

SHANA S. HARPER

CLINICAL SOCIAL WORKER

ACADEMIC POSITIONS

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES-SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Assistant Clinical Professor/Online MSW Program Field Education Coordinator

2025 - Present

- Online teaching of field and practice courses under the direction of the MSW Field Education Director and MSW Program chair
- Assist with academic assessment in order to continuously improve the program as a whole, especially the online program

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY COLLEGE OF HEALTH SCIENCES-SCHOOL OF SOCIAL WORK

Graduate Teacher Assistant

2022 - 2025

- Assist with grading assignments, exams, and other assessments
- Conduct discussion on key social work topics

MS URBAN RESEARCH CENTER

Researcher

2023

- Research trending topics
- Create a research presentation for the conference

HONORS/AWARDS

- 2025 Mississippi Conference for Social Welfare, Graduate Scholarship Award Amount: \$1000
- 2023 Richard First Memorial Scholarship, Jackson State University, Award Amount: \$2500
- 2021 Higher Purpose Co. Business Pitch Competition, Award Amount: \$2500

LICENSURE

Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW) - Rhode Island

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Jackson, MS

RESEARCH INTERESTS

- Intimate Partner Violence
- Early Childhood Mental Health
- Mental Health in the Black Church
- Health Care Disparities in Marginalized Communities

EDUCATION

2022-Present

JACKSON STATE UNIVERSITY
Doctoral Candidate, School of Social Work

May 2007

UNIVERSITY OF TENNESSEE-KNOXVILLE
Master of Science in Clinical Social Work

May 2001

TOUGALOO COLLEGE
Bachelor of Arts in Psychology

SOCIAL WORK PRACTICE EXPERIENCES

2024-Present	CEO Be Undefeated, Incorporated, Jackson, MS
2018-Present	CEO/Outreach & Community Development Director Be Undefeated Therapeutic Solutions, LLC, Jackson, MS
2021-2022	Assessment and Referral Counselor Brentwood Behavioral Healthcare, Flowood, MS
2018-2019	Social Worker Westside Early Childhood Center, Jackson, MS
2017-2018	Early Childhood Development Coordinator City of Jackson Department of Human & Cultural Services, Jackson, MS
2012-2013	Child Therapist Victims to Victory, Memphis, TN
2007-2013	Subcontracted Individual and Group Therapist Comprehensive Professional Services, Memphis, TN
2008-2011	Senior Residential Counselor Youth Villages, Bartlett, TN
2007-2008	Therapeutic Foster Care Therapist Counseling Services of Eastern Arkansas, West Memphis, AR

GRANTS AWARDED

Grants Funded

2024

Principal Investigator

Mississippi Department of Health

Project Title: Making Proud Choices: Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program

Award Amount \$10,000

PUBLICATIONS

Harper, S. S. (2023, May 1). Minority Health Month: What you need to know. Jackson Advocate. Retrieved from <https://jacksonadvocateonline.com/minority-health-month-what-you-need-to-know/>

Harper, S. S. (2025). *Grace in the trenches: A 21-day devotional & journal for social workers and other helping professionals*. Self-published.

Jenkins, P., Roberts-Lewis, K, Harper, S., & Jwainat, A. (Accepted, Anticipated Publishing December 2025). Building a Diverse and Competent Anti-Racist Workforce. Cognella Academic Publishing: Solan Beach, CA.

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Harper, S. (March 29, 2025). "Smart Solutions, Caring Hearts: Technology Empowering Social Work". National Association of Social Workers Mississippi Chapter Annual Conference. March 2025, Jackson, MS.

Harper, S. (May 16, 2024). "The Ripple Effect of Anxiety on Physical Health". National Alliance of Mental Illness (NAMI) Mississippi Conference. May 2024, Raymond, MS.

