



Contra Costa County

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BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name: George, Middle Initial: A, Last Name: Balan, Home Address - Street, City: Orinda, State: CA, Postal Code: 94563, Primary Phone, Email Address, Resident of Supervisorial District (if out of County, please enter N/A): 2, District Locator Tool, Do you work in Contra Costa County? No, Current Employer, Job Title, Length of Employment, How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County?

Board, Committee, or Commission: Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council (JJCC), Seat Name: At-Large Youth, Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying? Yes, If Yes, how many? 1

EDUCATION

Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following: High School Diploma, CA High School Proficiency Certificate, G.E.D. Certificate, Colleges or Universities Attended table, Occupational Licenses Completed, Other Trainings Completed, Certificate Awarded for Training?

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? No, If Yes, please explain:

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

With exposure to the intersection of K-12 education, LGBTQ+ advocacy, and juvenile justice, I seek to be a determined student voice on the Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council. As a junior at Miramonte High School focused on progressive reform, I was recently appointed to the LGBTQ+ State Task Force by Superintendent Thurmond.

Having worked to create measures tackling criminal justice reform and reparative justice as State President of the California High School Democrats, I believe I can offer a valuable student perspective to the commission. I am eager to explore additional avenues for juvenile justice in our own community and would appreciate the chance to be part of this essential work.

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

See Resume.

I am including my resume with this application:

Please check one: Yes No

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Please check one: Yes No

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Chair of Public Relations for the Orinda Teen Advisory Council; Volunteer/Intern for the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County; Volunteer at the Lafayette Library; Miramonte High School Leadership Commissioner.

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Signed: George Balan Date: 9/20

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GEORGE BALAN

EDUCATION

Miramonte High School, Acalanes Union High School District August 2022 - Present
High School Junior (Class of 2026) - 4.0 GPA (UW) Orinda, CA

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

California High School Democrats (CAHSD) May 2024 - Present
Statewide Chair/President

- Oversee a statewide organization of more than 1,000 students, focusing on directing outreach strategies, political programs, and advocacy initiatives aimed at enhancing youth engagement in civics and government.
- Lead coalition-building initiatives with candidates, including Rep. Schiff and Mayor Liccardo to create opportunities.

California Department of Education LGBTQ+ State Task Force June 2024 - Present
Student Representative

- Appointed by State Superintendent Thurmond to collaborate with state education leaders and professionals on shaping policies that create safe, inclusive environments for LGBTQ+ students across California.
- Develop events and workshops to raise awareness about available resources and information.

Contra Costa County Elections Division August 2023 - Present
Student Election Ambassador

- Promote voter education and civic engagement among youth to increase electoral participation among students through social media campaigns and voter registration drives.

Orinda Teen Advisory Council August 2023 - Present
Chair of Public Relations & Outreach

- Increased council membership by 30% through enhanced outreach and engagement with Orinda schools.

INTERNSHIPS & WORK EXPERIENCE

Alameda County District Attorney - Hayward City Attorney's Office May 2024 - August 2024
Student Intern

- Acquired knowledge of criminal justice & police reform by providing various support to attorneys: drafting legal documents, conducting research, preparing case materials, and actively exploring policy changes.

Democratic Party of Contra Costa County (DPCCC) August 2023 - August 2024
Student Intern

- Spearheaded efforts to increase youth participation by organizing educational workshops that resulted in a notable rise in youth involvement within the Democratic Party of Contra Costa County.

AWARDS & HONORS

State Championship Finalist - Congressional Debate April 2024
California High School Speech Association

Outstanding Defense Witness April 2024
Contra Costa County Mock Trial

National First Generation Recognee April 2024
College Board

Padilla Excellence in Leadership Award November 2023
California High School Democrats

Application Form

Profile

Ellen

First Name

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Faden

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Richmond

City

CA

State

94804

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

Albany Unified School
District

Employer

Credentialed Teacher

Job Title

Length of Employment

10 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

1

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

15 years

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

Ad-hoc Member

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

SUNY Stony Brook

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

B.A. English

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

CCNY

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

M.A. English

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Chapman

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Teaching Credential

Ellen M Faden

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Paralegal

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Life Coaching

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Paralegal Certified Life Coach

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am focusing my interests at this time in my life in helping youth attain mental health services. I am particularly interested in helping daters find healthy partners, and I am actually writing a book about this topic.

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

I have been on the Board of Directors of my congregation for 5 years, I am currently on the Board of Directors in Marina Bay, Richmond. As a teacher in Oakland, I wrote 30 IEPs and understand differentiated learning. I was also a founding member of the Morris Center for Adult Survivors of Child Abuse.

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Yes No

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

Yes No

Ellen M Faden

If Yes, please explain:

I may be substitute teaching on those days, but I can adjust my schedule.

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Yes No

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I am a member of the Temescal Artists Community and Richmond Art Center.

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Application Form

Profile

Rojan Mikael
First Name

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Middle Initial

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Last Name

[Redacted]
Home Address

Suite or Apt

BRENTWOOD
City

CA
State

94513
Postal Code

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 3

Mabuhay
Employer

Cashier
job Title

Length of Employment

3 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

District 3

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

12

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

At-large youth seats

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

None of the above

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

Serving on this board, committee, or commission is a deeply personal commitment for me, shaped by my experiences growing up in Brentwood and my identity as a first-generation, gay Filipino American. Having lived through the challenges faced by our community, particularly the emotional impact of events like COVID-19 and the pressures placed on our youth, I have witnessed firsthand the struggles and resilience of our young people. The lack of proper support for our youth can lead them to seek solace in unhealthy coping mechanisms. This is a concern that resonates deeply with me, and I am passionate about addressing it. My unique perspective as someone who has navigated these challenges myself equips me with the insight needed to understand and address the specific needs of diverse groups within Contra Costa County. I believe that by bringing my background and experiences to this board, I can contribute valuable perspectives and propose effective solutions tailored to our community's needs. I am committed to leveraging my understanding of the issues at hand to create meaningful change and to provide support where it is most needed. Serving on this board represents an opportunity for me to make a positive impact and to advocate for the well-being and success of our youth and marginalized communities.

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

I am well-qualified for this appointment to the Juvenile Justice Commission due to my extensive experience in youth advocacy, policy development, and community engagement. My current role with GENup, a nationwide student-led social justice organization, has provided me with a deep understanding of educational policy reform and the complexities of advocating for systemic change. This experience has equipped me with the skills necessary to contribute effectively to the Juvenile Justice Commission's mission of improving juvenile justice systems. My involvement with the Brentwood Youth Commission further enhances my qualifications. Serving on this commission has allowed me to directly engage with local issues and work towards meaningful policy changes within our community. I have addressed disparities and worked on initiatives to improve the well-being of youth in Brentwood, focusing on creating equitable opportunities for all. This role has deepened my understanding of local needs and the importance of tailored solutions, which will be valuable in addressing juvenile justice concerns. Additionally, my background as a gay Filipino American brings a unique perspective that I believe is crucial for representing marginalized communities in Brentwood. I am committed to advocating for the needs of the gay and Asian American communities, ensuring that their voices are heard and their issues are addressed. My experience in community organizing and my dedication to addressing disparities position me well to contribute to the Juvenile Justice Commission's goals of fostering a fair and inclusive justice system for all youth.

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Brentwood Youth Commission Contra Costa County NAMI Brentwood TCTA

Rojan Mikael K Habon

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Sara
First Name

E
Middle Initial

Hall
Last Name

[Redacted]
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Concord
City

CA
State

94521
Postal Code

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Email Address

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Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 4

Wellpath
Employer

Psychologist
Job Title

Length of Employment

4 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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

11 years

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

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Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

Sara E Hall

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

San Diego State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Bachelor's

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

John F Kennedy University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Doctor of psychology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Sara E Hall

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I would like to help make our county a safer place while also ensuring our juvenile population can learn and thrive. I am passionate about reaching younger generations while they're still malleable and helping them see a better way of life.

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

I am a psychologist with 7 years of experience working with individuals in the criminal justice system. I have a good understanding of what leads individuals to enter into the criminal lifestyle and would love the opportunity to be able to help change that for youth in our county. I also have young children and want to help make their community a better place to grow up in.

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Sara E. Hall, Psy.D.

Licensed Clinical Psychologist PSY# [REDACTED]

EDUCATION

John F. Kennedy University	Psy.D. in Clinical Psychology	2017
John F. Kennedy University	M.A. in Clinical Psychology, non-terminal	2014
San Diego State University	B.A. in Psychology	2009
Complutense de Madrid	Minor in Spanish	2006

CLINICAL EXPERIENCE

2022-Present **Clinical Psychologist, Private Practice**

Virtual throughout California

- Providing evidenced-based psychotherapy to a diverse population of adults with a specialization in couple's therapy, public safety officials, and first responders.

2020-Present **Psychologist/Program Director, Wellpath Jail Based Competency Treatment**

Humboldt & Shasta County, CA

- Humboldt County Correctional Facility houses approximately 441 male and female inmates. Acts as JBCT program psychologist and completes initial intake assessments, regular competency to stand trial evaluations, neuropsychological, intellectual, cognitive, personality, and malingering testing, and submitted legal reports for the courts. Works closely with correctional staff to coordinate treatment of inmates.
- Shasta County Jail is a correctional facility that houses approximately 332 male and female inmates. In role as JBCT program psychologist, completes initial intake assessments, regular competency to stand trial evaluations, neuropsychological, intellectual, cognitive, personality, and malingering testing, and submitted legal reports for the courts. In role as JBCT program director, supervises employees, works closely with correctional and medical staff to coordinate inmate treatment, develops weekly treatment schedules, coordinates with contracting counties to coordinate transportation as well as for continuity of care, communicates with the Department of State Hospitals to ensure program compliance, conducts monthly audits to guarantee program adherence, provides clinical training and support to mental health clinician and competency trainer, coordinates and leads weekly treatment team meetings, and coordinates involuntary medication order/administrative law judge hearings.

2017-2020

Psychologist, California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, California Medical Facility

Vacaville, CA

- California Medical Facility is a level II correctional facility that houses approximately 2,300 male inmates. Services provided include medical, dental, and psychiatric care.

- Worked in the administrative segregation unit as well the Enhanced Outpatient Program and provided individual and group therapy, conducted intake assessments, provided behavioral consultations to correctional staff, conducted crisis intervention assessments and treatment recommendations, completed gender reassignment surgery evaluations, and assessed suicide and/or homicide risk level and referred as appropriate.

