

Application Form

Profile

Sherina _____ Criswell _____
 First Name Middle Initial Last Name

_____ Suite or Apt
 Home Address

Concord _____ CA _____ 94521 _____
 City State Postal Code

_____ Primary Phone

_____ Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 2

CORE Contra Costa County _____ Care Coordinator _____
 Employer Job Title

Length of Employment

1

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

4

How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

10

Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Contra Costa Commission for Women and Girls: Submitted

Seat Name

Sherina Rina Criswell

Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?

Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

10 or more

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Eastern Gateway and Youngstown State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Social Worker

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Eastern Gateway and Youngstown State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

AAS Social Worker

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certified Birthing Doula

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certified advanced lactation educator

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Mental health first aid certification domestic violence certification substance abuse certification support group certifications small business owner CPR and first aid certification

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

Please explain why you would like to serve on this particular board, committee, or commission.

I want to join the Council on Homelessness because it offers a unique opportunity to make a real difference in addressing homelessness in Contra Costa County. My background in social work and advocacy equips me with the skills and insights needed to influence policy, improve services, and ensure the needs of the most vulnerable populations are met. This role aligns with my commitment to driving systemic change and collaborating with community partners to develop effective solutions. I have applied for four different open positions through the Contra Costa County advisory board and commission application for 2025, with my primary focus being on the Council on Homelessness.

Describe your qualifications for this appointment. (NOTE: you may also include a copy of your resume with this application)

My experience and skills uniquely position me to contribute effectively to the Council on Homelessness. As a grassroots advocate and social worker with extensive experience in Contra Costa County, I bring a deep understanding of the systemic issues and gaps in services affecting unhoused populations. Currently, I serve as a Care Coordinator with Contra Costa Health, where I am intimately involved in managing the healthcare needs of unhoused individuals. This role has provided me with valuable insights into the specific barriers they face, from accessing medical care to navigating the social services system. In addition, my involvement as a board member of CASA of Contra Costa County has enriched my perspective on the needs of transitional age youth, many of whom are at risk of homelessness. This position has allowed me to advocate for young people in foster care, enhancing my ability to address the complexities of youth homelessness and the importance of tailored support services. I am also a certified doula, which has given me direct experience supporting marginalized communities, including pregnant individuals who are at risk of homelessness. This experience underscores my commitment to addressing the intersecting challenges of housing instability and healthcare. My certification in Mental Health First Aid equips me to provide immediate support and intervention for individuals experiencing mental health crises, a common issue within homeless populations. This skill set complements my ability to advocate for comprehensive mental health services and support systems. Furthermore, my role on the board of Passive Contra Costa County and my experience with community activism demonstrate my commitment to collaborative problem-solving and policy advocacy. My public speaking skills and comfort with presenting at various forums enable me to effectively communicate the needs and concerns of unhoused individuals and advocate for systemic change. Overall, my blend of professional expertise, community involvement, and personal commitment to addressing homelessness will allow me to contribute meaningfully to the Council on Homelessness, working towards sustainable solutions and improved outcomes for our community's most vulnerable members.

Upload a Resume

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified?

Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings?

Yes No

If Yes, please explain:

Are you currently or have you ever been appointed to a Contra Costa County advisory board?

Yes No

If Yes, please list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you are currently serving:

If Yes, please also list the Contra Costa County advisory board(s) on which you have previously served:

List any volunteer or community experience, including any advisory boards on which you have served.

I serve on the board for casa of Contra Costa County and I also worked with RCF on a 3-year project hard cap and I also work with mobility labs and I also participate with common studios and I also work with safe return I also participated in advocating for guaranteed income for a job Foster you in Contra Costa County

Conflict of Interest and Certification

Do you have a familial or financial relationship with a member of the Board of Supervisors? (Please refer to the relationships listed under the "Important Information" section below or Resolution No. 2021/234)

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

Do you have any financial relationships with the County such as grants, contracts, or other economic relationships?

Yes No

If Yes, please identify the nature of the relationship:

I just recently applied to become a contracted provider for space space Contra Costa County health plan and Blue Cross anthem managed Care for my doula business I am a medical provider service provider and I have an a national provider number I am still waiting for approval and this is for Doula Birthing Services

Please Agree with the Following Statement

I CERTIFY that the statements made by me in this application are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief, and are made in good faith. I acknowledge and undersand that all information in this application is publicly accessible. I understand that misstatements and/or omissions of material fact may cause forfeiture of my rights to serve on a board, committee, or commission in Contra Costa County.

