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My goal is to work with families in accessing programs and services to assist with enhancing their knowledge and understanding to obtain and maintain benefits.

Lutheran Social Services

December 7, 2009 to present

Benefit Bank

Linking clients with resources to overcome barriers and challenges that they face daily (utility assistance, free tax filing, SNAP/food stamps) using the Ohio Benefit Bank software. To establish Benefit Bank sites in Southern Ohio (Gallia, Lawrence, Meigs and Scioto counties). To recruit volunteers to provide Benefit Bank services. Increase awareness and provide linkage to resources. Consumer education and awareness of programs and services.

Project Linden

December 1, 2008 to December 7, 2009

Prevention Specialist

To identify women who would benefit from "Pre-Treatment" services. Women will be identified who may benefit from linkage with services and counseling services from Project Linden. Presentations are made using the Healthy Individual Program model with the focus being "Stress Management" using "Active Living, Healthy Living and Family Connection."

Communities In Schools

November 4, 2001 to October 3, 2008

School Health Resource Coordinator

To identify and coordinate health and wellness related community resources, opportunities and providers to support students, caregivers and staff in Columbus, Whitehall and other school systems. To serve as the liaison between families and Franklin County Job and Family Services in obtaining services and benefits. To participate in community health and resource fairs promoting health awareness and services. To serve on health committees as a health advocate for children and families. To present updates and navigational information to collaborating agencies staff regarding Medicaid. Using the Ohio Benefit Bank to complete applications for benefits.

Project Linden

July 2, 1995 to November 4, 2001

Prevention Specialist

As a Prevention Specialist, I provided alcohol, tobacco and other drugs education and awareness in Columbus City Schools, Franklin County Pre-Release and Maryhaven Women's Program. While establishing and maintaining effective personal relationships with expectant mothers and young mothers to coordinate community linkage, resources and opportunities to enhance and empower their lives and families.

Columbus State Community College Associate of Social Work Degree

Community Committees:

Former Chair of Columbus South Side Area Commission

President SouthSide Community Action Network

President Council of South Side Organizations

2nd Vice President Franklin County Democratic Women

South Side Health Advisory Committee

Youth Violence Prevention Board

Outside Change

My community involvement includes I serve on the board for Community for Development for All People, program committee for March of Dimes, Women Coming Together conference planning committee, Franklin County Department of Job and Family Services Community Planning Committee.

Reference: upon request