

Jeffrey A. Brentley has a passion for helping people develop the skills to navigate life's challenges and achieve their dreams. Jeff (as his friends know him) is a licensed clinical social worker and the Executive Director of Finding Clarity. He chose this profession because he believes in helping others reach their goals by assisting them in identifying their needs, developing effective skills, and implementing realistic solutions.

Jeffrey A. Brentley, born and raised in Detroit, MI, is a seasoned professional with a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from Michigan State University. While at Michigan State University, he was first introduced to the sport of Judo as a class, then as a club sport. While there, he earned the rank of Sankyu (brown belt) and participated in the club. While he was intrigued by the sport, his academic pursuits were his primary focus, which caused his participation in the sport to be put on the side. However, after completing his master's degree, Jeff was able to become active again in the martial arts community as he began practicing Brazilian jujitsu under Marcos Santos in the fall of 2007. He immediately fell in love with the sport and has been an active, frequent participant ever since. Jeff has developed a strong passion for Brazilian jujitsu, having competed and coached in multiple tournaments in New York and New Jersey. He currently holds the rank of Brown Belt under Ryan Hall.

In 2004, he moved to New York City, where he began and earned a Master of Science in Social Work from Columbia University. There, he gained extensive experience in New York City and Syracuse, NY, working with children, adults, couples, and families in various therapy areas, including addiction, family conflicts, family-child separation, adoption, mental health, and school-related behavioral problems. In addition to providing direct care, he has held multiple managerial roles in non-profits throughout his career. Since moving to Alexandria, VA, in 2016, he has continued his passion for helping others by founding Finding Clarity. Finding Clarity aims to help those in need find inner peace and mental clarity through personalized counseling. As the founder and executive director, he is committed to ensuring that all company functions align with this mission and the company's values. This commitment is evident in his oversight of developing and implementing company goals, maintaining relationships with community stakeholders, negotiating contracts, and ensuring compliance with all regulatory guidelines. His dedication also extends to managing and ensuring financial viability, strategic planning, marketing strategies, hiring practices, and retention strategies. Finding Clarity currently operates in Maryland and Virginia, with plans to expand to Pennsylvania and North Carolina.

As a Board Member for USA Judo, Jeffrey A. Brentley would bring a blend of his experience in the martial arts community and leadership in the non-profit and for-profit world. His experience in the martial arts community provides him with the cultural context to understand and work with essential stakeholders in American Judo. This, combined with his experience in the non-profit and small business world, has helped him understand the challenges many dojo owners and practitioners face. He will bring an independent mind that is mission-driven, strategic, and goal-oriented, with the skill to manage organizational

and interpersonal conflicts. Obtaining the position of Independent Director for USA Judo would be a great honor as a member of the martial arts community.

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OBJECTIVE

To obtain position as a member of the USA Judo board of directors.

EDUCATION

2004 - 2006 **Masters of Science in Social Work
Clinical Concentration
Columbia University, New York, NY**

1998-2003 **Bachelor of Arts in Psychology
Michigan State University, East Lansing MI**

ADMINISTRATIVE &

SUPERVISORY EXPERIENCE

Jan. 2017 – Current **Founder and Executive Director**
Finding Clarity, Alexandria VA (Headquarters)
Provides organizational leadership while overseeing the implementation of policies and procedures. Develops organizational goals and strategies for regulatory compliance and quality assurance while ensuring financial stability. Creates an environment and culture that matches our mission statement, goals, and company values. Negotiate contracts with insurance carriers and while representing Finding Clarity at important events, industry trainings, and networking events.

Sept 2016 – Sept 2018 **Substance Abuse Program Coordinator,**
Center for Children, La Plata, MD
Develop and implement an evidenced based substance abuse treatment program for adolescents (13-17) and transitional aged youth (18-24) over Charles, Calvert, and St. Mary's counties in Maryland. Ensure the program is compliant with all state regulations while overseeing all clinical and administrative duties of the program. Ensure all company policies and procedures are enforced at all times. Participate and assist in coordinating the agency's compliance with all CARF standards in preparation for the initial accrediting survey.

Sept. 2014 - May 2015 **Assistant Director for Treatment,** Taberg Residential Center for Girls
New York State Office of Children and Family Services, Taberg NY
Coordinate and provide clinical oversight of all treatment services and mental health related programs in a 24 bed residential facility for adjudicated youth. Coordinate the activities of interdisciplinary treatment teams and continuity of care in relation to case management. Train and monitor staff in the implementation of evidence-based modalities that address mental health crises. Coordinate treatment planning. Provide leadership, management and direction in conjunction with the Facility Director for around 100 staff.

