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Education

M.Ed., Rehabilitation Counseling, Kent State University, 1979.
Internship, Hillside Rehabilitation Hospital, Warren, OH, 1979.
B.A., Sociology, Mount Union College, Alliance, OH, 1976.

Certifications

Certified Rehabilitation Counselor (CRC), #15989, 1982.
Registered Private Rehabilitation Counselor, Washington State Department of Labor and Industries, #3001, 1981
Certified Disability Management Specialist (CDMS), #01028, 1985.
Certified Case Manager (CCM), #10317, 1993.
Contracted Counselor with Veteran's Administration, 1997.
Certified Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, State of Oregon, Workers' Compensation Division.
Registered Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, State of Alaska, Department of Labor, Workers' Compensation Division.
Vocational Expert for the Social Security Administration Office of Hearings and Appeals.

Employment

Intake Care Coordinator and Vocational Counselor, Youngstown Society for the Blind and Disabled, Youngstown, OH 1976 - 1979.
Training Coordinator, Conbela Associates, Seattle, WA, 1979 - 1980.
Rehabilitation Counselor and Consultant (founding partner), OSC Vocational Systems, Inc., Seattle, WA 1981 - present.

Professional Areas of Expertise

Manager of a large staff of rehabilitation professionals providing a variety of rehabilitation services including case management (coordination of care) and vocational rehabilitation in the areas of workers compensation, personal injury, veterans services, social security, railroad, maritime, longshore, families and school district cases.

Vocational rehabilitation counseling, coordination of care/case management, developing rehabilitation plans, job development and placement, psychometric testing, expert testimony, life care planning, and case management.

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Professional Associations

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals (IARP) – 1995 - Current
Board Member – 2008-09
Case Management Society of America – 1993 - Current
International Academy of Life Care Planners (IALCP) Section of IARP –
Board Member – 2008-09
Professionals in Worker’s Compensation – 2002 - Current
JRRD Reviewer: Journal of Rehabilitation Research and Development.
Department of Veteran Affairs Rehabilitation Research and Development Service,
Baltimore, MD., 2012.
Spinal Cord Injury Association of Washington – Member Board of Directors 2012-17
Washington Self Insurers Association – 2002 – Current

Publications

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Special Projects & Presentations:

“Impact of the Department of Defense Paradigm Shift on Amputee Prosthetic Care”.
Team member to identify service needs of injured soldiers returning from Operation Enduring Freedom (Afghanistan) and Operation Iraqi Freedom. Focus on state-of-the-art rehabilitation care and prosthetic devices. Goal to assist the Department of Defense and the Department of Veterans Affairs in providing for long term care planning/prosthetic needs. University of Washington and VA Puget Sound Health Care System , 2010.

International Association of Rehabilitation Professionals – Webinar Clinical Judgment, October 13, 2010

Canadian Life Care Planning Summit 2011, Toronto, Ontario, June 3-4, 2011. Group Facilitator.

Choppa, A., Field, T, Jayne, K. and Johnson, C.,; (Presenter) American Rehabilitation Economics Association (AREA) Annual Conference 2011, **Clinical Judgment**, Seattle, WA, 6/11/11

Choppa, A., **Life Care Planning Process and Practice**, Association Internationale de Dommage Corporel Pre-Congress Workshop: Life care Planning: State of Art, Montreal, Canada, September 9, 2012.

Choppa, A., & Johnson, C., **Case Studies and Discussion: Amputation and Spinal Cord Injury**, Association Internationale de Dommage Corporel Pre-Congress Workshop: Life Care Planning: State of Art, Montreal, Canada, September 9, 2012.

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