2016-2017 **Doctoral Psychology Intern, Spring Grove Hospital Center**
Catonsville, MD

- Spring Grove Hospital Center is a 377-bed inpatient psychiatric hospital that provides a broad spectrum of acute and long-term psychiatric treatment to adolescents and adults with severe and persistent mental illness. The psychology internship training program has been continuously fully accredited by APA since 1971.
- Worked in a multidisciplinary setting, conducted intake assessments, comprehensive psychological and neuropsychological assessments, provided individual and group therapy, provided competency restoration services, conducted competency and criminal responsibility evaluations and wrote subsequent reports for the courts, developed and implemented an undergraduate in-field experience, assisted in carrying out clinical research with patients with treatment-resistant schizophrenia spectrum disorders, provided behavioral consultations to other departments, assisted with the development and implementation of Continued Education workshops, supervised practicum students, and provided an in-service training to the psychology department staff.

2015-2016 **Practicum Extern, Etkin Lab at Stanford University/Palo Alto VA**
Palo Alto, CA

- Etkin Lab is a research lab with multiple ongoing studies dedicated to identifying neural mechanisms involved in common psychopathologies such as depression, anxiety, and post-traumatic stress, as well as understanding that of emotional and cognitive regulation.
- Worked in a multidisciplinary setting, conducted intake, pre/post treatment, and follow-up clinical assessments, communicated differential diagnosis, assisted with fMRI and rTMS treatments, and attended weekly neuroscience trainings and Grand Rounds.

2014-2016 **Practicum Extern, JFKU Assessment Practicum**
Pleasant Hill, CA

- JFKU Assessment Program provides psychological assessment services to children and adults referred by local agencies.
- Completing full psychological and neuropsychological assessments in order to identify accurate diagnoses and current cognitive functioning, rule out neurological deficits, determine capacity, and help guide treatment.

2014-2015 **Practicum Trainee, ANKA Behavioral Health Inc., U.S. Probation**
Concord, CA

- Anka Behavioral Health's U.S. Probation provides outpatient mental health services to adults on federal probation or in the pre-trial status.
- Provided evidenced-based individual psychotherapy, assisted with urinary analysis coordination and collection, and completed substance abuse and

mental health assessments requested by the federal probation department regarding diagnostic clarification, malingering, and treatment recommendations.

- 2014-2015 **Practicum Trainee, ANKA Behavioral Health Inc., Nevin House**
Richmond, CA
- Anka Behavioral Health's Nevin House is a dual-diagnosis residential treatment facility that serves a diverse population of adults ages 18-65.
 - Provided long-term evidence-based individual psychotherapy, created and implemented treatment plans, conducted process and psychoeducational group therapy, coordinated with outside government agencies, handled Medi-Cal billing, and managed crises.
 - Performed psychological assessments on clients referred from other Anka agencies. Reasons for referral include evaluation for malingering, cognitive decline, diagnostic clarification, learning disorders, and treatment suggestions.
- 2013-2014 **Practicum Extern, Mount Diablo Unified School District**
Concord, CA
- Community Counseling Center provides school-based individual and group therapy and crisis management services to children ages 5-18.
 - Provided individual psychotherapy to elementary aged children, managed school-wide crises, identified and managed social and behavioral concerns, and worked with educators and family members to promote optimal development and educational success.
- 2013-2014 **Practicum Trainee, Marin Treatment Center**
San Rafael, CA
- Marin Treatment Center provides intensive outpatient substance abuse treatment as well as medical and mental health services to an underserved population of adults with opioid dependence.
 - Managed an ongoing caseload of 10-15 clients and provided them with weekly evidenced-based individual psychotherapy and treatment planning, and co-facilitated process groups and hepatitis C support groups weekly.
 - Utilized Wellness and Recovery Action Plan, handled advocacy/case management, provided crisis intervention, milieu therapy, collaborated with county agencies, completed MediCal compliant documentation, assisted with program development, audited client charts, and led interdisciplinary team treatment meetings.
- 2009-2011 **Program Supervisor, Stein Education Center**
San Diego, CA
- Stein Education Center Adult Services provides day treatment for individuals with challenging intellectual or developmental disabilities, as well as severe mental illness requiring an intensive level of support.
 - Operated one of the adult behavioral management day programs, which included creating and implementing individual vocational and behavioral plans intended to develop appropriate social, independent living, and employment skills, crisis intervention, completing oral and written reports, performing intake assessments, collaborating with external providers, and

managing employees.

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

2015-2016 **Research Assistant Volunteer, Senior Outreach Services**

Contra Costa County, CA

- Assisted lead researcher in utilizing quantitative methodology to evaluate the efficacy of local Senior Outreach Services programs, such as Meals on Wheels and in-home exercise programs.

2014-2017 **Principle Investigator, False Confessions: A Descriptive Phenomenological Study**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- Completed my doctoral dissertation that included qualitative interviews and subsequent analyses of proven false confessors' experience of falsely confessing to a crime that they did not commit.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

2013-2015 **Graduate Teaching Assistant, John F. Kennedy University**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- Assisted faculty with Law & Ethics course, helped with classroom instruction, managed course materials on supplemental website, mentored students, maintained records and various reports, and assisted in creating exam content.

OTHER RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

2014-2016 **Student Consultant and Liaison, Taylor Study Method**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- Taylor Study Method is a comprehensive EPPP test preparation program.
- Provided student and faculty trainings and feedback sessions, assisted with content and curriculum coordination, maintained intercompany contact with other universities, prepared monthly progress reports, and managed complaints and/or concerns.

2014-2016 **Student Consultant, Time2Track**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- Time2Track is an online platform used to track clinical experience for individuals and organizations in behavioral health.
- Conducted trainings and workshops for students, maximized student use and effectiveness, ensured compliance with university protocol and APA accreditation requirements, and identified and resolved omissions or inaccuracies in the database.

2014-2016 **Student Representative, JFKU PsyD Training Committee**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- The PsyD Training Committee is dedicated to managing and optimizing the clinical training program to ensure student success in practicum and internship placements.

- Worked closely with faculty to maximize training utilization and success, ensured appropriate field placements, created internship readiness criterion, organized practicum site visits, and held training workshops for students.

2013-2015 **Treasurer, JFKU PsyD Student Council**

Pleasant Hill, CA

- Kept an accurate account of all business transactions and fund disbursements, created annual budgets, organized events, and assisted faculty in new student orientation.

2011-2012 **Ethnographic Trainee, First 5 Monument Community Center**

Concord, CA

- First 5 provides support, programs, and classes for expectant parents and families with children birth to five years.
- Assisted program coordinators with providing services to families with children ages 0-5, co-facilitated groups on positive parenting practices, early childhood development, provided support for parents of children with disabilities, and offered stress management groups, provided local referrals, and assisted with intake evaluations.

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATIONS

Adams, H., Vyas, G., Kowalewski, J., Kuptzin, M., Richardson, C., Hall, S., & Kelly, D. (2017). *Cognitive Behavior Therapy for Psychosis (CBTp) in an Inpatient Setting for Individuals with Treatment-Resistant Schizophrenia: Evaluating Efficacy in a Manner Consistent with the Theory*. Presented at the International Congress on Schizophrenia Research in San Diego, CA.

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

2013-2014 Crisis Counselor, San Francisco Suicide Prevention
2012-2013 Re-entry Counselor, San Quentin State Prison
2005-2011 Event Coordinator, American Cancer Society

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

2011-Present American Psychological Association
Division 40 (Neuropsychology), 41 (Psychology-Law), 12 (Clinical)
2007-Present Psi Chi National Honors Society

REFERENCES

Brian McKinney, M.D.	Wellpath	1(714) 697-2888
Peter Van Oot, Ph.D.	John F. Kennedy University	1(925) 969-3404
Chris Padalinski, Psy.D.	California Department of Corrections	1(559) 916-8343

Application Form

Profile

Amanda

First Name

M

Middle Initial

Jenkins

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

Richmond

City

CA

State

94804

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

Self

Employer

Ceo

Job Title

Length of Employment

2yrs

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

1

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

25yrs

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Amanda M Jenkins

Seat Name

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

G.E.D. Certificate

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Contra Costa college

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

SPIRIT Graduate, Health and Human services AA, Sociology Major

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Amanda M Jenkins

Other Training A

National Alliance to end Homelessness homeless outreach

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

FIAEB Leadership Training

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Phlebotomy certificate

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I have several children one of which is still a minor as well as five grandchildren and I would love to have an opinion or an opportunity to weigh in on the juvenile justice system and what happens concerning the kids in my community. I am very close and active to several of the kids in my neighborhood and I encourage them be better thinkers and better students and stay out of trouble by giving them chances to volunteer with my non profit on a regular basis. I also get involved with activities such as sports or biking and talk to the youth about living a better life in our city and county.

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

I believe my qualifications are also included in why I want to hold this position mentioned above. However I also am a Sociology Major at Contra Costa College as well as a Spirit Graduate and AA in Health and Human Services. I have had several Leadership trainings as well with Faith and Action East Bay. I am an advocate for the unhoused in Richmond as well as hold a seat on the Reimagine Richmond Task force and the Residential Advisory Council.

[Upload a Resume](#)

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

Yes No

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Yes No

Amanda M Jenkins

If Yes, please explain:

Only school at night 1 day a week on Tuesdays from 6-9

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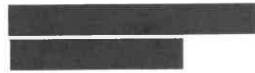
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 - (4) Registered domestic partner, pursuant to California Family Code section 297;
 - (5) The relatives, as defined in 1 and 2 above, for a registered domestic partner;
 - (6) Any person with whom a Board Member shares a financial interest as defined in the Political Reform Act (Gov't Code §87103, Financial Interest), such as a business partner or business associate.

Amanda Jenkins

Peer support partner/ Community Outreach

Richmond, CA 94804



Compassionate peer support specialist seeking a position in peer support or case management.

Work Experience

Peer Support Specialist

Community Volunteerism - Richmond, CA

May 2015 to Present

- Provide peer support through lived experience to the unhoused in my community.
- Provided meals, clothes, emotional support, mental health support and resources
- Connected individuals with resources for housing and shelters, health van access, free showers and places to receive case management help.

