Sarah Social Work

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EDUCATION

Xavier University, Cincinnati, Ohio Bachelor of Social Work, Social Work Bachelor of Arts, Gender & Diversity Studies

- Minor: Peace & Justice Studies
- GPA: 3.XX

SOCIAL WORK EXPERIENCE

Violence Prevention Organization, Cincinnati, OH

Victim & Witness Advocate Intern

- Provide immediate crisis intervention and emergency assistance to surviving victims of homicide, suicide, infant and accidental death, through crime scene and court accompaniment to address trauma in families
- Serve as a liaison between the family members of homicide victims and homicide unit detectives to communicate information regarding individual cases
- Develop case management skills by overseeing 140 families impacted by homicide in 20XX and 20XX through monthly phone calls, support services referrals, and criminal case updates
- Support witnesses of homicide to increase the number of individuals testifying on behalf of a case by providing HUD Relocation Services and filing for Victims of Crime Compensation
- Co-facilitate a support group for youth impacted by homicide and gun violence to address trauma within the family through the development of healthy coping mechanisms and grief management skills

Inclusivity-Promoting Organization, Portland, OR

Program Development Intern

- Supported 25 families impacted by disability to meet the unique needs of each family by planning respite weekend retreats and developing individualized respite programs
- Trained 7 churches in the Portland metropolitan area to encourage the development of disability-inclusive ministries as a means of supporting families impacted by disability within the church environment
- Developed existing volunteer program in an inclusive gym for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to maximize efficiency in communication and scheduling with 75 volunteers
- Facilitated weekly fitness sessions for 15 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities by overseeing fitness stations, demonstrating new exercises, and adapting program to meet individualized needs

Special Olympics Ohio, Cincinnati, OH

Unified Sports Program Intern

- Created the Special Olympics Unified Sports Handbook used in all Ohio high schools to establish sports teams comprised of students with and without intellectual and developmental disabilities
- Coordinated disability-focused resource vendors for the Special Olympics Summer State Games to support athletes and families with opportunities offered outside of Special Olympics athletics
- Supported the R-Word Respect Campaign in Oregon high schools by working with the Unified Sports Director and developing future ideas to fight the disability stigma and improve inclusion within classrooms

Campus Navigators, Small Town, European Country

International Service Participant

- Volunteered for two weeks at a residential facility for 70 children with disabilities to provide respite for staff by facilitating daily activities and weekend outings for residents
- Developed curriculum for children ages three to seventeen to practice number and color recognition in Romanian as well as to strengthen fine-motor skills through hands-on art activities
- Combatted the stigma of disability in by providing the children with two day trips to encourage inclusivity and normality within community members and the children themselves

May 20XX – August 20XX

May 20XX

August 20XX – Present

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May 20XX

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Xavier University Student Advisory Board, Cincinnati, OH

Social Work Department Student Representative

- Serve as a social work student representative at the College of Professional Sciences student advisory meetings and recruitment events to provide a student perspective and contribute towards program growth
- Nominated by the Xavier Social Work Department Chair to attend Department of Social Work Board Meetings to provide insight into improving the current program and advancing the future program

After-School Program, Cincinnati, OH

Volunteer Coordinator

- Co-facilitate a weekly after-school program for inner-city kids through activities and community service to provide mentorship and to instill the program values of non-violence, respect, kindness, and positivity
- Educate twenty weekly participants on emotional intelligence strategies to combat negative emotional responses and support a safer environment within the neighborhood
- Coordinate and train weekly student volunteers to ensure program sustainability and provide opportunities for mentorship between neighborhood youth and college students
- Plan bi-annual city events, hosting approximately 200 community members, to strengthen relationships within the community and to inform others about the program opportunities and successes

Xavier University Alternative Breaks, Big City, North American Country Site Leader

- Led ten students on a service learning trip to Big City, North American Country, to explore youth outreach in a developing community by expanding a skate park alongside local youth to create a safe outlet for youth involvement
- Facilitated weekly meetings for six months, educating participants about the culture and history to gain a deeper understanding of the societal issues impacting youth and the trip's role in combating those issues
- Ensured participant safety and well-being in enforcing group expectations, making group decisions, and overseeing group funds, creating an environment for students to thrive in a new culture

ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCE

Student Social Work Organization NASW Representative at Xavier UniversityAugustXavier Student Organization Club President at Xavier UniversityAugust 20Race Relations Study Abroad Student in Big City, African CountyXavier UniversityXavier University Alternative Breaks Participant in San Salvador, El SalvadorSalvador

August 20XX – Present August 20XX – May 20XX June 20XX March 20XX

SKILLS

- Intermediate Spanish
- Intermediate American Sign Language
- Proficient in Microsoft Office Programs
- Proficient in Public Speaking

September 20XX – Present

October 20XX – Present

September 20XX – March 20XX