PROFESSIONAL TRAINING SEMINARS

"Promoting Change Management and Adaptability in Times of Uncertainty, Change, and Growth Keynote Speaker." Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, November 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Active Listening vs. Unsolicited Advice". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, November 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Promoting Speaking and Listening Skills While Reinforcing Positive Behavior." Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Strategies for Supporting Self-Regulation and Toxic Stress." Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Strategies for Implementing the Seven Parent, Family, and Community Engagement Framework Domains: Ingredients for Success". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Case Management". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Mandated Reporting". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Establishing & Maintaining Partnerships". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2023, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Burnout: Building Resilience in the Workplace (Modified)." National Association for Mental Illness Monthly Meeting, December 2021, Virtual.

"Case Management: Goal Setting and Referral Services". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Creating a Family Friendly Head Start Program". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

"Strengthening & Supporting Family Well-Being Through Fatherhood Involvement". Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Managing A Caseload: Documenting Child and Family Services”. Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Burnout: Building Resilience in the Workplace.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Stress Management and Physical Activity for Healthy Living”. Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“What is a Friend?”. Mississippi Children’s Museum Weekly Girl Support Group, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Engaging With Families in Conversations About Sensitive Topics During Stressful Times.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2021, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Pros and Cons of Proper Record Keeping.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Redefining The Mindset of Case Management, Referral Services, & Follow-Up.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Providing Virtual Services to Families: The Art of Family Engagement”. Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Overload: Recognizing the Signs of Trauma and Toxic Stress That Affect Learning and Behavior.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Jackson, Mississippi.

“Individualization for Children With Disabilities, Suspected Delays and Other Special Needs.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Virtual.

“It Takes A Village: Head Start and Families Working Together for Head Start Children’s Success in Learning.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Virtual.

“Self-Regulation: The Superpower That Helps A Child Manage Emotions, Impulse Behavior.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency Quarterly Professional Development Training, 2020, Virtual.

“July is Minority Mental Health Month: What is That Anyway?”. New Hope Baptist Church Wellness Wednesday, 2020, Virtual.

“Hey You! Put Your Crown on Right!: A Closer Look At How Self Esteem and Body Image Can Help You Adjust Your Attitude For Self Love”. Jackson Public School Youth Symposium, 2020, Jackson, Mississippi

“Family Well Being: Strategies to Support Family Safety, Health, and Financial Stability.” Hinds County Human Resource Agency, 2019, Jackson, Mississippi

“The Miseducation of Love: Do You Know What It Is?”. Hinds Community College Health Fair Symposium, 2019, Utica, Mississippi

“We Are Healthy From Head to Toe: A Close Look at the Importance of Mental Wellness in Your Child.” Woven OrphanCare, 2019, Brandon, Mississippi

COURSES TAUGHT

Jackson State University

MSW Program

Foundational Field Practicum and Seminar

Course Number 594 Section 100 and Course Number 595 Section 100

COMMITTEES

Outcome & Evaluation Committee

Scholarship Committee

Phi Alpha Honor Society MSW Chair

HONOR SOCIETY

Kappa Phi Chapter of Alpha Kappa Mu Honor Society

Alpha Kappa Chapter of Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Mississippi Gamma Chapter of Alpha Chi National College Honor Society

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

National Association of Social Workers

Mississippi Chapter of National Association of Social Workers

National Association of Black Social Workers

Mississippi Early Childhood Association

Southern Early Childhood Association

Mississippi Early Childhood Development Coalition

Mississippi Conference on Social Welfare

Council on Social Work Education

Postpartum Support International Mississippi Chapter

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

Mississippi Children's Museum Wonder of Wellness Committee

Higher Purpose Co.

Mid-Jackson Excel by 5 Coalition Member

Jackson-Hinds Comprehensive Health Center Health Start Community Action Network Partner

Jackson Public School P-16 Community Engagement Council

New Hope Baptist Church Member

Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Incorporated

BOARD POSITIONS

Secretary- Mississippi Chapter of National Association of Social Workers 2023-present

Secretary- MS Early Childhood Association 2024-2025