

# Mikal W. Wesley

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## **PROFFESIONAL SUMMARY**

Ten years of experience working with populations from various socioeconomic and multicultural backgrounds.

- Experience in relationship building and working with community resources
- Experience developing and managing programs for stakeholders and delivering outcomes
- Demonstrated skills in developing and managing budgets
- Experience creating and effectively implementing strategies to achieve programmatic goals and outcomes
- Experience creating public relation campaigns and promotional materials
- Ability to problem solve and work in a collaborative effort to solve problems
- Experience creating accurate documentation and time sensitive reports
- Ability to work with a diverse group of people to achieve program goals and facilitating and managing projects

## **ENTREPRENEUR**

### **President/Founder**

June 2016-Present

Urbane Communities LLC - Milwaukee, WI

- Urbane Communities (UC) is a real estate investment and development firm that focuses on improving neighborhoods through cataclysmic real estate projects, with affordability at its forefront
- UC works to develop strategic partnerships with public and private investors to push its goal of transforming urban landscapes and building communities
- UC provides consulting on commercial and residential real estate projects

## **OPERATIONS EXPERIENCE**

### **Mission Fuel Program Coordinator**

October 2017-Present

Cardinal Stritch University

- Coordinate all daily program operations including logistics, communications and financial monitoring
- Develop, organize, lead and supervise the mentor pool in collaboration with the University Alumni office, The Commons and other internal and external partners
- Provide direct supervision and support to the Lead Entrepreneurial Technical Support Specialist and additional technical specialists
- Supervise and collaborate with the Master Coach to deliver individual executive coaching and leadership development for participants
- Directly oversee the scheduling and implementation of presenters and seminars and contracting external experts to conduct the sessions
- Provide leadership or staffing support at internal and external meetings, events and activities as needed

### **Service Coordinator**

March 2020-Present

California Commercial Investments-Walnut Park Apartments-Milwaukee, WI

- Aid residents in applying for benefits, such as food stamps, general relief and Medicaid as requested
- Act as a liaison between residents, management and social service agencies as requested
- Assist and advise residents and families of the services which may be helpful to maintain an independent living lifestyle
- Educate residents, families and staff on available community resources, including service availability, application procedures, resident rights; both individually and as a group
- Meet with service providers as needed
- Provide reports as required by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development

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## **Program Manager-Transform Milwaukee/Transitional Jobs**

December 2013-October 2017

Wisconsin Department of Children & Families-Milwaukee, WI

- Provides contract oversight, technical assistance and monitoring to the Transform Milwaukee Jobs (TMJ) and Transitional Jobs (TJ) program contract agencies
- Ensures local agency conformance with program requirements and assure effective high- quality services at the local level
- Monitors and evaluates compliance with state and/or federal laws, rules, policies and guidelines; monitors local agency achievement of program performance standards; and coordinates with agencies to resolve customer and constituent concerns with service
- Liaison between the greater Transform Milwaukee Initiative and the contract agencies, sharing relevant information, making connections and facilitating relationships

## **Associate in Commercial Real Estate (ACRE)**

September 2015-June 2016

Local Initiatives Support Corporation (LISC)-Milwaukee, WI

- Graduated in the 2015-16 graduating class
- Nine-month training program geared towards commercial real estate development with an emphasis on affordable housing
- Training consisted of real estate development module, construction management module and property management module
- Developed a \$5-\$10 million hypothetical development project from start to finish, which included market and feasibility studies, drafting a pro forma, architectural designs, construction management and community stakeholder interviews

## **Licensing Specialist**

March 2012-December 2013

Wisconsin Department of Children & Families-Waukesha, WI

- Evaluate, monitor and license assigned child welfare programs to determine compliance with regulations established by the Department of Children and Families
- Recommend and participate in time sensitive enforcement actions
- Investigate serious incident reports, complaints against illegally operating programs and licensed programs as assigned within an allotted deadline
- Demonstrated knowledge of relationship development and managing multiple projects
- Provides technical assistance to individuals or groups involved in child welfare program

## **Recruitment Specialist**

March 2009-March 2012

Children's Service Society of Wisconsin- Milwaukee, WI

- Lead the performance of general, targeted recruitment of foster and adoptive families
- Facilitates community-based presentations and trainings centered around providing information about foster care
- Collaborate across staff and member units and with community and professional organizations to attract prospective foster families
- Staff community-based outreach events; performs direct client contact to educate and guide individuals through initial application activities
- Developed and coordinated retention events for foster families and managed volunteers for events

## **Ongoing Case Manager**

June 2008- March 2009

Bureau of Milwaukee Child Welfare-Milwaukee, WI

- Directed the child protective services case process using the Coordinated Service Team (CST) process of a strength-based family-centered approach including child and family assessments
- Developed and managed service and case plans and researched family history
- Evaluated and monitored case progress and movement toward case closure
- Responsible for decision-making and case activity that supports appropriate use of out-of-home

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placements and children's involvement

- Coordinated services for child and parents geared towards the goal of reunification of the child to the parent

## **Residential Youth Counselor**

Saint A-Milwaukee, WI

November 2007-June 2008

June 2014- August 2017

- Created and implemented social and recreational activities for boys on the residence
- Helped residents learn social skills, anger management, and positive decision-making skills
- Engaged residents on how to deal with feelings about self and others and how to take responsibility for own actions

## **FACILITATION/TEACHING EXPERIENCE**

### **Facilitator**

August 2018-Present

African American Chamber of Commerce of Wisconsin-RISE Program

- Co-facilitated the RISE Entrepreneurial training program-RISE is a 14-week program designed to ensure emerging businesses are provided business development tools, with a focus on marketing, branding, business network development and other essential resources
- Course included business support, mentorship, access to capital funds and opportunities for business owners to pitch their business to investors and stakeholders

### **Adjunct Professor**

September 2019-May 2020

Cardinal Stritch University

- Taught undergraduate students in a specific field of expertise
- Developed and manage the class syllabus to ensure the syllabus meets department and college standards
- Planned and created lectures, in-class discussions and assignments
- Assessed grades for students based on participation, performance in class, assignments and examinations

## **COMMUNITY AND OUTREACH EXPERIENCE**

### **Paraprofessional**

January 2006-June 2008

Milwaukee Public Schools/ Oliver Wendell Holmes School-Milwaukee, WI

- Taught and advised first through fifth graders in a small group setting. Serve as substitute teacher for Kindergarten through eighth graders in absence of teacher.
- Assisted and help implement daily math, reading, spelling, English, and science activities.
- Worked in small groups to provide additional assistance in subject areas.

### **Life Skills Educator and Presenter**

November 2002-June 2005

Rosalie Manor-Milwaukee, WI

- Collaborated with Milwaukee Public Schools (MPS) and local community centers to develop life skill programs and curriculum for middle and high school students
- Conducted monthly Life Skills workshops for local community centers and public schools
- Trained and demonstrated life skill educators in how to present life skills curriculum to middle and high school students

## **EDUCATION**

Cardinal Stritch University Leadership Center African American Leadership Program

2019

Associates in Commercial Real Estate- Marquette University-Milwaukee, WI

2016

Master of Science in Management- Cardinal Stritch University-Milwaukee, WI

2012

Bachelor of Arts in Sociology-University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee-Milwaukee, WI

2007