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Name of Person: **Mr. Jose Alfredo Rivas, M.S., C.R.C.**

Credentials of Person: **Certified Rehabilitation Counselor
Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling
Bachelor's Degree in Rehabilitation Studies**

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Favorite Pet: **Coca, Black Spitz**

Physical Developmental Disability: **Spastic Quadriplegic Cerebral Palsy**

Strengths of Person: **Good Communication Skills (By Electronic Devices)
Personal Experience about Disability Issues
Good Writing Skills
Knowledgeable about Computer Technology and Software
Knowledgeable about Academic Studies and Requirements in Higher Educational Institutions
Knowledgeable about Counseling Techniques and Ethical Issues**

Limitations of the condition: **Fine Motor Skills, Heavy Lifting, and Some Speech Difficulties**

Hobbies and Interests: **Movies (Especially the Star Wars Trilogy)**
 Coke Collection
 Professional Sports (football, basketball, baseball, and
 hockey)
 Pink Floyd Collection

Religion of Choice and Practice: **Catholic**

EMPLOYMENT AND VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCES:

My employment qualifications include: strong leadership skills, good problem solving ability, consumer advocacy experience for persons with disabilities, management and operation experience of a non-profit organization, good communication skills, excellent knowledge about Rehabilitation Counseling, and public speaking and lecturing experience.

2008 to Present Job - North Central Texas College
College Online Instructor. I am an online college instructor in the course Human Development for the Department of Social Sciences in the Field of Psychology.

2006 to Present Job - Dallas Telecollege and Eastfield College
College Online Instructor. I am an online college instructor in the course Human Development for the Department of Social Sciences in the Field of Psychology.

2004-2006 Family Staffing Solution, Inc. I was a private researcher for a client.

Family Staffing Solution, Inc.
2000 Richard Jones Road
Nashville, Tennessee 37215-2885
(615) 383-5656

2003-Present Job- World Institute on Disability under the Proyecto Vision Program, I was a writer of articles about Latinos with Disabilities as they relate to social/employment issues.

World Institute on Disability
510 16th Street, Suite 100
Oakland, California 94612
Voice: 510-763-4100

2002-Present Activity- Council Member for Texas Council on Developmental disabilities, Consumer at Large member, appointed by the Texas Governor's Office.

The Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities
6201 East Oltorf, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78741
(512) 437-5432

2001-2002- Partners in Policymaking training program, self-advocate participant.

Partners in Policymaking Program
414 Meadowview Circle
Longview, Texas 75604
(903) 291-1990

1999-2004- Director of Vehicle Access Network (VAN)
I was responsible for bookkeeping, client services, documentation of consumer services, referral resources, secretarial duties, board meetings, public marketing, fund-raising events, public announcements, coordinating of activities, and publication of the VAN Transporter Newsletter.

Vehicle Access Network (VAN)
P.O. 305144
Denton, Texas 76203
(940)243-4496

1998- Intern Student, United of Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas.
I was responsible for assessment of client's needs with the case managers, marketing, development of social programs, and coordination of a concert event for the Community Living Assistance Support Service Program (CLASS).

United of Cerebral Palsy of Metropolitan Dallas
8802 Harry Hines Boulevard
Dallas, Texas 75235
(214) 351-2500

1997- Practicum Student, Reach of Denton.
I was a one-to-one counselor, a group facilitator counselor, and a system advocate for the removal of community and business barriers.

Reach of Denton
405 South Elm Street, Suite 202
Denton, Texas 76201-6068
(940) 383-1062

1997- Practicum Student, Texas Woman's University.
I assisted persons and students with disabilities who had specific academic, housing, and/or transportation accommodation needs.

Texas Woman's University (TWU)
Disability Support Services
P.O. Box 425966
Denton, Texas 76204-5966
(940) 898-3835

CURRENT MEMBERSHIPS AND BOARDS:

The Texas Council on Developmental Disabilities
6201 East Oltorf, Suite 100
Austin, Texas 78741
(512) 437-5432

CERTIFICATION, EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND, AND MASTER'S DEGREE REHABILITATION COUNSELING COURSEWORK:

- 2009-2014 Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (C.R.C) Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
- 2004-2009 Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (C.R.C) Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification
- 1995-1998 Master's Degree in Rehabilitation Counseling, University of North Texas.
- 1993-1995 Degree Bachelor's in Disabilities Studies, University of North Texas.
- 1991-1993 Degree of Associates of Arts and Sciences, Cedar Valley Community College.

See transcripts for additional and/or related courses.

2500. Introduction to Rehabilitation. 3 hours. An introduction to the broad field of human rehabilitation. Study includes historical, legislative and organizational bases; rehabilitation process; personnel standards and types of rehabilitation facilities.

3550. Psychosocial Aspects of Disability. 3 hours. The course reviews the psychological and social aspects of individual and family adjustment to disability and chronic illness, including findings of research on the adjustment process and on the relationship of psychophysiological and social variables to the acquisition and maintenance of health and illness/disability. The course also reviews some of the current theories and methods for assisting individuals and families through the process of adjustment to disability and chronic illness.

