

Youth advocate with 8+ years of experience advancing community impact through strategic program development, partnership engagement, and trauma-informed services. Demonstrated success managing complex workstreams, cultivating high-impact partnerships, and executing multi-stakeholder projects that strengthen youth leadership, community engagement, and violence-prevention outcomes. Skilled in data-driven evaluation, grant and partner management, and communicating program impact to diverse internal and external audiences. Passionate about expanding youth voice, advancing equitable access to opportunity, and scaling initiatives that transform communities.

EDUCATION AND PROFESSIONAL LICENSE

Capital University

Bachelor of Social Work | Bachelor of Arts in Psychology | Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

Licensed Social Worker (LSW)

Ohio Counselor, Social Worker, and Marriage and Family Therapist Board

Licensed since April 2022

WORK EXPERIENCE

STAR HOUSE | Columbus, OH July 2018 -Present

Housing and Engagement Manager (March 2024-Present)

- Lead the strategic execution of youth housing and empowerment programs, managing multiple workstreams from design to implementation and evaluation.
- Build and maintain partnerships with landlords, workforce agencies, and educational institutions to expand access to thriving-wage career pathways for youth ages 18–24.
- Analyze engagement metrics, housing stability outcomes, and service utilization to inform strategy, improve program design, and strengthen impact reporting.
- Represent the organization at community meetings, events, and cross-sector convenings, serving as a subject matter expert on youth homelessness, empowerment, and service.
- Develop communication materials—including presentations, dashboards, and strategic updates—for internal leadership, funders, and external stakeholders.

Engagement and Retention Coordinator (October 2021-March 2024)

- Facilitated youth-centered empowerment initiatives, including the development of a Resident Advisory Council, elevating youth voice in program design, decision-making, and organizational priorities.
- Strengthened resident retention and engagement by implementing data-informed outreach strategies and trauma-responsive programming aligned with participant needs and interests.
- Collaborated with community partners to coordinate youth leadership development workshops, wellness activities, and service-learning opportunities that fostered connection and skill-building.
- Designed and delivered trainings for staff, youth, and board members focused on empowerment, nonviolence, equity, and trauma-informed communication practices.

Case Manager (April 2019–October 2021)

- Managed complex youth caseloads, coordinating cross-sector services related to housing, employment, behavioral health, education, and legal support.

- Analyzed participant outcomes and contributed to reporting for grants and funders.
- Co-founded the Columbus Stars youth basketball program, integrating empowerment, life skills, and violence-prevention strategies.

Youth Advocate (August 2018–April 2019)

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AFRICENTRIC PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT SHOP INC | Columbus, OH

May 2021–Present

Unified Community and Neighborhood Network (UCANN) Program Director

- Led the comprehensive planning and implementation of a youth violence prevention and civic engagement program, overseeing strategy development, curriculum design, and day-to-day execution.
- Coordinated program partnerships, stakeholder engagement, and budget oversight to ensure alignment with funder requirements, measurable impact, and long-term sustainability.
- Served as the primary liaison for community and school partners, managing communication, reporting, and alignment with shared goals and funding priorities.
- Oversaw data collection, analysis, and evaluation efforts, translating program outcomes and trends into actionable insights for continuous improvement and funding support.

HUCKLEBERRY HOUSE | Columbus, OH

September 2016–December 2017

Crisis Intervention Specialist

- Provided immediate, trauma-informed crisis intervention and de-escalation support to youth and young adults experiencing housing instability, family conflict, mental health crisis.
- Conducted comprehensive risk and safety assessments, including suicide and self-harm screenings, and collaborated with multidisciplinary teams to develop individualized crisis stabilization and safety plans.
- Maintained accurate, timely documentation and case notes in accordance with agency policies, funder requirements, and best practices, contributing to continuity of care and quality service delivery.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Ohio Attorney General Human Trafficking Commission – Member (2021–Present)

City Council Commission on Immigrant and Refugee Affairs – Commissioner (2025–Present)

Our Helpers – Board Member (2025–Present)

Leadership Columbus – Signature Program (2022–Present)

Greater Columbus Sister Cities International – Circle Fellow (2024–Present)

Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission –Community Advisory Committee Member (2021–2025)