On site general Manager and Director/CEO

Operation Ground 0 INC/ Safe Park - Richmond, CA

May 2019 to June 2023

- Worked side by side with the supervisors and directors as well as the mayor and city council to manage over 40 rv residents in Richmond, CA.
- Started what was known as Richmonds 1st mobile RV safe park Castro site for homeless living in North Richmond.
- Oversee all everyday activities as well as conflict resolutions, hauling of trash, process and assign spaces, and every day chores.
- Managing numerous donations and coordinating services as well as light security and case management as needed.

Stocker/security

Mike's Liquor Store - San Pablo, CA

August 2019 to September 2022

- Helped ensure a clean work environment every night as well as restocked shelves.
- Provided security 2 nights a week
- Washed, folded and dried garments for scheduled customers

Community Engagement Coordinator

Sos richmond - Richmond, CA

May 2020 to September 2021

- Community engagement specialist for SOS Richmond
- Facilitated cleanups, water delivery, shower access points, food deliveries, access to health vans
- Helped resolve conflicts between residents and businesses in the area of the encampments.

Caregiver/Personal Assistant

██████████ - Richmond, CA

May 2019 to August 2020

- Provided care and personal assistance around the clock for a 600 lb 43 yr old man with little to no mobility.
- Performed duties such as bathing, cooking, cleaning, and companionship until he passed.

General Laborer (Temp)

Blue crew - San Francisco Bay Area, CA

December 2015 to June 2016

- Performed numerous positions that varied by job such as but not limited to:
 - Commercial moving
 - Cashier
 - General laborer
 - Busser

Education

Service Provider Individualized Recovery Intensive Training (SPIRIT) Program

Contra Costa College - San Pablo, CA

January 2024 - July 2024

AA in Sociology

Contra Costa College - San Pablo, CA

September 2023 to Present

High school or equivalent

Some College or Technical - Richmond, CA

January 2001 to June 2002

Skills

- Public speaking - 3 years
- Group facilitation - 3 years
- Active listening - 2 years
- Leadership - 4 years
- Organizing - 5 years

Certifications and Licenses

Certified Phlebotomy Technician I

February 2001 to February 2002

Received certificate for phlebotomy during Medical Assistant classes at Silicon Valley College in Emeryville CA need Recert to be up to date.

Harm reduction

May 2023 to Present

Certificate from The National Alliance to End Homelessness

Intro to Case management

May 2023 to Present

Certificate from The National Alliance to End Homelessness online

Leader and organizer

January 2023 to Present

Organizing and leadership certificates from both The school of Faith and Power in Los Angeles thru the Pico Network and Faith and Action East Bay.

Cultural Humility

March 2023 to March 2023

Certificate from The National Alliance to End Homelessness

Certificate in racial equity and inclusion

September 2023 to Present

C4 solutions part 1 and will be attending part 2 in October 2023.

Certificate in Housing First

May 2023 to Present

Basic housing first certificate from national alliance to end homelessness.

Basic homelessness outreach

May 2023 to Present

Certificate from national alliance to end homelessness

Groups**Reimagining Richmond Public Safety Taskforce**

September 2023 to Present

Faith in Action East Bay leader and organizer

May 2022 to Present

Castro Advisory Council member

October 2022 to Present

Equity Committee for Contra Costa County

November 2022 to Present

Homeless task force City of Richmond

March 2022 to Present

Richmond strategic planning committee

May 2022 to March 2023

Steering Committee for Contra Costa County

April 2022 to November 2022

Resident Advisory Council

January 2024 - Present

Publications

Reimagining Richmond Public Safety taskforce highlight member of the month

[https://linktr.ee/ReimagineRichmondTogether?](https://linktr.ee/ReimagineRichmondTogether?fbclid=PAAaa9eeCYc6jxwQGJuyfLjRE8XCqbwSh7LUmFWqkIvlatWX79N1_mAxKS1CQ)

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September 2023

Podcast and publication in there newsletter episode 4

Leader and organizer of the month

May 2023

Faith and action east bay newsletter

A push for long-term RV site in richmond

<https://richmondconfidential.org/2020/11/02/a-push-for-a-long-term-rv-community-in-richmond/> November

2020

Richmond standard local newspaper did an article on my safe park that I started in 2019.

Our training is our experience, one woman's journey from homelessness to advocacy

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/05/07/our-training-is-our-lived-experience-one-womans-journey-from-homelessness-to-advocacy/>

May 2023

A follow up article from my 1st article in 2020 from Richmond standard

Homeless encampment rally

<https://www.gettyimages.fi/detail/uutiskuva/residents-brenda-bolanos-left-shows-amanda-jenkins-her-sign-uutiskuva/1425375717>

September 2022

Rally for services promised to encampment from city of Richmond

Profile

Rachel
First Name

Lei
Middle Initial Last Name

[Redacted]
Home Address

Suite or Apt

Brentwood
City

CA
State

94513
Postal Code

[Redacted]
Primary Phone

[Redacted]
Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

None Selected

Employer

Job Title

Length of Employment

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

At-Large Youth Member

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

None of the above

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am passionate about supporting initiatives that aim to serve youth populations! I believe that it's really important to get people my age engaged with the community by expanding access to more opportunities - hopefully, by serving on this council, I will be equipped with more information on youth-affecting policies & be more aware of issues affecting youth populations to build a stronger connection between students and government officials through other things I'm involved like (for example, releasing key details on the Press). Furthermore, as a commissioner of the city of Brentwood I can share input on key events the Brentwood Youth Commission and Parks and Recreation Committee are setting up. Lastly, I love coming up with new ideas to better support youth in the county- from advising mental health efforts to creating more student opportunities, I would be honored to contribute to the council.

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

Through my experience with the Brentwood Youth Commission and my regular attendance at the Parks and Recreation Commission, I am aware of general council procedures and how to hold formal discussions. Furthermore, my connections to the greater youth population in my city through both the commission and the Press would allow me to effectively gather and spread essential information. Lastly, my work with school clubs like AFJROTC and speech/debate has furthered my communication skills and ability to lead/cooperate with students.

[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:

The only potential issue would be getting consistent transportation, however this is something I can easily work out with my parents. It's just something up in the air for now!

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Yes No

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I currently serve on the Brentwood Youth Commission and regularly volunteer around the Brentwood area with Air Force Junior ROTC.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

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Yes No

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I Agree

Rachel Lei

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RACHEL LEI

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council of Contra Costa County

EDUCATION

Heritage High School

Brentwood, CA
Class of 2026

EXPERIENCE

City of Brentwood

Youth Commissioner

July 2024 —Present

- Developed and maintained effective communication between the Youth Commission and the Parks and Recreation Commission to ensure youth voices and developments were heard by city officials.
- Furthered thoughtful discussion on upcoming youth events (such as the Halloween youth service event) to advance comprehensive plans.

The Press

Chief Co-Editor of the Brentwood Youth Press

August 2023 —Present

- Spearheaded initiatives to elevate youth voices through journalism and press publication.
- Leveraged direct communication with local youth populations and the Press through social media interactions, thus establishing a clear line of dialogue between changemakers and emerging student opinions.
- Organized monthly discussions for students, establishing a platform for collaboration, thoughtful writing, and youth involvement in local governance.

ACTIVITIES

Speech and Debate Club at Heritage High School

Logistics Manager and Lincoln-Douglas Debate Co-Lead

July 2022 —Present

- Organize and maintain all major logistics within the club including tournament registry and official parent documents to ensure all students get accessibility to enriching competitions.
- Lead nearly a dozen youth within the Lincoln-Douglas debate team through 5+ tournaments a year.
- Competed in several nationally-recognized tournaments, engaging in policy debates and examining critical literature surrounding prevalent issues.

AFJROTC at Heritage High School

Cadet Tech-Sergeant and Academic Bowl Coordinator

July 2022 —Present

- Contributed to serving the local community through 35+ hours in volunteer events such as road clean ups, logistical management, and attending county-wide veteran ceremonies.
- Served over 15+ hours of flag detail service through raising and lowering Heritage High School's flags.
- Lead a dozen cadets through the semifinals of the JLAB academic competition, organizing bi-weekly meetings, curriculum, and competition entry.

SKILLS & INTERESTS

Relevant Courses: AP United States History, AP Research, ADJUS110

Soft Skills: Public speaking, research, collaboration with youth, techniques in journalism

Interests: Aspiring criminologist with an interest in public policy, literature analysis, and youth psychology. Also an avid digital artist and pianist!

Application Form

Profile

CAMERON

First Name

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Middle Initial

PARR

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

[Redacted]

Suite or Apt

Pittsburgh

City

CA

State

94565

Postal Code

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Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

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None Selected

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Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

Pleasant Hill

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

1 year /6 months

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

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CAMERON E PARR

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+

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

National University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Masters In Education

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA Political Science Minor Sociology

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Emerging Leaders

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

CCC of Education Homelessness Training

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

The National Society of Leadership and Success

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am an educator, self-published author, educator, Father, Contra Costa County Office of Education employee, have lived in experience of homelessness, worked for the Department of Homeland Security as a Customs and Border Protection Officer in San Ysidro, CA (the largest port of entry in the world), and have traveled to various countries. This has allowed me to experience and live around countless different cultures around the world.

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Emerging Leader in Contra Costa County Office of Education, Back-pack giveaways in Oceanside, CA, Feeding the homeless in Los Angeles, CA (Skid Row), Churches, community clean-ups, tutoring and education, and coaching.

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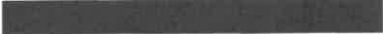
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CAMERON EVERETT PARR

● Pittsburg, CA



Youth Services Specialist – Contra Costa County Office of Education

Passionate and transformational Youth Services Specialist driven to empower at-risk youth and families through compassionate support and evidence-based interventions. Adept at developing and implementing effective plans, fostering positive relationships, and promoting healthy growth. Skilled in crisis management, behavior modification, and family support, with a strong commitment to delivering high-quality services that align with the organization's mission. Excels in building trust with diverse populations, ensuring confidentiality, and demonstrating cultural sensitivity. Dedicated to making a lasting impact in the lives of youth and families.

Selected Highlights:

- **Professionally delivered Integrated Reading Curriculum (IRC) to 10 students at Children's Defense Fund**, leveraging ingenuity and dedication to overcome challenges, reading comprehension, and fluency.
- **Excelled as a Harambee leader and educator, earning commendations for professionalism and superb attention to detail** while consistently exceeding expectations and delivering the Integrated Reading Curriculum, facilitating improvements in reading comprehension and fluency at Children's Defense Fund.
- **Elevated professional expertise through proactive academic pursuit**, completing Children's Defense Fund (CDF) Freedom Schools® National Training and in-town training with Freedom School Partners.
- **Developed and delivered comprehensive law enforcement courses**, including contemporary issues, prompting high student satisfaction, increased student participation, and enhanced student-led discussions at UEI College.

