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Title: Restorative Justice Services Coordinator at Lutheran Community Services NW

Morgan brings almost 15 years of working experience in the fields of restorative justice and conflict resolution and 25 years of experience teaching strength and wellness all over the world. She completed her graduate studies (PSU, 2010, Conflict Resolution) within prison inmate and correction officer populations and co-founded 2 restorative justice-based groups in Oregon prisons that still function today, one of which includes inmates and corrections officers as well as some administration all working together. As a juvenile restorative justice program coordinator in both Clackamas and Multnomah counties, she has worked closely with police officers on referrals to divert youth from the justice system.

In her personal life, Morgan has Navy serving family members in both her own as well as her husband's families, a cousin who is a retired Oregon police officer and diverse families and friends all over the world that bring diverse opinions and ideas. This is what Morgan thrives on. She is currently working toward beginning a PhD program which would align her two careers.

With a passion for equity and cultural competency, Morgan speaks up for the voiceless, studies, practices and models white ally behavior, acknowledges the white privilege she was born with and has achieved success with and most importantly acknowledges the true history of colonialism, slavery and genocide that this country was founded on. She is active and committed to change systemic racism. Finally, her gratitude for the soldiers and officers that commit to serve the community and the world is extended. Thank you.

Trainer Acknowledgement:

Every community owes its existence and vitality to generations from around the world who contributed their hopes, dreams and energy to making the history that led to this moment. Some were brought here against their will, some were drawn to leave their distant homes in hope of a better life, and some have lived on this land for more generations than can be counted. Truth, acknowledgement and bravery are critical to building mutual respect and connection across all barriers of heritage and difference.

We begin this effort to acknowledge what has been concealed by honoring the truth. The Native communities in Portland number over 70,000 strong and are descended from over 380 tribes. We are gathering on the ancestral and occupied lands of the Multnomah, Wasco, Cowlitz, Kathlamet, Clackamas, Chinook, Tualitan Kalapuya, Molalla and more who may call this place home. We genuinely pay respects to their elders past and present. We vow to begin building authentic relationships with tribal communities and the land. We are committed to maintaining the integrity of this acknowledgement and striving to further surface buried truths, lift up Native sovereignty and priming our collective culture for deeper truth and reconciliation efforts. Please take a moment to consider the many legacies of violence, displacement, migration, and settlement that bring us together here today.

This land acknowledgment is adapted from recommendations found in the USDAC guidebook on honoring Native land which can be found at <https://usdac.us/nativeland> with Portland specific information found at <https://www.up.edu/activities/files/leading-with-tradition.pdf> .

We invite everyone in this group to commit to growing, learning and building relationship through bravery and mutual respect for each other. This begins with us, (the counselors, teachers, trainers etc), who are leading this group. We acknowledge the privilege (some of us) we carry and recognize the true history of how our systems were created. We are active participants in changing ourselves, our programs and our communities. We hope this conversation can carry throughout our time together and into the future. We hope to share what we have learned and to learn from each other. We are committed to open hearts for ourselves and for each other when we make mistakes. We ask for everyone to commit to open hearts, respect and mutual support for each other as we path the way to a different future.