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## SUMMARY

Master-level Social Worker and credentialed preventionist in the state of Arizona.

Worked in the non-profit and social services arena for 24 consecutive years. Twenty-one years spent in the field of prevention, partnering with teen parents, children, families and youth. Using a community mobilization and capacity building model, have collaborated across systemic and individual domains with diverse cultural populations specific to Arizona and the Southwest.

Highly skilled in facilitation and negotiation with strong bilingual communication ability.

Strong people skills developed while working in the field of social services.

Diverse experience recruiting, training, coaching, and evaluating employees

Master trainer since 2006 in suicide intervention and prevention using the curriculums of Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST), safeTALK and Question Persuade Refer (QPR).

Also trains in the areas of Resiliency, Community Development, Cultural Competency, Youth Development, Youth/Adult Partnerships, Importance of Connectedness, teambuilding, leadership, group facilitation and core foundations for prevention.

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

### Practicum Education Assistant Manager

Arizona State University School of Social Work Tucson Campus

2019-Present

Tucson, AZ

#### *Responsibilities:*

- Coordinates and administers student support to Tucson and Southern Arizona students, in person and online, such as student orientation, and Preparation for Practice Training, Learning Contract Workshops, and certification training for new practicum instructors and liaisons.
- Provides administration and program activities and services for the students in a social work degree program; interprets program procedures, policies, goals and objectives; provides technical guidance, mediation and problem resolution, as needed.
- Initiates, develops and sustains strong positive relations with community service agencies for the promotion of Practicum Education.
- Implements, monitors, and evaluates practicum process, agency connections, affiliation agreements, and student engagement.
- Participates as assigned in faculty committees to represent needs of practicum education in curriculum and update committee members on events/issues/changes in field
- Implements changes of placement necessary for students in collaboration with the student, Liaison, current Instructor, and Practicum Manager.
- Supports Faculty/Community Practicum Liaisons with linkages between the agencies and the School during the problem mediation process and referrals to the Committee on Academic and Professional Standards for students.
- Maintains student records on database, creates and provides reports; provides contact point for enrolled and prospective student information.
- Participates in data entry and analysis for data management system, updates podcasts and navigation videos.
- Carries a liaison caseload as directed by the administration.
- Assists with accreditation review and developing and facilitating workshops, meetings and seminars for students and faculty. Attends and participates in staff meetings, professional development seminars and other student support related meetings.
- Works on Special Projects to support student learning and advance Tucson Campus partnership with community.

**Faculty Associate**

Arizona State University School of Social Work Tucson Campus

**2017-Present**

Tucson, AZ

*Responsibilities:*

- Develop lesson plans and class syllabus for graduate and undergraduate level classes
- Instruct through a variety of teaching methods to reach adult learners
- Grade assessments, exams and papers
- Practicum liaison for Master level candidates in internship placements

**Independent Consultant**

DJY Consulting

**2016-present**

Tucson, AZ

*Responsibilities:*

- Develop workshop presentations in the areas of suicide prevention, positive youth development, teambuilding, positive interactions, kindness, advocacy and cultural competency.
- Solicit business contracts
- Market and promote business in industry areas
- Silver trainer in Applied Suicide Intervention Skills Training (ASIST)
- Bronze trainer in Suicide Alertness for Everyone (safeTALK)

**Program Director**

Child &amp; Family Resources, Inc.

**1999- 2017**

Tucson, AZ.

*Responsibilities:*

- Plan, coordinate and direct all activities of prevention programs under state and federal government contracts
- Develop program models with multi-level approaches and best practice strategies
- Interview, hire, supervise, and evaluate performance of staff.
- Collaborate with private and public organizations, businesses in community mobilization process
- Partner with local high and middle schools across eleven school districts in Pima County, AZ
- Plan and implement community events such as conferences, youth summits and summer leadership institute for youth
- Develop specialized reports and marketing materials
- Coordinate services among multiple systems that support youth and families
- Develop and provide technical assistance to Community Coalitions
- Recruit community participation to include adult and youth representation
- Establish and conduct program evaluation
- Conduct Strategic Planning sessions
- Conduct community needs assessments
- Develop volunteer recruitment strategies
- Facilitate meetings with various entities
- Oversight and managed \$420,000+ annual budget
- Organize and implement community education and professional training

**Prevention Specialist**

Child &amp; Family Resources, Inc.

**1998-1999**

Tucson, AZ

*Responsibilities:*

- Develop volunteer recruitment strategies/screening process
- Provide Volunteer training
- Provide parent/community education
- Develop and distribute community calendar
- Assist in the development and implementation of community store and mural
- Assist in gathering information regarding community needs
- Assist in Community Advisory Board activities i.e. minutes, agendas, etc.
- Assist with the implementation of the evaluation plan for generating reports and data entry as needed
- Provide pertinent information on time for quarterly reports to funding sources to Community Coordinator
- Task Supervisor for MSW student interns

**Family Advocate**  
Child & Family Resources, Inc.

**1997-1998**  
Tucson, AZ

*Responsibilities:*

- Serve as an in-home family advocate to high-risk families to prevent child abuse and neglect
- Assess family strengths and needs
- Provide families with appropriate information/training during each visit
- Provide case management and network with other community agencies to link families with services needed
- Empower families to select and implement parenting, personal and educational goals.
- Maintain necessary records, reports, and case files.