Core Competencies

Education | Project Coordination | Planning & Organization | Communication | Leadership | Team Collaboration | Recordkeeping | Problem Solving | Attention to Detail | Staff Support | Counseling | Case Management | Youth Development | Family Support | Crisis Intervention | Behavior Modification | Mental Health | Trauma-Informed Care | Community Outreach | Program Development | Teamwork | Cultural Competence | Emotional Intelligence | Advocacy

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Contra Costa County Office of Education, Contra Costa County, CA **Youth Services Specialist**

2023 – Present

- Secured millions in grant funding from the California Department of Education and other sources.
- Fostered partnerships with community organizations, expanding resources and services for youth.
- Orchestrated participant satisfaction with YS programs via regular feedback and quality improvement efforts.
- Implemented a trauma-informed care training program for staff, improving service delivery.
- Spearheaded a significant increase in high school graduation rates among foster youth through targeted academic support and mentorship.
- Placed several program participants in jobs or internships within a few months of completing the workforce development program.

Summit Denali High School, Sunnyvale, CA **9th grade Modern World I History Teacher**

2022 – 2023

- Championed self-directed learning structures that increased student autonomy and student engagement.
- Collaborated with colleagues to develop and implement a curriculum that increased student mastery of skills.
- Cultivated a supportive school environment, with a higher percentage of students reporting a strong sense of belonging and connection to the school community.
- Developed and led targeted interventions that reduced the achievement gap for historically underserved student populations.
- Coached students to complete personalized learning plans, setting them up for success in post-secondary education and careers.

UEI College, Oceanside, CA **Instructor – Criminal Justice**

2019 – 2022

- Taught academic courses, with excellent pass rates and boosted student enrollment in the programs.
- Mentored and advised students, with a commendable success rate in student internships and job placements in law enforcement and related fields.
- Delivered specialized law enforcement courses, empowering student engagement, and enhancing student-led projects and presentations.

**Department of Homeland Security, San Diego, CA
Customs and Border Protection Officer**

2011 – 2019

- Conducted thorough searches of vehicles simultaneously while collaborating with up to 50 colleagues.
- Identified counterfeit documents, leveraging expertise as a resident specialist in document authentication.
- Trained incoming officers on organizational practices and immigration laws, fostering knowledge retention.
- Fostered an increase in legitimate trade and travel through effective analysis of charts and conduct of secondary inspections, earning a shortlist nomination for the prestigious Superior Achievement Award (JAC).
- Authored comprehensive reports and paperwork with accuracy, streamlining workflow and minimizing administrative errors.

**Children’s Defense Fund, Long Beach, CA
Servant Leader Intern**

2008 – 2011

- Expanded professional expertise by attending CDF Freedom Schools National Training and in-town training sessions, enhancing teaching skills and knowledge.
- Effectively guided afternoon activities and special events for students, ensuring safety and engagement.
- Maintained total compliance with health and safety standards, exceeding performance objectives.
- Recognized by senior staff as a positive role model for Freedom School Partners scholars, demonstrating exceptional communication, interpersonal, and problem-solving skills.
- Fostered a positive and supportive team environment, prompting a commendable staff satisfaction rate with team coordination and collaboration.
- Streamlined classroom management methods, increasing efficiency while maintaining total adherence to guidelines and instructions.

Additional Experience:

Paraprofessional at Los Angeles Unified School District, Los Angeles, CA (2008– 2011)

PROJECTS

The Book That Never Ends

- Developed "The Book That Never Ends" to help individuals reconnect with their goals and priorities, addressing the modern challenge of work-life balance and the pursuit of meaningful purpose.
- Created a thought-provoking resource for those seeking substance and depth in a world dominated by superficiality, providing a guiding light for readers to re-evaluate their values and aspirations.

EDUCATION

National University, San Diego, CA: 2023

Master's Degree in Education (GPA: 3.87)

California State University, Dominguez Hills

Bachelor of Arts, Political Science/Minor, Sociology

- Awards/Honors: Dean’s List

Certifications or Additional Education:

CBEST (California Basic Educational Skills Test)

30-Day Substitute Teaching Permit (CTC)

Bureau of Security and Investigative Services Guard Registration

Certified HeartSaver Instructor for the American Heart Association

National Society of Leadership Success: NSLS Foundations of Leadership Training Program

ADDITIONAL CREDENTIALS

Technical Skills: Microsoft Office Suite

Honors & Awards: Superior Achievement Award – Department of Homeland Security / Dean’s List for Academic Achievement – California State University

Community Engagement: Oceanside, CA - Backpack giveaway



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Martinez, CA 94553
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BOARDS, COMMITTEES, AND COMMISSIONS APPLICATION

First Name: Maxwell Middle Initial: Z Last Name: Prost
 Home Address - Street: [Redacted] City: Richmond State: CA Postal Code: 94805
 Primary Phone (best number to reach you): [Redacted] Email Address: [Redacted]
 Resident of Supervisorial District (if out of County, please enter N/A): District 1 [District Locator Tool](#)
 Do you work in Contra Costa County? Yes No If Yes, in which District do you work? District 1
 Current Employer: none Job Title: none Length of Employment: none
 How long have you lived or worked in Contra Costa County? 11 years

Board, Committee, or Commission: Juvenile Justice Coordination Committee Seat Name: At-large youth seat
 Have you ever attended a meeting of the advisory board for which you are applying?
 Please check one: Yes No If Yes, how many? 2

EDUCATION
 Check appropriate box if you possess one of the following:
 High School Diploma CA High School Proficiency Certificate G.E.D. Certificate

Colleges or Universities Attended	Degree Type/ Course of Study/Major	Degree Awarded	
none	none	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
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Occupational Licenses Completed: none
 Other Trainings Completed: none
 Certificate Awarded for Training?
 Yes No
 Yes No

Do you have any obligations that might affect your attendance at scheduled meetings? Yes No
 If Yes, please explain: Depending on when meetings are held, I might be in school as I am a High Schooler.

Would you like to be considered for appointment to other advisory bodies for which you may be qualified? Yes No
 Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces? Yes No

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

I'm a high school student deeply invested in community organizing, politics, and social work, with a particular focus on issues within America's criminal justice system, especially the school-to-prison pipeline dilemma. I have conducted extensive research, including multiple papers submitted for school and the Model United Nations Club. I firmly believe that addressing these issues starts at the grassroots level within our own communities and among the people within them. I desire to be a part of the solution by giving back to my community and supporting youth like myself, working towards solutions to this nationwide problem

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

I am a highly ambitious, well spoken activist, advocate, and aspiring politician ready to work hard and contribute my best effort into anything asked of me. I have a 4.2 Weighted GPA in highschool, am a varsity Track and Field/Cross Country runner and captain, and involved in clubs such as Model UN and Speech and Debate, both of which I serve as club leader. I have also worked with and in AAPI Youth Rising, an Asian American advocacy group, and have served on the Albany Board Policy Committee. I worked in close association with Supervisor John Gioia, and assisted him and his team over the summer.

I am including my resume with this application:

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Please check one: Yes No

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

Volunteer at District 1 summer Thrive Thursday's.
Worked with the fire advisory commission of District 1 in El Cerrito.
Interned at District 1 Supervisor John Gioia's office.

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Signed: Maxwell Prost

Date: 8/25/24

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Max Prost

Richmond, CA 94805

EXPERIENCE

Intern at Office of Contra Costa County Supervisor John Gioia's Office May 2024 - August 2024

I worked closely with Supervisor John Gioia and his team over the summer to come up with smart, creative solutions to various problems in CCC, including: equitable healthcare, climate activism, and affordable housing. I also learned valuable skills such as networking, cold-calling, and advertising.

Albany City Council Board Policy Committee

November 2023 - Present

I collaborate with administrators to develop programs that address current challenges faced by the student body and maintain accurate records of student activities and interactions with staff members. Similarly, I encourage diversity initiatives to foster an inclusive environment for all learners.

Student Advocacy Committee

January 2022 - Present

I assist students with understanding their rights and responsibilities, and advocate for their needs to my city's educational department. I facilitate communication between faculty members and students regarding academic issues and compile student data and feedback to present to the Albany City Council.

Model United Nations

January 2022 - Present

Research and analyze global political issues such as human rights, international law, and economic development. I conduct mock negotiations with other delegates to simulate real-world diplomatic interactions. In Model UN we deliver powerful speeches in front of large audiences to advocate for a particular position or resolution. I write detailed and elaborate reports with carefully thought-out proposals that address complex international conflicts.

Speech and Debate

January 2022 - Present

In Speech and Debate I focus on impromptu speaking and debating. I provide constructive critiques for debate team member performances to help newer members. I also work on vocal technique and speech structure and strategy to deliver charismatic and logically sound on-the-fly speeches. I interact with my audience during presentations to engage and capture their attention.

Outward Bound USA Graduate

Jun 8 - Jul 24, 2022

I am an experienced outdoor enthusiast with a passion for leading backpacking expeditions through rugged terrain. Proven track record of guiding groups safely while fostering teamwork and personal growth. Skilled in wilderness navigation, risk management, and emergency response protocols. Committed to providing transformative outdoor experiences and promoting environmental stewardship.

Student Advocacy Committee

January 2022 - Present

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SUMMARY

I am a hard working, creative, and disciplined high school student with an interest in the humanities: specifically politics, sociology, moral philosophy, and writing/history. My focus and drive to succeed is driven by my own desire to better myself and achieve something significant in my life.

AWARDS

Speech and Debate:

Finalist and Award Winner at Bay Area Speech Competition at Las Lomas High School 2023.

Model UN:

Outstanding Delegate at BMUN 2024 Spring Conference at UC Berkeley.

Art:

2023 Bay Area Creative Youth Foundation award winner.

Literature:

Harvard Crimson Global Creative Essay Competition top 50 finalist 2023

LANGUAGES

Native fluency in Mandarin.

Intermediate proficiency in Spanish.

EDUCATION

Albany High School - Rising Junior

Graduation Year: 2026

4.0 unweighted GPA

4.2 weighted GPA

Captain of Varsity Cross Country and Track and Field distance running as a freshman.

