

# Maria Olga Cabada

## Education

MSSW 1990	University of Texas at Austin, 1990 Direct Practice Concentration
Bachelor of Arts	University of Texas at El Paso, 1983 Social Work

## Academic Positions

October 2012-Present Field Programs Director  
New Mexico State University School of Social Work  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

- Administrative responsibility for the fieldwork program
- Administer the MSW Field Practicum Program
- Teach MSW 554 Advanced Social Work Practice and MSW 505 Introduction to Social Work Practice
- Develop affiliations with agencies and organizations in the Las Cruces, Alamogordo, El Paso and surrounding areas
- Serve as Liaison to field agencies
- Lead Seminars
- Lead in networking between NMSU MSW Field Program and community agencies and organizations
- Develop and provide field related trainings, educational fairs and orientations
- Develop other trainings and community meetings as needed to better meet the needs of students, the MSW Field Program and the community it serves
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New Mexico State University School of Social Work  
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January 2010-  
December 2012

Adjunct Social Work Department Instructor  
New Mexico State University School of Social Work  
Las Cruces, New Mexico

- Taught 2 sections of SW 309 Socio-Cultural Concepts
- Taught 2 sections of SW 314 Introduction to Family Practice
- Served as Liaison and Seminar Instructor for MSW 551

August 1999-  
August 2009

BSW Field Coordinator  
Social Work Department, University of Texas at El Paso  
El Paso, Texas

- Administered the Field Practicum Program
- Taught Field Practicum Courses, Evidence Based Practice in Mental Health, and sections of Practice I courses
- Served and facilitated a variety of committees
- Developed affiliations with community agencies in El Paso, Southern New Mexico and Juarez, Mexico
- Developed policies, procedures, field manuals and related documentation for the BSW and MSW programs
- Developed field practicum curriculum for the BSW and MSW programs
- Developed and provided field workshops and CEU trainings
- Served as primary developer of MSW Field Education Program
- Supervised field faculty
- Mediated field issues
- Served as a field liaison
- Provided academic advising

January 1998-  
December 1999

Adjunct Field Liaison  
New Mexico State University School of Social Work

## Las Cruces, New Mexico

- Assisted the Field Director in development of agency affiliations in the El Paso, TX area
- Provided liaison and seminar instruction to approximately 25 students per semester in the BSW and MSW programs in the Las Cruces and El Paso areas
- Served in the Field Advisory Committee and assisted in the development and implementation of field curricula and requirements
- Assisted the Field Director with Field Instructor trainings

## Clinical and Direct Practice Experience

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| August 2009-<br>December 2011 | Family Therapist/Social Worker<br>Aprendamos Intervention Team<br>301 Perkins, Suite: B<br>Las Cruces, NM                  | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Provided psychosocial family evaluations</li><li>• Provided child development assessments for children at risk or children experiencing developmental delays</li><li>• Provided ongoing assessments with qualitative analyses of social/emotional development to children in the program</li><li>• Developed and implemented treatment plans to meet family psychosocial needs</li><li>• Provided case management services and referrals to families needing social services</li></ul> |
| August 1991-<br>August 2012   | Employee Assistance Program Counselor<br>Intervention & Consulting Associates<br>Justin Industries in Texas and New Mexico | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Assisted employees and family members dealing with psychosocial problems</li><li>• Provided intakes, psychosocial and needs assessments</li><li>• Provided individual, marital and family psychotherapy, case management and referrals</li><li>• Coordinated treatment for employees testing positive for drug use</li></ul>   |
| August 1997-<br>December 1998 | Social Service Provider<br>Jardin de los Niños Day Care<br>Las Cruces, NM  |  |

- Developed and implemented a social service program to assist homeless or near homeless parents in establishing stability in housing and employment or education
- Established a network with other agencies to develop services for parents being served by the agency
- Provided counseling and case management
- Provided individual and group therapy
- Provided parenting classes
- Provided staff trainings
- Supervised MSW and BSW students attending NMSU

June 1991-  
March 1992

MSW Social Worker  
Hospice of El Paso  
El Paso, TX

March 1991-  
October 1992

Medical Social Worker  
Border Children Health Center  
El Paso, TX

January 1991-  
October 1992

Birth Mother Counselor  
El Paso Adoption Services  
El Paso, TX

August 1990-  
December 1990

MSW Concentration Intern  
Rio Grande Council of Governments/Department of Health  
Long Term Program for Aging and Disabled  
El Paso, Ft. Hancock, Sierra Blanca, Van Horn, DellCity,  
TX

August 1989-  
August 1990

Non Residential Counselor  
La Casa, Inc.  
Las Cruces, NM

June 1989-  
August 1989

MSW 1<sup>st</sup> year Intern  
Mesilla Valley Hospice  
Las Cruces, NM

August 1988-  
August 1989

Therapist and Educator  
Woman's Alcohol Abuse Pilot Program  
El Paso Community College  
El Paso, TX

October 1987-  
August 1988

Non Residential Therapist/Victim Advocate  
El Paso Shelter for Battered Women  
El Paso, TX