I Agree

Important Information

1. This application and any attachments you provide to it is a public document and is subject to the California Public Records Act (CA Government Code §6250-6270).
2. All members of appointed bodies are required to take the advisory body training provided by Contra Costa County.
3. Members of certain boards, commissions, and committees may be required to: (1) file a Statement of Economic Interest Form also known as a Form 700, and (2) complete the State Ethics Training Course as required by AB 1234.
4. Meetings may be held in various locations and some locations may not be accessible by public transportation.
5. Meeting dates and times are subject to change and may occur up to two (2) days per month.
6. Some boards, committees, or commissions may assign members to subcommittees or work groups which may require an additional commitment of time.
7. As indicated in Board Resolution 2021/234, a person will not be eligible for appointment if he/she is related to a Board of Supervisors' member in any of the following relationships:
 - (1) Mother, father, son, and daughter;
 - (2) Brother, sister, grandmother, grandfather, grandson, and granddaughter;
 - (3) Husband, wife, father-in-law, mother-in-law, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, stepson, and stepdaughter;
 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

Sherina Criswell

Concord, CA 94521



Dedicated and compassionate professional with over 20 years of experience as a Social Worker, Crisis Intervention Counselor, and Certified Doula. A lifelong advocate for community empowerment and social justice, with a deep commitment to serving Black, Brown, and BIPOC families in the Bay Area and Contra Costa County. Skilled in providing comprehensive support and coordination services to individuals and families in need, with a focus on promoting inclusive and culturally competent care. Proven track record of building strong relationships with clients, collaborating with interdisciplinary teams, and navigating complex social service systems. Seeking opportunities to leverage my expertise and passion for advocacy in a Case Coordinator role, where I can continue to make a meaningful impact in the lives of those I serve.

Work Experience

Crisis Intervention Specialist

Crisis Support Services of Alameda County-Oakland, CA
Present

Answering calls for the National 988 Lifeline and also 22 other behavioral health lines Provided resources and activated emergency services

Special Education Paraprofessional

Mount Diablo Unified School District-Concord, CA
August 2016 to January 2020

As a special education paraprofessional, under general supervision, provides assistance to a classroom teacher, performing a variety of tasks relating to the physical and instructional needs of students in a classroom setting; assists in the implementation of instructional programs, including self-help and behavior management as well as instruction. Any other special education paraprofessional related duties as required or assigned.

Community Health Aide

San Francisco City and County Public Health Department-San Francisco, CA
October 2000 to November 2019

Assisting pregnant African American women with medical resources such as locating and coordinating a new doctor, doctor services, scheduling of appointments, verification of insurance plans, coordination of Medi Cal insurance details for patients and their dependants, referrals to free community resources, health and social services, parenting classes and overall support both on the phone and in person.

Education

AAS in Social Work

Eastern Gateway Community College - Steubenville, OH
August 2020 to June 2022

Skills

- Crisis Intervention

- Mental Health Counseling
- Meeting Facilitation
- Behavioral Therapy
- Conflict Management
- Crisis Management
- Social Work
- Child & Family Counseling
- Program Development
- Individual / Group Counseling
- Behavior Management
- Case Management
- Organizational Skills
- Addiction Counseling
- Special Education
- Group Therapy
- Behavioral Health
- Developmental Disabilities Experience
- Curriculum Development
- Classroom Management
- Experience with Children
- Time Management
- Teaching
- Tutoring
- Research
- Autism Experience
- Motivational Interviewing
- Applied Behavior Analysis
- Program Management
- Management
- Property management
- Fair Housing regulations
- Yardi
- Classroom Experience

Awards

Equity for Black Women and Girls

September 2023

- A Black Women and Girls Incubator Program, to support Black women and girl's new and existing business enterprises.

- Convening Black-led organizations and other organizations that serve Black people in Contra Costa County to inventory services for Black women and girls
- I was one of the winners of the first cohort, and here is my Business Website: www.notyomama415doulaservices.com

Certifications and Licenses

Career Opportunities in Real Estate Program.....Certified Property Manager & Certified Apartment Manager

November 2022 to Present

CORE is eight module online credentialing course and will include live and self-guided real estate career content coupled with building skills necessary to succeed. You will spend approximately 3 hours per module. Real Estate. a career of choice, not chance.

Students achieving this credential will be prepared for entry level jobs in the real estate industry primarily as a leasing consultant, marketing representative, property administrator. Students will leave with an overview of the industry that will position them for future studies or entry level positions. We encourage additional exploration through experiential learning such as job shadowing, internships, part time or full time employment.

