

Jim Kotouc joined the staff at United Community Services in November of 2010 as a Counselor in the Post-Jail program. Jim has 21 years of experience in the Substance Abuse treatment field, working for a variety of agencies in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri. Jim graduated from the Powell III Counselor Training Program in Des Moines, Iowa in 1983 after completing an internship at Iowa Methodist Medical Center and obtaining his Certificate of Specialization in Chemical Dependency Counseling through DMACC. In 1985, Jim was one of the first ten people to become certified as a Substance Abuse Counselor in the State of Iowa through the Iowa Board of Substance Abuse Certification.

Jim graduated from Governor's State University in 2005, having earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Liberal Arts. Jim is currently in the process of obtaining his CADC certification through the Iowa Board of Certification.

Jim has worked with adults, juveniles, and families during his career in the counseling and treatment field. Jim has worked in hospital based programs, community agencies, a men's halfway house, schools, juvenile institutions, and a corrections based Therapeutic Community program in a men's prison.

Jim completed specialized training in Functional Family Therapy, and the PRIME for Life Under 21, and Re-Connecting Youth curriculums in 2006-2008.

Jim has over 30 years of personal recovery experience, and served on the District 13 Treatment Facilities Committee for AA in the Iowa City area in 2009-2010, and remains active in the recovery community.

Jim served on the Executive Committee for the Iowa Board of Substance Abuse Certification from 1992-1999, as Vice-President for Quality Improvement, as well as serving on the Professional Development Committee, and the Ethics and Appeals Committee during his time of service to the Board. Jim served as Vice-President for the Southwest Iowa Coalition Against Domestic Abuse from 1996-1999. Jim served as Vice-President of the Chemical Dependency Treatment Programs of Iowa from 1994-1997. Jim was on the Legislative Committee for the Iowa Substance Abuse Program Director's Association from 1997-1999. Jim also served as a member of the Provider Roundtable for the Iowa Plan for Managed Care from 1997-1999. Jim has a long standing history of advocacy for the substance abuse treatment field and the clients served by the programs he's worked for in Iowa, Illinois, and Missouri.

Jim is happily married, has two grown sons in the military, both of whom are married, and he has two grandsons who he enjoys spending time with. Jim enjoys listening to music, attending sporting events, car shows, going to concerts, hiking, camping, travelling, and antiquing.