

- Assigned to the at-risk student population, worked with students dealing with substance abuse issues, relationship violence, and inadequate peer relations, crisis intervention and provided referrals to outside agencies.

Trainer

10/2004 to 10/2006

Utah Foster Care Foundation – Salt Lake City, UT

- Educated and supported families who provide immediate care to children in the foster care system and are licensed through the Division of Child and Family Services.

Division of Child & Family Services 1993-2006

Administrator

06/1993 to 10/2006

Division of Child and Family Services (DCFS) – Cedar City/Richfield, UT

Supervised over 50 professional staff in a four-county area of Utah (Sanpete, Sevier, Wayne and Paiute counties).

- Responding to constituent complaints, and the Office of Civil Rights when receiving claims.
- Responsible for extensive budgets throughout the region. Including facilities management and purchase, and staff salaries.
- Wrote several grants for additional resources, and obtained initial grant funding for the opening of Family Support Center in Richfield Utah.

Education

Master of Science: Counseling 2010

University of Phoenix - Salt Lake City, UT

Areas of Specialization: Human Development, Behavior Management, and Crisis Response

Thesis: Effects of Poverty on Educational Success.

Bachelor of Science: Social Work 1992

Utah State University - Logan, UT

Minor: Sociology and Psychology

Affiliations & Certifications

- Title IX Certified Investigator –ATIXA
- Title IX Certified Coordinator -ATIXA Level 2
- Presidential Safety Commission 2017 – Present
- Assessment and Intervention Team 2017 – Present
- Chair Big Sky Serious Misconduct Committee 2018- Present
- Chair of Undergraduate Curriculum Committee for COED, 2015-2017
- Chair of Professional Education and Coordinating Council (PECC) for COED, 2015-2017
- Member of the Professional Practices Committee for COED, 2015-2017
- Faculty Advisor for Pride and Equality Club on SUU campus 2016-2017
- Current Level 2 license School Counselor, State of Utah
- Current Licensed Social Service Worker, State of Utah
- Executive Board President for Child and Family Support Center in Cedar City, Utah. 2016-2019