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### **Summary**

Counseling Educator and Community Advocate with ability to collaborate, organize and build relationships. History of success influencing programming initiatives and parental empowerment.

### **Accomplishments**

#### ***Utilize Subject Matter Expertise to Influence and Implement Project Management Collaboratives***

- Ability to organize with detail-oriented focus to create sequential, organizational processes and effectively communicate the processes to a collaborative team for execution.
- Successfully organize and host well-attended community forums. Collect data, analyze qualitative information, and create operational action items for execution.
- Evaluate program, utilize apt, analytical problem-solving skills, and implement necessary changes for efficient processes.
- Inspire volunteers to complete shared vision and goals. Follow up with stakeholders who have ability to impact theory of change. Celebrate success of goals met.

#### ***Effective Communication Skills***

- Effectively listen to different positions of community members, parents, teachers and administrators. Allow others to feel heard and valued to achieve a shared objective.
- Built relationships through facilitated discussion with various stakeholders, and increased understanding with the ability to listen and reflect appropriately.
- Frequently requested information and engaged stakeholders to gather information to inform the community of policy, practice and relevant data.

#### ***Education Advocate***

- Educate and empower parents for increased engagement in school advocacy for student rights.
- Organize community educational forums, coordinate stakeholders for panels, and implement strategies developed out of these forums to share with the local School Board members and County Commissioners to contribute to equity in education policy and funding.
- Attend various training opportunity on education policy and racial equity. Collaborate with education stakeholders and officials to stay informed and work towards educational goals.

### **Experience**

***Education Advocate***, 2016 – present

Parents of African American Children/EPiC

***Operations Manager/Owner*** 2013 – 2019

Smoothie King Franchise

***Consultant***, 2009 – 2013

Knowledge for Growth

***Psychotherapist/Consultant***, 2001 – 2009

Trinity Counseling and Consulting (Psychotherapy Practice)

### **Education**

***Ed.S. Professional Counseling, 2003***

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

***M.S. Professional Counseling, 2001***

Georgia State University, Atlanta, GA

(CACREP Accredited Program)

***B.A. Psychology, minor Human Development and Family Studies, 1997***

The University of North Carolina at Greensboro

**Licensure/certification**

- Licensed Professional Counselor in NC (LPC #14322), 2018
- Licensed Professional Counselor in GA (LPC #4054), 2014
- National Certified Counselor (NCC #68815), 2001
- Certified Professional Counseling Supervisor (CPCS), 2013-2015

**Community Service**

- Lakewood PTA Contributor & PAAC Co-Chair 2019 - Present
- City of Durham, Race Equity Task Force, 2018-Present
- Parents of African American Children Committee – Founder, 2016-Present
- Durham Public School Equity Affairs Council – 2016-Present
- Durham Public Schools Superintendent’s Strategic Plan Parent Leader, 2018
- Black Women Vote - Volunteer, 2018
- Durham Committee on the Affairs of Black People – Education Chair, 2017-2019
- African American Education & Research Organization – Executive Board Member, 2017-2019
- Durham Council PTA – Equitable Education Vice-Chair, 2017-2018
- George Watts Elementary School PTA President, 2016-2018
- Families First – Mentor, 2001

**Community Engagement**

- *UNC Health Summit: Safety in School, Panelist, 2018*
- *Parent Engagement with DPS Superintendent, Moderator, 2018*
- *Call to Action at School Board Meeting, Organizer, 2018*
- *Black Parent Empowerment Workshop, Host, Facilitator and Panelist, 2018*
- *DCABP Education Committee School Board Forum, Host, 2018*
- *Black Parent Empowerment Workshop, Host and Facilitator, 2017*
- *Call to Action at School Board Meeting, Organizer, 2017*
- *Black Parents Speak with the DPS Superintendent, Moderator, 2017*
- *Book drive & Fundraiser for Eastway Elementary School, 2017*

**Professional Development**

- *Racial Equity Institute Training, phase I and phase II*
- *American Counseling Association, annual conference*
- *Racial Equity Conversations in Chapel Hill*