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Professional Experience

Co-Director, 2024-2026

Oakland Starting Smart & Strong

With fellow Co-Director, leads strategic planning and implementation of early childhood education initiatives, overseeing both internal operations and external engagement. This includes:

- Drives collaborative decision-making processes, ensuring alignment on organizational vision, resource allocation, and strategic priorities.
- Supervises interns and consultants while developing systems for accountability and coordination.
- Facilitates high-level planning meetings with the Lead Planning Team, Task Force, and Committee co-chairs.
- Designs and implements communication strategies to ensure transparency with OSSS members regarding internal decisions and strategic direction.
- Leads research initiatives and strategic planning to advance OSSS's mission and impact.
- Partners with the Executive Committee to create and maintain organizational decision-making systems.
- Fosters an organizational culture that reflects OSSS's core values through collaborative and adaptive leadership.

Independent Consultant, 2020- 2024

Partnered with nonprofit organizations and government agencies by providing policy and program development, project management, policy analysis, developing internal and external policies and procedures, advocacy efforts, proposal development, data and evaluation analysis, and communications strategies. Served as interim Coordinator of the Alameda County ECE Planning Council as a consultant for the Alameda County Office of Education. Areas of interest and experience included early childhood education, children and youth services, and programs and systems that help families access basic needs. Clients included: Alameda County Health Care Services Agency; Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership; City of Oakland, Head Start; Lincoln Families; Robert Wood Johnson Foundation; and Oakland Starting Smart and Strong Early Childhood Initiative.

Senior Administrator for Policy, 2018–2020

Early Childhood Projects Coordinator, 2015–2018

First 5 Alameda County

Spearheaded outreach, engagement, and community building to further the organization's mission of promoting optimal health, development, and well-being for every young child in Alameda County. Facilitated, coordinated, and oversaw the development of the agency's policy agenda that included local, state, and national initiatives for policy and legislation in the areas of early childhood education, social services, and maternal/infant health and development. Adeptly developed and oversaw communications strategy and communications staff, and strategic short-term and long-term projects involving multiple stakeholders and partners. Represented First 5 at external meetings and committees, and with key state and county representatives and elected officials. Coordinated fund development through fostering relationships with funders and discovered new funding opportunities. Managed communications and design staff, and the policy internship program.

- Steered five cities through the development and implementation of Early Learning Action Plans.
- Implemented a national pilot project at Highland Hospital aimed at improving outcomes for new parents.
- Led Census 2020 and EITC information and outreach efforts for Alameda County 0-5 community organizations.
- Member of the Alameda County Early Childhood Education Planning Council Steering Committee, Executive Committee, and Co-Chair of Public Policy Committee.
- Member of the First 5 Association Policy Statewide Committee.

Management Analyst, 2012–2015

Alameda County Interagency Children's Policy Council

Supported Interagency Children's Council activities and goals by engaging in complex policy and program planning. Undertook needs assessments and made recommendations for new program concepts in response to community needs. Delivered presentations and presented policy proposals to local coalitions and elected officials. Collected, analyzed, and outlined data on underserved populations. Led, assisted, and participated in high-level discussions with internal and external stakeholders.

Health and Human Services Planner/Program Analyst, 2003–2012

City of Oakland, Human Services Department

Translated ideas and concepts into fundable programs and projects, including the implementation of a city ballot initiative, Oakland Unite, and the Oakland Gang Prevention Plan. Performed funding process, program monitoring, evaluation, and provided constructive feedback on over ten Oakland Unite grant-funded programs. Compiled, evaluated, and summarized data into program briefs and reports to the City Council. Drafted applications and proposals, administered funding, and monitored procedures for public and private grants.

Managed street outreach teams and community building staff. Developed and implemented a supportive services response to families and youth impacted by homicides and shootings in targeted neighborhoods.

Additional Experience

Planner

La Clínica Community Health Center – Oakland, California

Legislative Assistant

Office of United States Representative Donald M. Payne – Washington, D.C.

Education

Masters of Public Administration

School of International and Public Affairs, Columbia University – New York, New York

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology

Randolph-Macon College – Ashland, Virginia