Certification was given through University Of Alabama

CNA

An Overview of Recognizing and Supporting System-Involved Youth and Teens Who Use Marijuana Training

December 2022 to Present

For Participating in the:

An Overview of Recognizing and Supporting System-Involved Youth and Teens Who Use Marijuana Training

Facilitated by Nicole Klasey, PsyD &

Monique Calderon-Remenda, Survivor Advocate, BA Fine Arts

on December 12, 2022

3 Hours = 3 CEUs

1266 14th Street, Oakland CA 94607

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir

CAMFT CEU Provider Number: 133478 Minjon LeNoir, Training Director

For Participating in the: Strategies to Support System-Involved Youth with Grief and Loss Training

December 2022 to Present

For Participating in the:

Strategies to Support System-Involved Youth with

Grief and Loss Training

Facilitated by Nicole Klasey, PsyD &

Monique Calderon-Remenda, Survivor Advocate, BA Fine Arts

on December 19, 2022

3 Hours = 3 CEUs

1266 14th Street, Oakland CA 94607

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir

CAMFT CEU Provider Number: 133478 Minjon LeNoir, Training Director

Safety Planning for Domestic Violence Survivors Training

January 2023 to Present

Safety Planning for Domestic
Violence Survivors Training

Facilitated by Kwonta Phatipong, Doctorate of Clinical Psychology,

MS MFT, BS Psychology & Monique Calderon-Remenda, Survivor Advocate, BA Fine Arts
on January 18, 2023

3 Hours = 3 CEUs

1266 14th Street, Oakland CA 94607

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir

CAMFT CEU Provider Number: 133478 Minjon LeNoir, Training Director

Anger Management Skills for System-Involved Youth Training

January 2023 to Present

Anger Management Skills for System-Involved Youth Training

Facilitated by Nicole Klasey, PsyD & Jessika Fuhrmanek, Survivor Advocate
on January 23, 2023

4 Hours = 4 CEUs

1266 14th Street, Oakland CA 94607

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir

CAMFT CEU Provider Number: 133478 Minjon LeNoir, Training Director

Community Doula Training Certificate

December 2023 to Present

Community-Based Doula Program prepares participants to become birth doulas who offer care through an equity lens and a trauma-informed perspective.

Rape Crisis Counselor Training @ San Francisco Women Against Rape (SFWAR)

March 2022 to Present

Rape/ DV/Sexual Assault Counselors (SACs) complete a California State Certified DV/ Sexual Assault Counselor Training, designed to provide future volunteer counselors with knowledge, skills, and self-awareness necessary to respond to people affected by sexualized trauma. Specific topics covered in the training include the myths and realities of sexual abuse/assault, effects of trauma, medical issues, legal options, crisis intervention, and counseling skills. Throughout the training, we explore the connection between individual acts of sexual abuse/assault and institutional oppression such as sexism, racism, and homophobia.

California Black Women's Health Project / Sisters Mentally Mobilized Advocate Training Program

December 2021 to Present

Sisters Mentally Mobilized - Advocate Training Program includes training modules focused on suicide prevention and perinatal mental health, including perinatal mood disorders, postpartum depression/anxiety, and respite care for Black birthing people and families

Adult Mental Health First Aid USA

April 2022 to April 2025

Mental Health First Aiders learn the 5-step Mental Health First Aid Action Plan (ALGEE): assess for risk of suicide or harm; listen nonjudgmentally; give reassurance and information; encourage appropriate professional help; and encourage self-help and other support strategies.

Lifeline Learning 988 National Suicide & Crisis Training Certification

October 2023 to Present

The 988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline provides free and confidential emotional support to people in suicidal crisis or emotional distress 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, across the United States.

Certified Advanced Lactation Educator

May 2024 to Present

The Advanced Lactation Educator possesses the insight, knowledge, and skills essential to the development and implementation of management strategies for complex problems related to breastfeeding and human lactation.

The Community Advocacy Partnership (CAP) Training and Certified

April 2023 to Present

The Community Advocacy Partnership (CAP) is a volunteer-driven group within the Food Bank's advocacy team.

Food banks play a critical role in ending hunger, but we can't do it alone. The Food Bank of Contra Costa and Solano strategically engages in advocacy work to raise awareness and mobilize support to end hunger, improve economic security and promote health and well being for our community. This includes educating the public and policymakers about food insecurity and encouraging them to partner with us to improve access to healthy food.

The Impact of Internalized Racism on System-Involved Youth Training

December 2022 to Present

The Impact of Internalized Racism
on System-Involved Youth Training

Facilitated by Nicole Klasey, PsyD & Nancy Acosta, PsyD

on December 5, 2022

7 Hours = 7 CEUs

1266 14th

Street, Oakland CA 94607 Minjon LeNoir

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir, Training Director

Strategies to Support System-Involved Youths' Parents Training

December 2022 to Present

Strategies to Support System-Involved Youths'
Parents Training

Facilitated by Nicole Klasey, PsyD

on December 7, 2022

3 Hours = 3 CEUs

1266 14th

Street, Oakland CA 94607

510-273-4700 Minjon LeNoir

UCLA Engaging Families in Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services