**EDUCATION**

	<b>Masters in Social Work</b> Arizona State University	<b>May 2003</b> Tucson, AZ
<i>Concentration:</i>	Policy Administration and Community Practice	
	<b>Bachelors of Science in Family Studies</b> University of Arizona	Tucson, AZ
<i>Major:</i>	Family Studies	
	<b>Associates of Arts Social Services</b> Pima Community College	Tucson, AZ
<i>Major:</i>	Social Services	

**CERTIFICATIONS**

Credentialed Preventionist Level IV in the State of Arizona - Arizona Department of Health Services	<b>2014</b>
Licensed Suicide Preventionist in evidence-based curriculum - Living Works Education, Calgary Canada	<b>2021</b>
Arizona Department of Education School Social Work Certification	<b>2022</b>

**TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

**Arizona State University Watts College of Public Service and Community Solutions  
School of Social Work**

Graduate Courses	
Bridge Seminar I, Bridge Seminar II, Bridge Skills Seminar	Summer
Foundations Practice I	Fall
Foundations Practice II	Spring
Social Policy and Services	Fall
Undergraduate Courses	
Field Instruction Seminar	Fall
Integrative Field Seminar	Spring
Social Policy and Services	Fall

## PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

- Gates Foundation Digital Promise Advisory Core Team 2020-2022
- City of Tucson Civil Service Commission 2017-2021
- City of Tucson Civil Service Commission- Vice Chair 2018-2021
- University of Arizona Confluence Center 2019-present
- Board President for Arizonans for Prevention 2016- 2017
- Board secretary for Arizonans for Prevention 2013- 2016
- Board member for Arizonans for Prevention 2012- 2017
- Eller Certificate Program in Non-Profit Leadership 2017
- Honorary Member of the National Honor Society 2015
- Jewish Latino Relations Community Council 2014-2020
- Jewish Latino Teen Coalition board member 2013-2017
- Interim Chair for Arizonans for Prevention- 2012
- Sunnyside Foundation board member 2010-2011
- Pima County Tucson Library Board 2009
- Member of Trial Court Nominating Committee District #5- Tucson, AZ, 2003-2006
- Commissioner for the Metropolitan Education Commission 2006-2008
- Commissioner for the Pima County Tucson Women's Commission 2007-2008
- Adelante, Nuestro Futuro Conference Chair 2002-2008
- Adelante, Nuestro Futuro Conference Co-chair 2001-2002
- Adelante, Nuestro Futuro Conference Steering Committee 1999-2002, 2022- present
- Pima County Prevention Council 2001-2008
- Southwest Voter Registration Chair 2002
- Intern for Congressional Campaign for Raúl Grijalva 2002
- Multicultural Leadership Development graduating class of 2000
- Pima County Coalition of the Census 2000 & 2010

## CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

- Adolescent Development Conference workshop presentation (co-presenter)- July 2007
  - Youth and resiliency- Prevention from the inside out
- American Association of Suicidology National Annual Conference San Francisco(co-presenter)- April 2009
  - Suicide prevention in Arizona using a Community Development Approach
- Arizonans for Prevention midyear conference workshop presentation - August 2014]
  - Viewing youth as resources in our prevention work
- Keynote Speaker: Pima Community College- March 2015
  - Creating a Suicide Safer Community is Everyone's Business
- Job Corps Women's Empowerment Conference workshop presentation -April 2015
  - Empowerment begins with you
- American Association of Suicidology National Annual Conference Atlanta -April 2015
  - When we View youth as Resources we can Connect them to our Suicide Prevention Efforts
- YES Teen Institute key note address- July 2015

- Empowerment from the Inside Out
- Arizonans for Prevention Midyear Conference- August 2015
  - When we View youth as Resources we can Connect them to our Suicide Prevention Efforts
- University of Arizona Mental Health Skill Development Series (co-presenter) - June 2016
  - Building resiliency using trauma-informed care and prevention strategies with youth in treatment
- Spring Thaw Keynote address for the Mining industry- May 2018
  - Building a caring culture in the mining and construction industry to ensure the health and wellness of employees
- Community Prevention Coalition – January 2021
  - Asset Based Language...it matters- January 2021
  - Utilizing strength-based language with our youth to engage, promote resiliency, and increase self-efficacy
- Arizona Corrections Educator Statewide Conference (co-presenter) June 2019, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024
  - Suicide Prevention
- 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Opioid Symposium- October 2021
  - How do we connect with youth to promote healthy development while reducing the risk of substance misuse?
- School Wellness Conference Gallup, NM- June 2024
  - Planting Seeds!

## **AWARDS AND HONORS**

- 2005 YWCA Women on the Move Honoree
- 2006 FBI/LULAC Community Service Award
- 2008 NASW Apple Award
- 2015 National Society of Collegiate Scholars Distinguished Member/Honorary Membership
- 2015 National Association of Professional Women Honorary Membership
- 2016 Heart of a Champion in suicide prevention work
- 2020 NASW Branch 2 Transformational Educator of the Year
- 2024 ASU School of Social Work Laura Orr Recipient
- 2024 Spring Award for Distinguished Instruction
- 2024 LPKNC Lifetime Service Award