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EDUCATION:

- 9/2015—Present **UWM Zilber School of Public Health** **Milwaukee, WI**
Degree: Master's in Public Health
Track: Public Health Policy & Administration
- 9/2008—5/2013 **Marquette University** **Milwaukee, WI**
Degree: Bachelor of Arts, graduated May 2013
Major: Social Welfare and Justice
Minor: Philosophy

EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

- 11/2016—Present **Center for Popular Democracy, National Canvass Support Associate** **Milwaukee, WI**
- Launch new canvass offices for partner organizations to help build grassroots power-in-numbers approach to organizing by raising money and building membership base through field canvassing
 - Transform social change by testing new methods of fundraising and mobilization
 - Work with canvass directors around the country to track income, expenses, manage a budget, analyze performance, and consult on strategy to streamline door-to-door and street organizing and fundraising.
- 9/2016—12/2016 **Wisconsin Jobs Now, Canvass Director** **Milwaukee, WI**
- Recruit and develop leaders; build a team of canvassers by conducting outreach, interviewing prospective staff, making hiring and firing decisions, support the team.
 - Transform social change; join the team on the ground, contribute new ideas, test new methods of fundraising and mobilization, help change how social change happens in America.
 - Manage staff; train staff in grassroots fundraising and campaign skills, work with staff in individual and group settings.
 - Raise money and build membership; meet office objectives, recruit new active members for our partner organizations to help build our power-in-numbers approach to organizing.
 - Ensure Member Information Security
 - Run an innovative office; track income and expenses to manage a budget, analyze performance and set strategy, test new technologies to streamline door-to-door organizing and fundraising.
- 6/2016—8/5/2016 **Journey House, Longfellow Elementary School** **Milwaukee, WI**
Group Leader – ages 5-6
Supervisor: Quentin Prince, (414) 737-9477
- Plan and facilitate daily activities and lesson plans
 - Lead group activities/games (sports games, board games, art projects)
 - Assist the Supervising staff in facilitating all activities
 - Motivate youth to following direction and instructions
 - Control groups en-route to various walking locations
 - Assist with lunch/dinner duties including monitoring activity and cleaning the facility after lunch/dinner
 - Report all accidents and injuries
 - Act as a positive role model to youth
 - Manage camper behavior through positive reinforcement and proper disciplinary techniques
- 8/2015—2/2016 **Children's Hospital of Wisconsin, Community Services Department** **Milwaukee, WI**
Community Health Navigator, Amani/Franklin Heights neighborhoods
- Integral part of the care delivery team
 - Connector to community resources
 - Identifier of assets, needs, barriers, strengths of families and neighborhoods
 - Modeled through empowerment
 - Works with social determinants of health
- 9/2014—7/2015 **Public Allies, City of Milwaukee Health Department** **Milwaukee, WI**

Family and Community Health Division, Program Assistant

- Create an outreach strategy to identify and engage new organizations that will receive comprehensive safe sleep education and resources and be recognized as Safe Sleep Community Partners
- Conduct a SWOT analysis of the Latino community in Milwaukee around the topic of infant mortality through a series of focus groups of community leaders and members. Final report of the analysis will be utilized to inform outreach, education and future partnerships.
- Review and assess current teen pregnancy prevention program models and analyze basic outcome data to evaluate the success of the model. Findings will be used to shape potential modifications to and/or expansion of the current model.

10/2013–7/2014 **Public Allies**, United Way of Greater Milwaukee **Milwaukee, WI**
Healthy Birth Outcomes Project Coordinator

- Author a culturally relevant “Let’s Talk Month” toolkit book in Spanish for parents on how to talk to their teens about sexual health, healthy relationships, and other growing up topics
- Support the work of the Health Portfolio Manager and Healthy Birth Outcomes Coordinator by engaging in public outreach and education among Healthy Birth Outcomes
 - Teen Pregnancy Prevention
 - Infant Mortality
- Deliver parent toolkits to organizations upon request
- Public relations activities such as updating the Baby Can Wait website and social media
- Assist in establishing a strong Latina Taskforce with recruitment and facilitation
- Participate in The Lifecourse Initiative for Healthy Families (LIHF) collaborative
- Participate in the training of the Healthy Girls/Making Proud Choices curriculum
- Participate in the Contraceptive Access Workgroup as a member
- Participate in the Healthy Ancillary Group as a member
- Participate in the Teen Pregnancy Oversight Committee as a contributing member