5300. Rehabilitation Counseling Theories. 3 hours. Study of major counseling theories and techniques with focus on principles and competency in rehabilitation counseling. Course covers special applications and modifications that may be required in counseling people with mental, physical or emotional disabilities.

3500. Medical and Psychiatric Aspects of Rehabilitation. 3 hours. Advanced studies in common medical and psychiatric conditions most frequently encountered by the rehabilitation professional. A detailed study of the medical resources employed by the rehabilitation professional in service to people with disabilities.

5400. Techniques in Rehabilitation Counseling and Adjustment Services. 3 hours. Study of current techniques utilized in rehabilitation counseling and rehabilitation client services. Structured learning experiences for development of competency in utilization of the techniques with rehabilitation clients.

5411. Introduction to Assessment and Vocational Evaluation. 3 hours. Introduction to vocational assessment with focus on measurement concepts, procedures and practices used in conducting a systematic appraisal of individuals with handicapping conditions resulting from age, disease and trauma.

5413. Job Placement Theories and Methods. 3 hours. Provides an overview of job placement based on a systems perspective. Students will have an opportunity to explore various job placement philosophies, programs and techniques as well as to gain hands-on experience in job analysis, labor market analysis and career exploration.

5050. Rehabilitation Case Management. 3 hours. Models and techniques for managing rehabilitation services for persons with disabilities. Focus on caseload as well as individual case management. Includes discussion of the Commission on Rehabilitation Counselor Certification (CRCC) code of ethics and ethical issues in rehabilitation case management.

5811. Practicum in Rehabilitation. 3 hours. A minimum of 100 clock hours of supervised experiences in the student's area of concentration, to be performed in one of the on-campus CRS vocational rehabilitation laboratories and in related community agencies. Course includes a 1-hour-per-week seminar in ethics and standards of practice in rehabilitation, as well as regularly scheduled weekly meetings for individual and group supervision. Prerequisite(s): consent of department.

5812. Internship in Rehabilitation. 6 hours. A 600-hour applied experience in the student's area of concentration in a rehabilitation agency or facility external to the university. Course includes a 1-hour-per-week seminar and group supervision meeting. Prerequisite(s): RHAB 5811 and consent of department.

Additional Graduate Courses in Psychology:

5780. Psychopathology. 3 hours.

5100. Psychopathology Child. 3 hours.

5040. Culture Health Psychology. 3 hours.

5350. Counseling Sexual Disorders. 3 hours.

5900. Special Problems. 3 hours. Research course.

6300. Multi-Cultural Counseling. 3 hours.

MY WRITTEN ARTICLES:

Articles for the World Institute on Disability under the Proyecto Vision, a resource website for "Latino Americans with Disabilities"

"Interview with Jane Vela Jones"

"Public Transportation and Wheelchair Friendly Areas in Texas"

"Latinos with Disabilities that Encounter Abuse and Neglect within their Circle of Support"

"Service Dogs for Latinos with Disabilities"

"My Advice to Latino Parents that have a Child with a Disability and Adults with Disabilities that Wish to be Good Leaders"

Additional Works Includes:

"A Good Attendant"

A Guide about How to Recruit, Attain, and Maintain Personal Attendant Care

Anyone can purchase a bind/color version of my attendant manual for \$50.00 per copy. Please e-mail me for ordering information

NEWSPAPER AND MAGAZINE ARTICLES ABOUT ME:

See portfolio for additional articles.

"Man's Determination Leads to Life Full of Experience". By: Karina Ramirez of The Denton Record Chronicle. Sunday, May 2, 2010.

“Alumnus Fights for Disabled Workers”, By: Krystle Cantu. North Texas Daily at the University of North Texas in Denton. Wednesday, April 7, 2010. P. 2.

“Looking for Work: Man Seeking Employer Who will look beyond the Disability.” By: David Snyder of The Dallas Morning News. Thursday, March 19, 1999.

“EMPATHETIC DRIVE: Man’s Group Provides Transportations to Others with Disabilities.” By: Frank Trejo of The Dallas Morning News. December 1, 2000.

“Man’s Project Benefits the Disabled.” By: Tabitha Chancellor of The Denton Record Chronicle. Friday, September 27, 2002.

“Man to Lend Help to Disabled.” By: Christian Bohmfolk of The Denton Record Chronicle. Thursday, October 14, 1999.

“Student Struggles to Fund Psychology Education, Career.” By: Clarisa Ramirez of The North Texas Daily for the University of North Texas. Friday, November 2, 2004.

“Where There’s a Will, There’s a Way.” By: Maria Garcia of The Connect (a bilingual magazine for Cedar Valley Community College).

TELEVISION NEWS APPEARANCES:

2000 Fox 4 News. Reported By: Steve Stoler. Employment Barriers.

1998 Channel 8 News “La Vida.” Reported By: Angela Kocherga. Employment Barriers.

ACADEMIC POSITIONS & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS:

1991-1992 Secretary, vice-president, and President of the Cedar Club.
1991-1993 Member of the Student Advisory Board.
1992-1993 Member of Phi Theta Kappa.

1991-1992 Cedar Club and the Extra Mile Scholarship.
1992-1993 Dallas Mayor’s Committee Scholarship.
1993-1994 Dallas Mayor’s Committee Scholarship.