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PROFILE

- 6+ years relevant work experience in counseling, mentoring, and youth development
- Thorough knowledge and understanding of Human Development principles and Evidence-based Counseling and Education Strategies
- Extensive experience with Program Development, College and Career readiness, Family/School Relations, and At-risk Youth
- Strong Curriculum Development and Research and Evaluation skills
- Outstanding leadership and organizational skills - Strong interpersonal skills
- Responsible - Detail oriented – Data informed- Student-centered - Team player – Motivator

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA AT BIRMINGHAM (UAB) - Birmingham, AL

Summer 2013-Spring 2016: Master's in Counseling with concentration in School Counseling

- Chi Sigma Iota
- Coursework: Research and Evaluation, Assessment, Grant Writing, Lifestyle and Career Development, Human Growth and Development, Comprehensive Counseling and Guidance K-12, Foundations in School Counseling, Helping Relationships, Group Work, Professional Orientation and Practice, Social and Cultural Diversity, Clinical Skills and Techniques, Theories of Counseling
- Raise Up Network- sparked communication and collaboration between community partners and Birmingham City Schools
- College 101- facilitated College Knowledge Training for high school students in Birmingham City Schools

Fall 2011: Master's degree in Early Childhood and Elementary Education

GPA: 4.00

- Received ETS Recognition of Excellence for scoring in the top 15% all test takers in previous years on Praxis II
- Earned AMSTI and AMSTI pre-service certification
- Volunteered as reading tutor at Birmingham YWCA (2009)
- Volunteered as 6th grade math tutor at Fultondale Elementary School (2010-2011)

Spring 2009: Bachelor of Arts Degree in Music

GPA 3.93 (Summa Cum Laude with Departmental Honors)

- Served as President of Healing Words, a volunteer organization dedicated to stimulating patients intellectually; founded two new locations; and still serves as Team Leader for local nursing homes (2006-2013)
- Volunteered tutoring UAB international students in English and testing skills (2005-2013)
- Founded and facilitated Alpha, an international discussion group at UAB (2008-2012)
- Awarded prestigious Joseph P. Volker Scholarship (2009)
- Awarded the *Alys Robinson Stephens Performing Arts Scholarship* (2005-2009)
- Awarded the *Darrel McAnnally Piano Scholarship* (2005-2009)
- Earned Department of Music's Outstanding Student of the Year Award (2009)
- Accepted into highly selective Young Performing Artist Program
- Outstanding Performance in Chemistry Award

- Outstanding Student Writer Award

WORK EXPERIENCE

September 2017- Present: Creative Health Services Mobile Therapist/Behavioral Specialist

- Treatment planning, Crisis plan development, assessment, behavioral interventions, intensive in-home and school based therapy, psychoeducation, transfer of skills to families

September 2016- January 2018: Child Guidance and Resource Centers Group Therapist for CREATE Program

- Facilitated group counseling and guidance with children and adolescents to promote emotional regulation, communication, and social adaptability; created treatment plans including long term goals and objectives; conducted family sessions to encourage integration of skills across settings.

June 2015- March 2016: New Orleans Communities in Schools Site Coordinator (grades P-12)

- Individual student planning
- Individual, small group, and classroom counseling and guidance
- Curriculum development
- System support
- Assessment
- Data management and analysis
- IEP team member
- Crisis response
- Community and family collaboration

Summer 2012- 2015: UAB College and Career Counselor

- Counseled prospective students and their families regarding admissions, majors, programs scholarships, housing, honors opportunities, credits, and financial aid
- Delivered individual and group presentations and workshops for parents, students, and high school counselors
- Hosted information sessions for high school counselors in my territories
- Led project to update formal web communications to admitted students
- Created UAB Tour Presentations
- Developed protocol for Award Program Assignments and Certificate Printing
- Collaborated with Assistant Director to construct a Parent VIP webpage
- Edited Counselor Manual and formatted for online high school counselor portal
- Individually reviewed students for admission
- Directed Scholarship Award Preparation for UAB Undergraduate Admissions
- Coordinated Scholarship Award Ceremony Schedule for 13 college counselors

Summer 2013-2015: Co-director and facilitator of UAB College Bound: Piloting Your Dreams, a middle school college readiness intervention program for at-risk youth

- Developed curriculum for UAB College Bound Program which has been adopted by nonprofit organization College Access Made Possible and the Birmingham Education Foundation
- Wrote IRB proposal and conducted research-based pilot program in a local middle school to increase college and career readiness and to motivate academic achievement (2013-2014)
- Co-directed UAB SPARC Summer Program at YMCA (2014) focusing on social, personal, academic, resilient character, and college and career development
- Coordinated middle school campus tours and commencement ceremonies

- Collaborated with UAB School of Education on \$40 million Gear Up Grant implementation
- Presented TEDxBirmingham Talk “Remembering the Forgotten Middle: A Middle School College Readiness Intervention (February 2015)”

Summer 2011-2015: Music Instructor for Scrollworks Metropolitan Youth Orchestras of Central Alabama, a non-profit organization that provides music lessons to underserved children

2011 Academic year

- Directed after-school Music Program at Fairfield Elementary School
- Designed and implemented, interdisciplinary group music curriculum for grades K-5
- Substitute teacher for Jefferson County Schools (K-12)
- Taught individual piano lessons
- Facilitated group music classes for preschoolers