2nd Place at Farmer Invitational 2023

19th Place at Lowell Invitational 2023

Application Form

Profile

Christine

First Name

M

Middle Initial

Reimer

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Walnut Creek

City

CA

State

94597

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 4

Employment And Human Services Contra Costa County

Employer

Social Worker-Case Reviewer

Job Title

Length of Employment

8 yrs

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

Central

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

47 years

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

San Francisco State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

BA-Liberal Studies with a minor in Children Family Studies

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Christine M Reimer

Other Training A

Certified Case Reviewer for CDSS-California Department of Social Services

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am committed to being an active member-resident of CCC. I have lived, worked, and raised my family in CCC, and I want to see every resident receive excellent service, representation, and opportunities. I believe in the power of community and the ability of people to thrive when given the opportunity. I stand firm that equity and fairness for all populations are the most important parts of a healthy community and county.

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

I have worked as a social worker for CCC for the past ten years as an Emergency Response Social Worker, an After-Hours Social Worker, and in my current position as a Case Reviewer for the Quality Assurance division. I have had the opportunity to work for local nonprofits serving clients who are often disproportionately represented. I am currently serving on the Family First prevention program board to work on ways to strengthen families in CCC and prevent families from entering the Child Welfare System by offering community-based services to families to mitigate safety concerns and encourage families to reach out to natural support systems in their communities. I have volunteered my time serving in positions in the local school system, worked with probation on case reviews, and attended youth probation training. I have been credited for my interpersonal skills and trained in solution-focused interviewing. I am highly trained in Cultural Awareness, Diversity, and Civil Rights.

[Upload a Resume](#)

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Yes No

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Yes No

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Profile

Maren

First Name

Middle Initial

Shahade

Last Name

[Redacted]

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Benicia

City

CA
State

94510

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

N/A - Out of County

Contra Costa County Public Works Department

Employer

Student Intern

Job Title

Length of Employment

1 year

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

5

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

6 years

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Maren Shahade

Seat Name

At-Large Youth

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

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Name of College Attended

Diablo Valley College - Present

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Social Justice

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Maren Shahade

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

CPR Certified

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

First Aid Certified

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I would like to serve on this particular board because I am studying Social Justice. I have attended city and school meetings prior, and have been an advocate for social justice issues including LGBTQ+ rights, minority rights, race and gender related rights, as well as juvenile justice. I believe serving on this board would further my knowledge in this area, and give me more insight on the process of mental health and law enforcement behind these issues. Additionally, it would help me be a better advocate for these issues with more familiarity in how the systems are formed.

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

I have taken numerous Social Justice, Sociology, and Critical Thinking courses studying the juvenile justice system, including one of my finals specifically focusing on it. I am a volunteer for the Rainbow Community Center which assists unhoused and mentally ill youth, giving them access to further resources. I have spoken at numerous city and school meetings within the county, speaking out for minority rights. Additionally, I created a safe space in High school for queer kids to gather and express their art. I have numerous leadership and team building skills, and am able to vocalize my feelings and facts in a mature and independent manner. I am also currently working for the county and familiar with it's system.

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I have volunteered for county cleanup groups, picking up trash around cities and beaches. Additionally I have worked with the Rainbow Community Center for a few years, helping with the youth program and summer camp. Adding on, I have volunteered to help fundraise towards LGBTQ+ communities, as well as help facilitate Pride events. I have been interviewed for numerous news sources speaking out for LGBTQ+ rights, which are linked within my resume.

Conflict of Interest and Certification

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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 am currently employed by the Public Works Department as a temporary Student Intern.

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Maren Shahade

Benicia, CA 94510

Work Experience

Student Intern

Public Works Department-Martinez, CA

June 2024 to Present

Within this position, I do a daily mail run which includes driving around to other offices and exchanging their mail. I frequently visit the Auditors office, County Council, Clerk of the Board, Recorder's Office, etc. Outside of this, I am trained as a receptionist and help with filing and keeping the office space organized.

Cashier

Panera Bread-Concord, CA

April 2023 to Present

At Panera, I assist customers with ordering along with bussing tables, keeping the space clean, stocking shelves, and efficiently communicating with my peers in order to upkeep consistent service to customers. I thoroughly clean and close the restaurant each evening in order for the morning employees to successfully open the restaurant the following day.

Sales Associate

Gilded Frond-Martinez, CA

June 2022 to February 2023

I use my customer service skills to accommodate all customers with a friendly attitude. I restock items, package items, and assist customers however I can. I manage stock when necessary and help tag items and prepare them for the shelves. Additionally, I help make pottery for sale with our store resources, materials, glaze pottery, and put it on display. I learned how to handle a cash register responsibly as well. I individually opened and closed the store during each of my shifts following a thorough routine.

Babysitter

Meredith

June 2022 to August 2022

I babysat for two children over the summer of 2022. I cared for them Monday-Friday throughout the whole day. I transported them to activities such as piano practice, swim lessons, and other extracurricular activities. I prepared 3 meals for both of them daily and ensured their comfortability. I thoroughly communicated with the parent about the children's activities and behavior.

Busser/Food Runner

Roxx on Main-Martinez, CA

August 2021 to June 2022

I'm able to time manage in a busy environment and juggle many tasks such as bussing tables, serving food, resetting tables, keeping a clean work space, and more. This job has taught me many skills and improved my communication. I served as a liaison between staff and customers. I ensure the task thoroughly and securely close the restaurant each night.

Babysitter

Kristan-Martinez, CA

February 2021 to September 2021

In this work environment, I cared for a toddler for a few months. I transported him home from school, prepared a meal for him, organized his living space, and followed steps in order for him to get ready for bed. I used time management and communication skills with the parents in order to balance between my other priorities. I am able to take many aspects into consideration while in a demanding environment.

Education

Community College in Social Justice

Diablo Valley College - Pleasant Hill, CA

August 2023 to Present

High school diploma

Alhambra High School - Martinez, CA

August 2019 to June 2023

Skills

- Pet Sitting (6 years)
- Babysitting (6 years)
- Childcare (6 years)
- Meal Preparation (4 years)
- Cooking (10+ years)
- Toddler Care (6 years)
- Nannying (6 years)
- Infant Care (6 years)
- Pet Care (6 years)
- Tutoring (4 years)
- Food Preparation (6 years)
- Cashiering (2 years)
- Time Management (10+ years)
- Caregiving (6 years)
- Busser (2 years)
- Food Service (2 years)
- Leadership (10+ years)
- Civil rights (6 years)
- Communication skills (10+ years)
- Organizational skills (10+ years)
- Theater (6 years)
- Front Desk

Languages

- American Sign Language - Intermediate

Awards

Summa Cum Laude

June 2023

I was awarded with the Summa Cum Laude award at the high school I graduated from for achieving a consistent 4.0 GPA throughout my education.

Superintendent's Honor Roll

June 2023

Due to the successful upkeep of my grades and involvement within the Alhambra community, I was awarded with the Superintendent's Honor Roll.

Certifications and Licenses

First Aid Certification

March 2021 to June 2025

I took a First Aid Training course while babysitting as well as volunteering for a summer camp in order to ensure the safety of the children around me.

CPR

March 2021 to June 2025

I took a CPR course while babysitting as well as volunteering for a summer camp in order to ensure the safety of the children around me.

Driver's License

October 2021 to August 2025

Food Handler Certification

Groups

Drama Club

August 2019 to June 2023

Throughout High School, I was heavily apart of my school's Drama Club. During my senior year, I served as a leadership position as club president. I helped create a safe environment for my fellow actors as well as leading in warm ups, organizing backstage, organizing events and gifts, managing our social media platforms, using remind.com to communicate with all of my fellow peers, fundraising, and additional support.

Service Club

August 2022 to June 2023

During High School I participated in our Service Club which consisted of weekly campus cleanups. I have previous experience in volunteering for local cleanup organizations and was proud to contribute to a cleaner campus.

GSA

August 2022 to Present

As apart of my High School's GSA, I helped organize the revival of this club in order to ensure a safe space for queer students. I contributed by organizing bake sales for fundraising and managing the exchange of

funds, presenting informational slideshows to staff members as well as the Martinez Board of Education, leading weekly meetings with prepared slideshows, and working with other queer members to further represent and include our community. Currently I am working with our GSA to help organize Martinez's first Pride event which I will be volunteering at as well.

Rainbow Community Center

September 2022 to Present

While working with the Rainbow Community Center, I have been offered numerous opportunities including protests for minority rights, volunteering at a queer safe summer camp, contributing to their teen youth program, and representing this community at Concord City meetings as well as articles through the SF Chronicle and Mercury News. I enjoy having the opportunity to be apart of such a welcoming, supportive, and resourceful LGBTQ+ community and am proud to be able to represent them.

Writing Club

August 2019 to June 2023

Throughout High School I was involved in our writing club known as Backroads. During my junior-senior year I served as Vice President and eventually President of this club. I ran weekly meetings and helped create a welcoming and creative environment as well as organizing poetry performances, fundraising, managing our social media page in order to provide resources and keep it up to date, advertising events, creating and publishing 2 magazines, and communicating with my team of officers as well as club members while using remind.com

Publications

These two major shifts sparked a mental health crisis among LGBTQ youth in California

<https://www.sfchronicle.com/health/article/LGBTQ-mental-health-17714619.php>

January 2023

Through the San Francisco Chronicle, I was featured in an article discussing LGBTQ+ mental health in correspondence to the pandemic and current discrimination against the queer community. I discussed my personal experience with coming out as well as how watching my community be attacked impacts me as a young queer individual.

California's LGBTQ+ kids in the crosshairs as a surge of bills targeting gender identity reaches record high

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2023/03/27/californias-lgbtq-kids-in-the-crosshairs-as-a-surge-of-bills-targeting-gender-identity-reaches-record-high/amp/>

May 2023

This article discusses recent potential anti-LGBTQ+ bills within California. I discussed how I can see these bills further harming the queer community as well as how our safety as queer youth is being targeted.

A Step in the Right Direction

<https://ahsdogwatcher.com/718/clubs/a-step-in-the-right-direction/>

February 2023

As apart of my High School's GSA, I was published in an article crediting my presentation towards the staff members informing them on LGBTQ+ awareness such as vocabulary, student confidentiality, and queer student safety.

Application Form

Profile

Myeshia

First Name

Woodards

Last Name

Middle Initial

[Redacted]

Home Address

Suite or Apt

Richmond

City

CA
State

94804

Postal Code

[Redacted]

Primary Phone

[Redacted]

Email Address

[District Locator Tool](#)

Resident of Supervisorial District:

None Selected

Employer

Job Title

Length of Employment

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

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

35years

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

Yes No

Board and Interest

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council: Submitted

Seat Name

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?

