

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
Ventura County, Ventura, CA

May 2011-Present

- 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
Ventura County Behavioral Health, Camarillo, CA

Dec. 2010-May 2011

- 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
Women and Youth Shelter of Ventura County, Oxnard, CA

Apr. 2008-Dec. 2010

- 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