Oct. 2013 – June 2014 **Program Director of Mental Health Rehabilitative Services,**
Unity House of Cayuga County, Auburn, NY
Provide direct oversight and monitoring of all program budgetary components: program goals, policies, and procedures of mental health rehabilitative services and peer staffed programs; 10 staff in total. Responsibilities also include development, implementation, and maintenance of all assigned mental health rehabilitative program operations. Participate in community activities and internal committees pertinent to Unity House Mental Health programs. Develop performance benchmarks and maintained quality and performance data on all mental health rehab services.

April 2010 - Sept - 2013 **Various Positions** (see below) START Treatment and Recovery Centers, Brooklyn, NY
August 2011 – Sept. 2013 **Clinic Director,** Start Ft. Greene Clinic.
Increased program census from 460-550 patients. Perform all administrative duties, while overseeing all medical and counseling services conducted by 30 program personnel. Operate the program in accordance with CARF and NY state Opioid Treatment Program regulations, review all documentation for compliance with agency policies and regulatory guidelines. Prepare program performance reports to senior management, while developing and implementing marketing strategies to generate referrals. Participate in multiple committees to improve agency functioning and enhancement.

- Jan. 2011 – August 2011 **Supervisor of Behavioral Health Services**, Start Third Horizon Clinic
Provide group and individual clinical supervision to counselors; review all documentation for compliance with state regulations. Coordinate and supervise the intake process conduct mental health evaluations, oversee all clinical services performed by counseling staff, and provide administrative support to Program Director as needed.
- April 2010 – June 2011 **Program Director**, Recovery Instills Self Esteem (Start program: part-time position)
Oversee and perform all administrative and clinical duties and supervise 10 program personnel. Operate the program in accordance with NY state drug-free substance abuse program guidelines, review all documentation for compliance with agency policies and regulatory guidelines. Prepare quarterly and annual performance reports to senior management, while developing and implementing marketing strategies to generate referrals
- Sept. 2009 – Jan 2011 **Social Work Supervisor**, Urban Center for Alcoholism Services (UCAS)
Urban Resource Institute, Brooklyn, NY
Provide group and individual clinical supervision to 3 counselors; review all documentation for compliance with state regulations. Coordinate and supervise the intake process, conduct mental health and substance abuse/dependence evaluations, oversee all clinical services performed by counseling staff, and provide administrative support to Program Director as needed.
- Program began July 2003 **Co-Founder and Executive Board Member**,
July 2003 – June 2004 African American Mentoring Program, Michigan State University,
Co-founded and co-directed five year pilot peer mentoring program designed to increase graduation and retention rates of incoming African American Students. Developed the organizational structure, program policies, guidelines, and training, supervision of 28 mentors for this university program.

CLINICAL WORK EXPERIENCE

- January 2017-Current **Finding Clarity** (clinical responsibilities), Alexandria VA
Perform outpatient individual, couples, and family therapy to adults and children with mental health disorders. Oversees all clinical services performed by therapists to ensure clinical improvement.
- January 2014 – Dec. 2016 **Brentley Consulting Services** (Private Practice), Syracuse NY
Perform outpatient individual, couples, and family therapy to adults and children with mental health disorders. Negotiate contracts with insurance carriers for reimbursement while managing all financial and marketing measures.
- Oct. 2011 – Sept. 2013 **Social Worker**, (per diem)
Brooklyn Center for Psychotherapy, Brooklyn, NY
Perform outpatient individual and family therapy to children with mental health disorders while establishing and implementing treatment plans.
- Feb. 2007 – Feb. 2010 **Social Worker** (Part-Time Position)
Northside Center for Child Development, New York, NY
Perform outpatient individual and family therapy to children with mental health disorders while establishing and implementing treatment plans.
- Nov. 2007 – Oct. 2009 **Psychiatric Social Worker**
Association to Benefit Children, New York, NY
Conduct mental health evaluations while implementing play, individual, group and family counseling for children's mobile crisis unit. Conducts home and school visits to coordinate effective interventions to ensure a healthy living environment.
- Summer 2008 **Consulting Social Worker** (per diem)
Project Breakthrough, New York, NY
Advise program director on identifying children with behavioral and emotional needs. Conduct training for program staff, identify service needs and provide referrals for children in adolescent academic summer program
- June 2006 – Nov. 2007 **Case Planner**
Brooklyn Bureau of Community Services, New York, NY
Practice family therapy with families in crisis to prevent unnecessary placement of

children into foster care and help families function productively. Conduct home visits to assess healthy living environment and case management to assist families in obtaining resources.

Sept. 2005 – May2006

Social Work Intern - Diversity Training Program

Ackerman Institute for Family Therapy, New York, NY

Practice family therapy with couples and families in crisis. Help families to harness and strengthen existing resources by working collaboratively toward inventive solutions to tough problems.

Say Yes to Education (SYTE): as part of the Diversity Training Program I also worked with SYTE by creating workshops targeting identified needs and developed a resource packet of community supports and services for at-risk children and their families.

References available upon request