Education

Select the option that applies to your high school education *

High School Diploma

College/ University A

Name of College Attended

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

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

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

Born in raised in Richmond ca faced with many hardships and environmental trauma and cycles from a young age I wanna bring dedicated action and support to make our communities safe and see growth amongst our youth and overlooked issues we face

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

Lived experiences that shaped me into being wholeheartedly supportive and caring and a community overall advocate for the voiceless

[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.

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:

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 understand 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

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 - (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.

Myeshia Woodward

Richmond, Ca

Education

FiveKeys Charter School
Highschool Diploma

Insert Year

Work Experience

Minact Inc.; San Francisco, Ca
Purchasing Clerk

June 2023 - Present

- Process purchase orders accurately and timely, ensuring compliance with company policies and procedures.
- Communicate with vendors to negotiate prices, terms, and delivery schedules.
- Coordinate with various departments to determine purchasing needs and ensure timely procurement of materials and supplies.
- Maintain records of purchases, pricing, and inventory levels using electronic systems.
- Resolve discrepancies between purchase orders and invoices to ensure accurate payment processing.

Minnie Mascots; Vallejo, Ca

December 2021 - Present

Day Monitor Activity Lead

- Lead and supervise a team of monitors responsible for overseeing arts and crafts, field trips, and games.
- Ensure compliance with company policies, procedures, and regulatory requirements.
- Train new hires on monitoring procedures, system operation, and relevant policies.
- Monitor activities in real-time to detect and respond to security breaches, policy violations, or other incidents.
- Conduct regular quality assurance checks to ensure accuracy and effectiveness of monitoring activities.

McDonald; Stockton, Ca

February 2020 - November 2021

Cashier/ Asst. Manager

- Greeted customers in a friendly and welcoming manner, providing prompt and efficient service.
- Processed customer orders accurately and efficiently using POS systems.
- Handled cash transactions and maintained a balanced cash drawer at all times.
- Assisted with food preparation and assembly as needed to support kitchen operations.
- Maintained cleanliness and organization of the front counter and dining area.
- Collaborated with team members to ensure smooth and efficient operation of the restaurant.

Skills and Certifications

Computer: Google Suites, Microsoft Office, Powerpoint, Excel, Canvas

Certifications: Mental Health Counseling, Behavioral Health and Behavioral Therapy, Crisis Intervention,

Training: Case Management, Conducting Intakes, Conflict Management, Medication Administration

Application Form

Profile

Marya
First Name

Middle
Initial

Wright
Last Name

[Redacted]
Home Address

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Richmond
City

CA
State

94806
Postal Code

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Primary Phone

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Resident of Supervisorial District:

District 1

Wright Community Services
LLC
Employer

Founder / CEO
Job Title

Length of Employment

6 years

Do you work in Contra Costa County?

Yes No

If Yes, in which District do you work?

1

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

3 years

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

Yes No

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Yes No

If Yes, how many meetings have you attended?

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College/ University A

Name of College Attended

San Diego State University

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Bachelor / Social Work

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University B

Name of College Attended

Cal State East Bay

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Masters / Social Work

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

College/ University C

Name of College Attended

University of Southern California

Degree Type / Course of Study / Major

Doctorate / Social Work

Marya Wright

Degree Awarded?

Yes No

Other Trainings & Occupational Licenses

Other Training A

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Other Training B

Certificate Awarded for Training?

Yes No

Occupational Licenses Completed:

Qualifications and Volunteer Experience

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

I am applying for the Economic Opportunity Council, Assessment Appeals Board, and Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council because I believe my expertise and passion for community service align well with the missions of these advisory boards. As a Doctor of Social Work, entrepreneur, and community advocate, I am deeply invested in ensuring equity, access, and justice within our systems, particularly for marginalized communities. Serving on the Economic Opportunity Council is an opportunity to advocate for economic justice and create pathways for underserved populations to access resources that will improve their quality of life. My experience in social work, specifically within child welfare and community engagement, has given me a clear understanding of the systemic barriers that impact economic opportunity, and I am committed to helping dismantle those barriers. The Assessment Appeals Board presents a chance to contribute my knowledge of equitable practices to ensure that the appeals process is fair and accessible to all, especially those who may not have the resources to navigate such processes. With a strong background in policy analysis and community engagement, I am prepared to approach complex issues with fairness and objectivity. The Juvenile Justice Coordinating Council aligns with my long-standing passion for child welfare and juvenile justice reform. I have extensive experience working with youth and advocating for restorative justice practices that focus on rehabilitation rather than punishment. I believe in creating systems that support youth development and address the root causes of juvenile offenses, such as poverty, trauma, and lack of educational and community support. My qualifications include leadership in various social work organizations, experience in community outreach, and a history of advocating for policy changes that improve outcomes for vulnerable populations. Serving on these boards would allow me to further contribute to my community and bring my professional expertise to help shape equitable, impactful policies.

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

Please view my CV attached to this application.

Upload a Resume

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Marya Wright

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**Dr. Marya Wright
Founder & CEO**



SUMMARY

Nationally distinguished Black social worker, published author, researcher, consultant, educator, and facilitator. Striving to empower system-involved families through awareness, services, and education while also providing consultation, training, and system specific facilitation to the agencies that services these communities.

EDUCATION

2021–2024 University of Southern California, Los Angeles, CA

Doctor of Social Work (DSW)

DSW Student Ambassador

Distinguished Deans Honor List 2024

Phi Alpha Honor Society, President

\$1,000 Grant Awarded – Spring 2024 Chapter Service Learning and Engagement

\$500 Grant Awarded – Fall 2023 Chapter Service Award

2023–2024 The California State University Equity-Minded Pedagogy Community of Practice

Achievement, Commitment and Accomplishment in Enhancing Educational Equity

Equity-minded data analysis, interviewing for empathy, journey mapping, prototyping for change, and integrating co-creation as part of an equitable course design.

**2021–2024 The California State University Chancellor’s Doctoral Incentive Program
Chancellor Doctoral Fellow**

Published Researcher

2021–2022 The Association of College and University Educators and The American Council on Education (ACUE)

Credential in Effective College Instruction, Teaching Practices Graduate

Micro credential in Promoting Active Learning Online

Micro credential in Designing Student-Centered Courses

Micro credential in Inspiring Inquiry and Lifelong Learning in Your Online Course

Micro credential in Creating an Inclusive and Supportive Online Learning Environment

2017–2023 Board of Behavioral Science Associate Clinical Social Worker

As of November 17, 2021, completed clinical supervision requirements.

Passed the Law and Ethics Exam

2014–2016 California State University, East Bay, Hayward, CA

Master of Social Work (MSW)

MSW Child Welfare Title IV-E, Graduate

California Social Work Education Center UC Berkeley, Statewide Student Coordinator

2012–2014 San Diego State University (SDSU), San Diego, CA

Bachelor of Social Work (BSW)

BSW Child Welfare Title IV-E, Graduate

Student of the Week, January 5–18, 2014

2009–2012 San Diego City College, San Diego, CA

Associate of Arts in Social Work

Associated Student Body Vice President

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

Summer 2024 School of Social Work, Boston University, Boston, Massachusetts

Online Course Facilitator

Racial Justice and Cultural Oppression

Fall 2023 – Present Social Work Department, Cal State East Bay, Hayward, CA

Adjunct Professor / Advance Practice: CYF Course Lead

Generalist Practice in Social Work

Human Behavior and the Social Environment

Advance Practice: Children Youth and Families (CYF)

Spring 2020–Present Department of Sociology, Cal State East Bay, Hayward, CA

Lecturer

Spring 2022 Semester: Soc. 360 (Sociology of Sexualities)

Fall 2021 Semester: Soc. 360 (Sociology of Sexualities) and Soc. 403 (Sociology of Family)

Summer 2021 Semester: Soc. 360 (Sociology of Sexualities)

Winter 2021 Intersession: Soc. 360 (Sociology of Sexualities)

Fall 2020 Semester: Soc. 403 (Sociology of Family) and Soc. 496.02 (Sexual Violence)

Spring 2020 Semester: Soc. 410 (Child Welfare Policy)

PROFESSIONAL ACTIVITIES

2019–Present Wright Community Services LLC, Oakland, CA

CEO / President / Marya Wright Consulting / Social Worker. / Qualified Expert Witness

- MSW Student Intern Supervisor for case management services
- Provide private court services for Dependency Investigations contested hearings
- Qualified Expert Witness:
 - Child Welfare Case Management; Child Welfare Safety and Risk Assessments; Family Systems; Parent-Child Relationships; Child Welfare Best Practice
- Independent Contracted Court Services:
 - Alameda County Parent Counsel Panel
 - Dependency Court Social Worker

- Parent Education Social Worker
Contra Costa County Social Worker Attorney Support Panel
 - Resentencing
Contra Costa County Public Defender's Office
 - Youthful Offender
Prosecution Initiated Resentencing (PIR)
 - Federal Criminal Courts
 - Criminal Defense Social Worker
 - Los Angeles County Expert Witness Panel
 - Criminal Defense Social Worker
 - San Francisco City & County Juvenile Dependency Court Attorney Panel
 - Court Appointed Family Engagement Specialist, Agent of Attorney
 - San Francisco City & County Criminal Defense Attorney Panel
 - Youthful Offender
- Therapeutic services under supervision by Focused Clinical Solutions for insurance-based clients
 - Facilitate and train professionals, community partners, parents, and youth
 - Develop and build curriculum for training course content, materials, and participant workbook
 - Provide innovating, high-value, and culturally responsive training content for professionals
 - Coordinate with program directors, managers, and supervisors to provide necessary training to staff and organization
 - Manage consulting business and create and send invoices, scheduling, and prospecting
 - Create, code, and update business website to provide accurate information
 - Conduct topic research, curriculum development, presentation, and participant workbook design and build continuing education unit trainings that provide high-value education and supplemental learning for professionals.