6/2013–8/2013 **Journey House**, Longfellow Elementary School **Milwaukee, WI**
Recreation Specialist

Supervisor: Quentin Prince, (414) 737-9477

- Lead small groups activities/games (sports games, board games, art projects)
- Assist the Supervising staff in facilitating all activities
- Assist Chaperones on all field trips
- Motivate youth to following direction and instructions
- Control groups en-route to various walking locations
- Assist with lunch/dinner duties including monitoring activity and cleaning the facility after lunch/dinner
- Report all accidents and injuries to supervisor
- Act as a positive role model to youth
- Control actions and reactions of campers through positive reinforcement, proper disciplinary techniques or notification of supervisor

TRAINING EXPERIENCE:

9/2016–12/2016 **Center for Popular Democracy**, Canvass Director boot camp training **Brooklyn, NY**

- Built the foundation skills needed to run a high performing fundraising office
- Created standardized language and toolkit
- Fostered ongoing communication to build a nationwide network of canvass directors
- Help advance leadership to strengthen communities and the civic participation within

10/2013–7/2015 **Public Allies**, AmeriCorps (2 terms: Public Ally, Public Ally Fellow) **Milwaukee, WI**

- Help advance leadership to strengthen communities and the civic participation within
- Combine passion with unique skills and experiences while committing to improving the community
- Learn skills to expand influence and leadership through challenging trainings
- Connect across social boundaries
- Facilitate collaborative action
- Recognize and mobilize community assets
- Commit to continuous learning and self-development
- Accountability for creating meaningful impact in the community

- Embrace diversity and inclusion
- 9/2013–2016 **Latino Taskforce;** Former facilitator, Current member **Milwaukee, WI**
- Hosted by United Way of Greater Milwaukee and Waukesha County
 - Collaborate with Latino and Latina community leaders on city issues, projects, initiatives
 - Received feedback and review when authoring the Spanish “Let’s Talk Month” toolkit book
- 1/2009–Present **Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee;** Mentor/Mentee, Advisory Committee **Milwaukee, WI**
- Help create a dynamic environment for Hispanic professionals to thrive
 - Promote Hispanic leadership, mentoring, education, networking
 - Connect local and national resources with Hispanic professionals
 - Speak with Hispanic college students on the importance of growing a network
- 1/2010–5/2013 **Marquette University,** Latin American Student Organization, Executive Board **Milwaukee, WI**
Community Service Chair
- Collaborate with community agencies
 - Provide general body members with constant community service opportunities
 - Maintain a professional relationship with local organizations and leaders
- 9/2012-5/2013 **Marquette University,** Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority, Incorporated. **Milwaukee, WI**
Executive Board, Community Service Coordinator
- Collaborate with community agencies
 - Provide general body members with constant community service opportunities
 - Maintain a professional relationship with local organizations and leaders
- 8/2011-5/2012 **Rosalie Manor Community & Family Services,** Case Management Intern **Milwaukee, WI**
- Developed proficiency in initiating and maintaining professional relationships
 - Gained a broader understanding of agency funding through government resources
 - Gained experience through home visits with clients
 - Completed assessments with social worker staff
 - Practiced and learned how to write professional case notes in SOAP format
 - Completed training in the Ages & Stages Questionnaire and Ages & Stages Questionnaire: Social Emotional
 - Linked with St. Joe’s Hospital and St. Michael’s Hospital to meet with clients after their doctor appointments
 - Organized the baby closet space and created a point system as a client incentive to attend workshops
 - Completed the Milwaukee Safe Sleep Training
 - Completed First Breath Training
 - Completed My Baby and Me Training
 - Created event flyers for the agency
 - Drafted professional letters for staff to send to community leaders

LEADERSHIP INVOLVEMENT:

Global Shapers Milwaukee Hub (World Economic Forum), member (January 2016-Present)
Hispanic Professionals of Greater Milwaukee, Member (2009-Present); *Conexiones Advisory Committee member (2014-Present)*
American Civil Liberties Union of Wisconsin, trained Legal Observer, volunteer
Necia Media Collective, Regional Representative, member
Diversity and Anti-Oppression Trainings, facilitator/planner of Sexism and Racism trainings, 2015
Sigma Lambda Gamma National Sorority Incorporated, Academic Advisor (Fall 2015-Present);
Community Service Chair (August 2012-May 2013); active member (Fall 2012-Present)
Latin American Student Organization, Executive Board Member, Community Service Chair, (December 2009-Present); Member (September 2008-May 2013)
Milwaukee Beautiful, Founder