

# SARAH BERMAN, LSW

## SOCIAL WORKER AND FILMMAKER

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### EDUCATION

Master of Social Work  
University of Denver, Class of 2020  
Current GPA: 3.98  
Concentration: Mental Health

Bachelor of Arts  
Duke University, Class of 2014  
Overall GPA: 3.89  
Major: Cultural Anthropology

### AWARDS

Phi Alpha Social Work Honor Society

Princeton in Latin America Fellowship (Bolivia)

Fulbright Scholar English Teaching Assistantship (Malaysia)

Paul Farmer Award for Justice and Social Responsibility

Phi Beta Kappa Honor Society

### OTHER SKILLS AND INTERESTS

Research: Significant experience in public health, anthropological, and legal research

Languages: English (native), Spanish (fluent)

Computer: SPSS, ChildPlus, MyAvatar

Filmmaking: Outdoor Film Fellowship, professional production experience, skilled in Adobe Creative Cloud

Yoga: Certified yoga teacher (200 hours)

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

#### Forensic Social Worker

Alternate Defense Counsel | June 2020 - present  
Western Slope, Colorado

- Provides legal mitigation and resource identification work throughout Colorado's Western Slope to work with indigent clients in and out of custody
- Gathers life history information through interviews with clients and other contacts in addition to records collection and review
- Forges close collaboration with clients to create mitigation reports that contextualize client experiences in the face of legal charges

#### Therapist

Mind Springs Health | September 2019 - May 2020  
Frisco, Colorado

- Maintained a caseload of individual and family clients in Summit County Jail and Mind Springs Health's office
- Provided in-person and virtual therapeutic sessions for clients in English and Spanish for children, adolescents, and adults
- Conducted diagnostic intake sessions for new Mind Springs Health clients and coordinated client services

#### Social Worker

Office of the State Public Defender | September 2018 - June 2019  
Dillon, Colorado

- Established a social work perspective for the public defender's office in Colorado's 5th Judicial District
- Met with clients in county jails to provide supportive counseling in a collaborative effort to develop mitigation reports
- Connected public defender clients to alternative sentencing possibilities and resources and/or coping strategies for courtroom outcomes

#### Family Engagement Specialist

Early Childhood Options | March 2016 - May 2018  
Dillon, Colorado

- Advocated for families with Summit County, Colorado's Head Start 0-5 program and worked to provide comprehensive services for 2 preschool sites and 25 families in Spanish and English
- Fostered communication between schools, non-profit organizations, state programs, and medical professionals to coordinate relationships with families in an effort to improve services and reduce agency time
- Developed systems to facilitate close collaboration with the State of Colorado's childcare subsidy program and sustain compliance with Head Start Performance Standards to ensure continued funding