May 1983-  
October 1987

Psychotherapist  
El Paso Mental Health and Mental Retardation

	El Paso, TX
1982-1983	Office Manager Jose Castillo, MD, El Paso, TX
1981-1982	Psychiatric Technician Sun Valley Psychiatric Hospital, El Paso, TX
1979-1981	House Parent Southwestern Community House, El Paso, TX
1977-1979	Day Care Director YWCA Day Care Program, El Paso, TX
1976-1977	Administrative Assistant St. Patrick Catholic School, El Paso, TX

### **License**

Licensed Independent Social Worker, License No. I-07316,  
State of New Mexico, Issue Date: 05/10/2010

### **Professional Memberships**

National Association of Social Workers

### **Professional Volunteer Activities**

- Board Member, Southwest Chapter of the International Dyslexia Association, 2005 - 2011
- Chair of the Dyslexia Task Force Committee for the Las Cruces Public School Board, 2006 – 2008
- Co-Chair of the Parents of Children with Dyslexia Association, 2003 – 2008
- Board Member, El Paso Adoption Services, 1991-1993
- Board Member, UT Social Work Alumni Association, 1998 - 2007

### **Publications**

Cabada, M.O. & Burns, SK (2012). MSW Field manual. Las Cruces, NM: New Mexico State University School of Social Work.

Cabada, M.O. (1999, 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, 2009). Field Manual. El Paso, TX: University of Texas at El Paso Bachelor of Social Work Program.

Cabada, M.O. (1998) Resource directory of social services for Jardin de los Niños. Las Cruces, NM.

### **Selected Presentations**

Cabada, M.O. (August, 2012). Basic Advanced Generalist Field Instructor/ Liaison Training. Presented at NMSU School of Social Work. Las Cruces, NM.

Cabada, M.O. & Ortiz, M. (July, 2012). Combined Basic Generalist and Advanced Generalist Core Competencies and Practice Behaviors For Field Instructors. Presented to field instructors at La Vida. El Paso, TX.

Cabada, M.O. (June, 2012). Basic Advanced Generalist Field Instructor/ Liaison Training. Presented at NMSU School of Social Work. Las Cruces, NM.

Cabada, M.O. & Yribia, V.W. (March 2012). Integrating Core Competencies In Culturally Responsive Social Work Practice. Presented at the Field Instructors Training at NMSU School of Social Work. Las Cruces, NM.

Cabada, M.O. & Palmer, D. (October 2009). Stopping and Reducing Biting Behaviors For Toddlers. Presented at The Children's Garden Day Care. Las Cruces, NM.

Cabada, M.O., Lucas, F. & Lusk, M. (March 2008). Ethics in Social Work Education. Presented to the El Paso Chapter of NASW of Texas. El Paso, TX.

Cabada, M.O, Yribia, V.W. & Bermudez, F. (March 2006). The Learning Agreement: Bringing Classroom Learning to the Community Through Individualized Student Directed Learning. Presented at the International Sun Conference on Teaching and Learning. El Paso, TX.

Cabada, M.O. & Moreno, R. (1991, March). Rural Social Work in the Southwest. Presented at the Texas Rural Social Work Conference. Austin, TX.

Cabada, M.O. (1989, April). Findings on Substance Abuse and Women. Presented at the El Paso Community College Women's Conference. El Paso, TX.

Cabada, M.O., Erickson, S. & Sandoval, M. (1986, February). Coping with Stress Effectively. Presented at a staff training for Project Bravo. El Paso, TX.

Cabada, M.O. (1985, May). Coping with Stress Effectively. Presented to the Woman's Bar Association. El Paso, TX

**TRAININGS:**

Multiple trainings on interventions with mental health populations including a 40 hour training on strategic family therapy, extensive Instructor training on Prevention and Management of Aggressive Behavior. I received extensive in-house training on crisis intervention, diagnosing and therapeutic intervention with mental and substance abuse disorders according to the Diagnostic and Statistical Manual of Psychiatric Disorders. I have also received Systematic Training on Effective Parenting Instructor training.

**OTHER JOB RELATED TRAININGS:**

Professional development trainings on substance abuse, psychotic disorders, mood disorders, crisis intervention, PTSD, deviant behaviors, domestic violence, cultural competence in mental health, child development disorders particularly in relation to ADHD and learning disabilities, stress management, effective case management from 1983 until the present.

**LANGUAGES:**

English:	Spoken: Advanced, Written: Advanced, Read: Advanced
Spanish:	Spoken: Advanced, Written: Advanced, Read: Advanced

**ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC WORK INFORMATION:**

While employed in the Social Work Program at the University of Texas at El Paso I was part of a 3 faculty member team that worked closely together to transition the Social Work Program from the College of Liberal Arts to the College of Health Sciences and in attaining CSWE re-accreditation in 2008.

I was recognized for participation in the development of a southwest branch of the UT-Social Work Alumni Association and scholarship fundraising activities. I have been a member of the Social Work Honor Society at the University of Texas at El Paso and have been while in graduate school at UT Austin. I have been recognized by students at Induction ceremonies for excellence in teaching. I have been involved in a leadership position in New Mexico and El Paso, Texas in educating teachers and parents on dyslexia and its remediation and in getting a state bill passed in New Mexico requiring remediation services for children with dyslexia. I have been involved in initiating support groups for various populations including the first therapy group for people with AIDS in El Paso, Texas in 1987.

#### REFERENCES:

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