

AMY PIERRE

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SUMMARY OF QUALIFICATIONS

- Service-focused social worker with a strong commitment to serving the needs of disadvantaged youth and adults, including homeless, emancipated youth and special-needs populations.
- Excel in program and organizational planning, with documented success overcoming challenges of limited resources and financial constraints to design high-quality, cost-effective and comprehensive service offerings.
- Skilled in building community support, key coalitions and strategic interagency partnerships.
- Proficient in Microsoft Office and Adobe Illustrator with a keen eye for implementing strategic marketing strategies

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science in Sociology
Minor in Women's Studies
CSU Channel Islands, Camarillo, CA

Spring 2011

WORK EXPERIENCE

Social Worker

May 2011-Present

Ventura County, Ventura, CA

- Designed and implemented creative group programs benefiting mentally retarded consumers (ages 22 to 60) and enhancing their social skills and self-esteem.
- Launched an ongoing event agenda that included Circles Program, holiday celebrations, current events discussion groups, voting trips and numerous community excursions
- Forged community connections benefiting staff, clients and their families
- Collaborated closely with interdisciplinary team members on development of appropriate case plans meeting individual client needs.

Intern to Child Social Worker

Dec. 2010-May 2011

Ventura County Behavioral Health, Camarillo, CA

- Designed and implemented a screening protocol for developmental children at risk
- Supervised children having a range of moods and behaviors and provided them with emotional and psychological support
- Provided support and advocacy for clients dealing with the legal system
- Completed assessments and discharge planning; dealt with crises
- Facilitated weekly parent support groups for parents
- Screened clients for appropriate referral and liaison with other agencies

Assistant to Behavioral Health Social Worker

Apr. 2008-Dec. 2010

Women and Youth Shelter of Ventura County, Oxnard, CA

- Assessed needs of emotionally disturbed youth with severe behavior and learning problems
- Managed caseload of 25 students to assess academic performance
- Co-facilitated a support group of 10 students to build self-esteem and identity
- Implemented crisis intervention using empathy and active listening
- Collaborated with Community Coordinator to promote awareness of physical and verbal abuse

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS

Member, National Association of Social Workers
Recipient, Semester Honors, CSU Channel Islands
Volunteer, Women's Shelter, Oxnard, CA

May 2010-Present
Dec. 2008-May 2011
Apr. 2007-May 2010