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EXPERIENCE

Samad's House, 2875 North 23rd Street— Chief Operations Officer

March 2020 - PRESENT

manages and handles daily operations of Samad's House, works closely with staff and residents to ensure all expectations and goals are achieved for successful sobriety.

Samad's House, 2875 North 23rd — Operations Manager- Harm Reduction Specialist

March 2020 - Present

expand access to key harm reduction resources in the 53206 zip code and surrounding Milwaukee community by strategically distributing harm reduction supplies and resources, including Narcan and fentanyl test strips, and educating people about overdose risks and prevention. Samad's House is located on the north side of Milwaukee in a zip code that has not had access to harm reduction programs, and therefore have not had an opportunity to speak about and normalize harm reduction as an approach to supporting people who use drugs. Through these activities, Samad's House's longer-term goal will be to leverage their role, trust, and visibility in the community to move the needle on increasing the acceptance and understanding of harm reduction among the Black community on the north side of Milwaukee. Lastly, a key goal of this project is to mobilize people with lived experience/people who use drugs to be ambassadors to their community by leading awareness raising efforts and communications surrounding drug overdose risk and impacts in the community.

Northwest Catholic, 7140 North 41— Educator

October 2018 - June 2020

Educate and supervise fourth grade students to accomplish learning benchmarks. My duties included planning lessons that target specific skills and concepts, managing classroom behavior to keep all students engaged in the lesson and providing individual support and feedback for students.

EDUCATION

Alverno College, 3400 South 43rd Street -Bachelor of Arts Major: Social Science

August 1992 - May 1997

SKILLS

- Maximize naloxone distribution to people who use drugs and their social networks
- Support mobilization in marginalized communities to prevent and respond to overdose
- Expand and strengthen responsive harm reduction services across communities to address local needs, including authorization and expansion of SSP, and resources for safer drug use

AWARDS

Vital Strategies- Samad's House – F.A.C.T.S Ambassadors Program (August 2022 - September 2025)

Milwaukee County BHS- Better Ways To Cope Campaign (August 2022- March 2023) (October 2023- March 2024)

City of Milwaukee-End Overdose MKE - (October 2023- April 2024)