Training titles and topics offered ([Click here to view Catalog](#))

- Understanding the Benefits of Motivational Interviewing
- Building Client-Centered Relationships with Multisystem-Involved Youth and Families
- Advanced Practice for Professionals Using Motivational Interviewing When Working with System-Involved Youth—Focusing on OARS and the Righting Reflex
- Learning How to Resist the Righting Reflex
- Introduction to Motivational Interviewing for Professionals Working with System-Involved Youth and Families
- Building Relationships with Multisystem Involved Youth and Families: Collaborating, Engaging, and Reframing
- Motivational Interviewing (OARS) Practice and Skills Workshop for Professionals Working with System-Involved Youth and Families
- Resisting the Righting Reflex
- Practical Knowledge for Mandated Reporting in California
- Developing Tools for Working with CSEC Youth in Child Welfare (CSEC 101)
- Improving Our Support and Response to Child Welfare System-Involved Families
- The Impact of Implicit Bias within Clinical Supervision and Manager Roles
- Understanding Implicit Bias and Unconscious Decision-Making
- Understanding How Implicit Bias Affects Case Management
- The Impact of Implicit Bias within Clinical Supervision and Manager Roles
- General Overview of Implicit Bias

- Understanding How Implicit Bias Impacts Case Management
- Developing Effective Teams
- Repairing the Relationship after a Rupture

2022–2024 Focused Clinical Solutions, Oakland, CA

Associate Clinical Social Worker

- Provide therapeutic services for insurance-based clients in California
- Provide treatment planning and services for clients experiencing mental health crisis

2016–2023 Alameda County/Children and Family Service, Oakland, CA

Child Welfare Worker II / Dependency Investigator / Primary Social Worker / Court

- Agency top performing Child Welfare Worker with client engagement
- Supervise and manage caseloads of foster youth and nonminor dependents to point when juvenile court judge decides on disposition for child in custody.
- Review, understand, and comply with Welfare and Institutions (W&I) Code Section 300
- Assess needs and support for clients with mental illness and substance abuse problems
- Collaborate, advise, and partner with court, judge, attorneys, and county council
- Coordinate with district attorneys and special victims' units to conduct and observe forensic interviews
- Conduct investigations and file petitions with juvenile court on behalf of child who has been or is at imminent risk of child abuse or neglected by parent or guardian
- Conduct investigations related to change of dependency status
- Evaluate and make recommendations to juvenile court
- Prepare information for court to ensure compliance with W&I Code Section 300
- Prepare related case and court reports according to legislative and judicial mandates
- Provide intensive casework services to keep families intact or ensure safety of child
- Assess and case manage services needed while hearings associated with determining jurisdiction and disposition proceed
- Coordinate services and activities with therapists, school personnel, hospital staff, and community agencies
- Develop service plans with families to establish specific, measurable, achievable, relevant, time-oriented objectives as appropriate
- Assess and provide support to clients with mental illness, substance abuse problems, and disabilities
- Counsel natural parents considering relinquishment of their child and explain and inform their legal rights
- Collaborate with court, judge, attorneys, and county counsel to determine legal outcomes
- Coordinate with district attorney and Special Victims Unit to conduct and observe forensic interviews
- Volunteer at Annual Caregiver Appreciation Dinner

2015–2016 County of Contra Costa/Child and Family Services, Pleasant Hill, CA

MSW Title IV-E Intern / Primary and Secondary Social Worker / Case Manager / Researcher

- Completed 900 hours of professional education, training, and development in Child Welfare
- Used crisis intervention, motivational interviewing, and strength-based cognitive behavioral therapy

- Received training in commercial sexual exploitation (CSE) of Children 101 and 102
- Provided casework support in home-based setting
- Managed caseloads of more than 10 foster youth aged 0–18 years
- Met with system-involved clients and families who were involuntary and voluntary
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, prepared treatment plans, and entered case notes into Child Welfare Services / Case Management System (CWS/CMS)
- Participated in team decision-making, youth treatment meetings, Individualized Education Plan, 504 Plan, Multidisciplinary Team, and disposition interagency executive management meetings to collaborate services ensuring safety and well-being of clients
- Utilized safety decision making (SDM) tool, safety organized practice (SOP), safe measures, CWS/CMS, Outlook, court reports, and court memos to keep updates on client information
- Collaborated with attorneys in dependency court system on client updates and discovery
- Utilized crisis intervention, motivational interviewing, strength-based cognitive behavioral therapy, and multifamily system treatment and engagement tools
- Served clients within emergency response, family maintenance, family reunification, AB 12, Independent Living Skills Program, legal guardianship, and families pursuing alternate modes of permanency
- Observed forensic interviewing for specialized cases with sexual abuse or severe physical abuse

2014–2015 Aldea Treatment Foster Care Agency, Fairfield, CA

MSW Title IV-E Intern / Secondary Social Worker / Case Manager / Trainer

- Managed caseload of foster youth and foster family homes and maintained timely case notes
- Coordinated parent–child visitations to occur weekly and at preferred location
- Supervised parent–child visits, completed visit notes, and provided feedback to parents
- Conducted biopsychosocial and Child & Adolescent Needs and Strengths (CANS) assessments on youth and families
- Prepared treatment plans based on child and family’s needs
- Received and processed prospective foster parent applications
- Managed completion of foster home studies and assessments
- Led coordination and facilitation of foster parent training
- Coordinated and co-led certified Parent Resources for Information, Development, and Education (PRIDE) trainings for foster parents
- Participated in certifications and trainings, including CANS, 3-5-7 Grief and Loss Model, and PRIDE

2013–2014 County of San Diego/Child Welfare Services, Chula Vista, CA

BSW Title IV-E Intern / Secondary Social Worker / Case Manager Assistant

- Completed 400 hours of professional education, training, and development in Child Welfare
- Used structured decision-making risk and safety tools to assess child abuse and neglect
- Interviewed and assessed child safety at the US–Mexican border while coordinating with US Customs and Border Protection
- Managed caseloads of five clients aged 0–18 years as secondary social worker
- Conducted biopsychosocial assessments, prepared treatment plans, and utilized CWS/CMS
- Assessed risk and safety and use of SDM tool
- Met with clients weekly to discuss case plan, goals, and progress

- Shadowed and assisted emergency response, drug endangered children, sexual abuse, court, and reunification case management

2013 Metro of San Diego, San Diego, CA*BSW Intern / Volunteer*

- Assisted in storage, organization, and distribution of food bank and Good Neighbor Center
- Assisted participants with résumé and job skills and applying for county benefits
- Helped students with life skills and schoolwork by utilizing motivational interviewing techniques
- Maintained client case files and documentation
- Attended gang risk intervention meetings and community events

2010–2011 Urban Corps of San Diego, San Diego, CA*Summer Hire-A-Youth Eligibility Clerk*

- Performed administrative duties such as faxing, coping, answering multiline telephones, and filling
- Maintained office organization and operations
- Managed screening applicants for program eligibility requirements and documentation
- Performed outreach activities to engage community
- Prepared tabling booth events, edited videos, promoted programs, and designed posters
- Trained staff in program task and daily operation needs

2009–2012 San Diego Community College District, San Diego, CA*World of Cultures Information Assistant / Executive Director / Manager*

- Managed office documentation and contracts
- Greeted and directed guest speakers to their destination and provided general information
- Managed and served as executive director for Vagina Monologues
- Planned and assisted with special projects and events on campus
- Answered multiline telephone, routed calls, and took accurate messages
- Kept records of budget and finances

2011 Hands Across California, San Diego, CA*Manager/Leader/Student Representative*

- Advertised for event, such as posting status updates on blogs
- Attended workshops, conferences, and conference calls for statewide preparation and training
- Performed duties such as campus email blast, poster creation, and mail services
- Managed student sign-ups to volunteer and community members to participate

2009–2010 TRIO Center San Diego City College, San Diego, CA*Information Assistant*

- Managed office documentation and daily program needs
- Greeted/directed visitors and students to their destination while providing general information
- Answered multiline telephone, routed calls, and took accurate messages
- Planned and assisted with special projects regarding program services and awareness

PROFESSIONAL INVOLVEMENT

- 2023–Present** **Dependency Law Standing Committee, California**
Member
- 2023–Present** **From the Ground Up, Bay Region, California**
Member
- 2023–Present** **Reimagine Child Safety Bay Area and Beyond, California**
Steward in Leadership
Coalition Member
- 2019–2023** **Safety Organized Practice, Alameda County, CA**
Cochair, Implementation Team
Co-lead with division director team of 28 Child Welfare (CW) staff to include coach/field advisors, program managers, parent and youth advocate, case family programs, CW supervisors and managers, staff development specialist, and senior management analyst
Attend State of California, Department of Social Services IV-E Waiver SOP Collaborative
- 2019–2023** **Alameda County Training & Education Center, Alameda County, CA**
Volunteer/Trainer
- 2019–2023** **Equity & Inclusion Fellowship Task Team, Alameda County, CA**
Member
Curriculum support and development
- 2019–2023** **Bay Area Collaboration of American Indian Resources, Oakland, CA**
Member
- 2019–2023** **CSEC Action Team, Oakland, CA**
Workgroup member of California Child Welfare Council
- 2018–2023** **Service Employees International Union Local 1021, Alameda County, CA**
Active Member
Shop Steward, Alameda County Social Services
2021 Convention Delegate
Committee on Political Education, member
Labor Management Team, member
2019 Bargaining Unit 5 for Alameda County Social Services Contract Extension
- 2018–2023** **Human Resources Department Employee Relations Unit Disaster/Emergency Preparedness Program, Alameda County, CA**
Volunteer
- 2016–2023** **Safety Committee, Alameda County, CA**
Member

SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS

- 2024 39th Annual Pacific Rim International Conference on Disability and Diversity**
Accepted to present on Unlocking Empathy: Confronting the Stigma Surrounding Disabilities and Mental Health – did not present due to funding.
- 2023 22nd Annual Fall Social Work Conference, The University of Alabama**
- 2023 Girl Talk Mental Health Conference**
- 2023 Cal State East Bay CalSWEC Title IV-E Students**
Provided a training on Structured Decision-Making tools used in Child Welfare practice
- 2022 Reality Changers – College Changes Everything, San Diego, CA**
- 2021 San Francisco State University, MSW 1st year students**
- 2021 Safety Organized Practice statewide conference**
- 2021 California Welfare Directors Association (CWDA)**
- 2021 California State University, East Bay, MSW Social Policy Series**
Child Welfare policy development, advocacy, and programs that are developed after policies are enacted connecting historical policy to current policy that dictates social work
- 2020 Alameda County Board of Supervisors’ Social Services Committee**
Presented alongside division director and program manager to share update on Children and Family Services Equity & Inclusion Fellowship
- 2018–2019 Panelist for mock interviews for CalSWEC Title IV-E Program**
Prepared MSW students for County Child Welfare employment interviews
- 2017–Present Alameda County Children & Family Services Parent Orientation**
Child Welfare worker, dependency investigator, and guest speaker
- 2016 San Quentin State Prison Restorative Justice Conference**
Connected childhood trauma to adult decisions
- 2016 Leadership Public Schools—Richmond Gompers (Samuel) Continuation School**
Presented on teen partner violence, unhealthy relationships, and internet bullying