January 2024 to Present

Documentation of Attendance & Continuing Education

Name: Sherina N Criswell

License/Certification Number: 4151

Engaging Families in Substance Use Prevention, Treatment and Recovery Services

UCLA Integrated Substance Abuse Programs is approved to provide three (3.0) continuing education credits/contact

hours (CEs/CEHs) to the following certified and licensed professionals:

Registered Alcohol and Drug Trainees I/II, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors-Certified Addiction Specialists, Certified

Alcohol and Drug Counselors I/II, Certified Alcohol and Drug Counselors-Clinical Supervisors, and Licensed Advanced Alcohol

and Drug Counselors (RADTs I/II, CADCs-CASs, CADCs I/II, CADCs-CSs, and LAADCs; California Consortium of Addiction Programs and

Professionals (CCAPP), 2N-00-445-1123); Certified Addictions Treatment Counselors (CATCs; Addiction Counselor Certification Board of

California/CAADE, CP 40 872 C 0825); and Certified Alcohol and Other Drug Counselors (CAODCs; California Association of DUI Treatment

Programs (CADTP), 151). UCLA ISAP is approved by the California Association of Marriage and Family Therapists to sponsor continuing education

for Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, Licensed Clinical Social Workers, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselors, and/or

Licensed Educational Psychologists (Provider #64812). UCLA ISAP maintains responsibility for this program/course and its content. Course

meets the qualifications for three (3.0) hours of continuing education credit for LMFTs, LCSWs, LPCCs, and LEPs as required by the California

Board of Behavioral Sciences.

Provider Signature

First Aid Certification

CPR Certification

CHES

Groups

CASA of Contra Costa County Broad Member

August 2021 to Present

CASA of Contra Costa County Board Members have the responsibility to ensure that the program does the best work possible in pursuing its mission of recruiting, training and supporting volunteers to advocate for abused and neglected children in the juvenile court system.

Richmond Family Connect and Common Studios

August 2022 to Present

RCF Connects is a leading motivator in Contra Costa County in the field of transformative philanthropy and community change. We encourage our neighbors and resident leaders to share stories and knowledge, and embrace and celebrate shared values and differences. We understand that folks in our community not only want their truths and stories to be heard, but meaningful and impactful opportunities to arise that will allow real change on the issues they care about. We are here to manifest that change.

Lift Up Contra Costa County

December 2023 to Present

The goal of LUCCA's endorsement is to elect candidates who support LUCCA's and its partners policy positions and organizational mission, that fights against all forms of oppression, including anti-black racism, racism, anti-immigrant, anti-LGBTQ, environmental & healthcare injustice and the classist, anti-worker movements. LUCCA will also seek to gain recognition and improve relationships with elected officials, advance LUCCA's policy agenda, and build respect for impacted communities as a powerful and committed activist organization.

Phi Theta Kappa

August 2020 to Present

Phi Theta Kappa is an international honor society of two-year colleges. Its purpose is to promote scholarship, leadership, fellowship, and service among qualified students. To join, a full- or part-time student must maintain a GPA of 3.55 or higher and accumulate at least 12 credit hours toward transfer or an associate degree. The Alpha Omicron Nu Chapter of EGCC was chartered in 1989. Membership is by invitation only and is open to students across all EGCC locations and online.

I graduated with a 4.0 GPA..... Summa Cum Laude

The National Society of Collegiate Scholars (NSCS)

December 2021 to Present

(NSCS), the nation's leading honor society for highly successful first- and second-year students. You are among a small percentage of students who qualify, so you should be especially proud of your accomplishment.

Unlike many honor societies, your NSCS membership means something. Membership should be a part of your ongoing academic profile, future applications for internships, graduate school, and resume credentials as you pursue the career of your choice.

With NSCS, recognition is just the beginning. Some of NSCS' signature membership benefits include:

- **Scholarships:** Access to more than a seven hundred fifty thousand dollars in scholarships and chapter funds annually, including \$50K in New Member Awards and \$60K in Induction awards, to name a few.
- **Leadership:** Apply for the National Leadership Council, access NSCS content via the website, portal and biweekly Scholar Connection or take advantage of NSCS-exclusive awards and programs such as Semester at Sea, International Scholar Laureate Program, Absolute Internship, and Future Docs Abroad.
- **Service:** NSCS scholars across the nation each year partner with local schools and youth organizations for the Planning to Achieve Collegiate Excellence Program (PACE) to inspire students to graduate high school. Many even host a March to College™ day, hosting activities and giving students a sense of what college is like. Further, there are other opportunities to get involved nationally through our work with Active Minds and other organizations.

Student Government Association Vice President

August 2021 to June 2022

SGA Vice President at Eastern Gateway and Youngstown University 2021 - 2022

Black Student Union President

January 2021 to Present

Started the first Black Student Union and I was President 2021- 2022 at Eastern Gateway and Youngstown University.