CONSULTING, TRAINING, AND FACILITATION

- 2024 East Bay Children’s Law Center**

- 2023 Alameda County Behavioral Health Department**
- 2022 Hively**
- 2022 Aspiranet Hope Forward**
- 2022 Foster & Kinship Care Education Program**
- 2021 Richmond Area Multi-Services, Inc.**
- 2021 SENECA**
- 2021 Side by Side**
- 2021 Children’s Law Center of California**
- 2021 Lincoln Family Services**
- 2020 Fred Finch Youth Services**
- 2020 First 5 Alameda**
- 2020 Family Paths, Inc.**
- 2020 East Bay Agency for Children**
- 2019 Alameda County Training and Education Center Volunteer Trainer**
- 2019 A Better Way Inc.**
- 2014 Aldea Children and Family Services**

RESEARCH EXPERIENCE

Imagining new futures beyond predictive systems in child welfare: A qualitative study with impacted stakeholders, 2021 – Published 2022

Middle author

Accepted into the FAccT22, ACM Conference on Fairness, Accountability, and Transparency

California State University, East Bay, Graduate Research Project, August 2015–June 2016

Title: “Descriptive Analysis of the Commercially Sexually Exploited Children in Contra Costa County Foster Care System”

Invited to present at California’s statewide student research competition at CSU, Bakersfield

PUBLISHED CONTRIBUTION

Hohman, M. (2021). *Motivational interviewing in social work practice* (2nd ed.). Guilford Press.

HONORS AND AWARDS

- 2021 National Association of Black Social Workers, Inc.**
Chapter Individual Service Award
- 2020 Department of Sociology, California State University, East Bay**
Exceptional Effort Award
- 2019 Commendation from Board of Supervisors, County of Alameda, State of California**
Completion of the Human Resource Services, Training & Education Center Volunteer
Facilitation Academy
- 2019 Developing the Leader in You Series, Alameda County Training & Education
Center**
- 2019 Certificate of Stewardship, SEIU Local 1021**
“In recognition of outstanding commitment to unite working people and achieve a just society”
- 2019 Alameda County Training & Education Center and Volunteer Trainer Academy**
- 2014 Leadership Award, San Diego State University**
“In recognition of your leadership and contribution to the School of Social Work at San Diego
State University”

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- National Association of Social Workers, Child Welfare Standards Task Force**
Member & Co-Author, 2024 – Present
- National Organization of Forensic Social Work**
Membership role, 2023 – Present
- National Association of Social Workers, Social and Economic Justice & Peace (SEJP)
Specialty Practice Section**
Membership role, 2023 – Present
Committee Alternate, 2023 – Present
- California Society for Clinical Social Work**
Membership role, 2022–Present

Training participant, 2021–Present

Bay Area Association of Black Social Workers

Membership role, 2018–Present

Leadership role—Student Outreach and Scholarship committee chair, 2020–2022

National Association of Social Workers, California

Membership role, 2012–2016

Leadership role—California Lobby Days team leader, 2013–2016

National Association of Black Social Workers

Membership role, 2012–Present

UNIVERSITY SERVICE

University of Southern California, Suzanne Dworak-Peck School of Social Work

2023–2024 Phi Alpha Honor Society, Omicron Epsilon Chapter

President

Lead an executive board to fulfill the mission and vision of Phi Alpha and USC honors.

Student volunteer at the Council on Social Work Education Program Meeting

2023–2024 DSW @ USC Student Ambassador

Student Ambassador

Attend student webinars and information session to share experiences and answer questions.

2023–2024 Black Student Social Work Caucus

VAC Representative

Engage, support, and communicate with online student population.

California State University, East Bay

2015–2016 California Social Work Education Center, State of California

Student Coordinator

Elected as one of three student coordinators statewide who managed and led Title IV-E participants from across California in planning and preparing Student Day (a conference for Title IV-E students to attend seminars, network, and focus on social issues/concerns that are influencing social work practice)

2014–2015 California Social Work Education Center, California State University, East Bay

Student Representative

Attended regional meetings with student representatives from Title IV-E programs to discuss social issues and concerns that are influencing social work practice

2015–2016 Title IV-E Club, California State University, East Bay

Chair

Lead group of Title IV-E students in campus activities, networking, and educational needs

San Diego State University

2013–2014 Associated Students

College of Health and Human Services representative

Represented students by advocating, supporting, and being their voice on college counsel and at Associated Student meetings

2013–2014

Student Representative

Recruitment and Retention of Underrepresented Faculty

Attended meetings with university faculty, administrators, and staff (as only student at table, I provided voice for student concerns about lack of diversity within faculty)

Campus Community Commission

Coordinated events and activities that bring public community around SDSU and campus together

Appointments & Review Committee

Interviewed candidates for board of directors
Sustainability representative

Academic Policy & Planning Committee

Advocated for student concerns when addressing academia needs at SDSU

2013–2014 Black Social Work Student Caucus

President

Lead caucus by supporting officers and members and provided support to Black communities while representing Black social workers

2013–2014 Undergraduate Social Work Association, School of Social Work

Curriculum Committee BSW student representative

Attended faculty meetings to discuss curriculum and voice student concerns and interest
Completed research on student outcomes, class needs, and online class considerations

2013–2014 Social Action Committee

Government affairs officer

National Association of Social Work Legislative Lobby Day coordinator
Led largest group of students from SDSU to attend Lobby Days

2012–2014 International Student Tutor Mentor Program*Mentor*

Provided tutoring and mentoring support to international students at SDSU

2012–2014 Fair Trade Committee Member*Treasurer*

Managed campaign to make SDSU recognized Fair Trade University

2012–2013 Social Action Committee*President*

Oversaw logistics of club, such as events; involved in fundraising, community activities, and National Association of Social Workers Legislative Lobby Days

Organized, managed, and led student registration for 2012 President Elections outside of Hepner Hall to support students' learning about election and voter registration

2012–2013 Black Social Work Student Caucus*Treasurer*

Managed funds of student organization and led community service events

2012–2013 Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) and Ethnic Affairs Student Advisory Board*Community college outreach and recruitment officer*

Attended Education Opportunity Program information sessions at community colleges to support transfer student needs

San Diego City College

2010–2011 Associated Student Body Vice President

2010 Associated Student Body Chief Administrator

2010–2012 Price Scholar Recipient

2008–2012 TRIO and Education Opportunity Program and Services Participant

2009–2010 College Success Club President

Merritt College

2008–2009 English Tutor

Led in-class English tutor support for peers

Eureka Senior High School

Student Government Multicultural Commissioner

Coordinated with assistant principal and attendance secretary to develop and produce school's first-ever Black History Month celebration that lasted entire month (inclusive of African American/Black culture and history while educating staff, teachers, and students)

Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) Public Relations Officer

Second place in national competition for business overview project

Navy Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps (JROTC) Lieutenant Commander

Managed and led three-day military boot camp for over 20 students
Coordinated color flag at school-wide events, inspected uniforms, and managed student needs

Student Mediator

As student leader on campus, provided mediation to peers who had disagreements and required de-escalation support

CONFERENCES ATTENDED

2019 22nd Annual CALICO Alameda County Collaborative Training

Speaker, Cory Jewell Jensen, MS, CCSOT CBI Consulting, Inc.
"People Who Sexually Offend Against children: Understanding and Responding to Crimes Against Children"
Alameda County District Attorney
Center for Child Protection, UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital, Oakland

2019 Bay Area Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA) Symposium

2019 Northern California 1st Annual Judges' Dinner, Judicial Gathering, Casey Family Programs

2018 California Association of Black Social Workers Symposium

The Homeless Epidemic: Impact on the African American Family & Communities

2018 21st Annual CALICO Alameda County Collaborative Training

Speaker, Sue Hardie, RN, PhD, President, California Professional Society on the Abuse of Children
"Child Sexual Abuse Accommodation Syndrome"
Speak, Jerri Sites, Regional Training Specialist, Southern Regional Children's Advocacy Center
"Research to Practice: Considerations for the MDT Approach to Recantation"

2017 Alameda County Crossover Youth Practice Model

2014 San Diego State University Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Luncheon**CERTIFICATIONS****2020 Shelter Management**, American Red Cross**2019 Developing the Leader in You**, Alameda County Training and Education Center**2014 PRIDE Training for Foster Parent, Trainer**, Aldea Children and Family Services**2014 Early Childhood CANS**, Aldea Children and Family Services**2014 3-5-7 Grief and Loss Model © A Well-Being and Safety Practice to Permanency**, Aldea Children and Family Services**COMPLETED TRAININGS****2024**

Forensic Social Work Certificate Program

2023

Effective Post-Conviction Strategies

Pacific Juvenile Defender Center 20th Annual Roundtable: Testify Training**2020**

Commercial Sexual Exploitation of Children (CSEC) 101

COVID-19 Safety

Equity & Inclusion Fellowship (Line Staff), Modules 5–7

Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Coaching—Group

Shelter Fundamentals

Shelter Management

2019

Developing the Leader in You Series: For the Aspiring and Emerging Leader Session 1–6

Emotional Intelligence (EQ)

Coaching for Managers

Commercial Sexual Exploitation (CSE) of Native Americans

Motivational Interviewing Facilitation: A Train the Trainer for Child Welfare Professionals

Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Coaching—Group

Workplace Harassment Prevention for Employees, State of California

Law and Ethics for Youth Service Providers, Sessions 1–2

Equity & Inclusion Fellowship (Line Staff), Modules 1–4

Equity & Inclusion Fellowship (Task Team), Modules 4–5

2018

Adult, Child & Infant CPR with First Aid and AED
Emergency 2-Way Radio Operations
Equity & Inclusion Fellowship (Task Team), Modules 1–3
Law and Ethics: In Social Work and Mental Health Practice
Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Coaching—Group
Shelter Management
SOP: Behaviorally Based Case Plans
Why Didn't I Run: Understanding Commercially Sexually Exploited Youth for Professionals

2017

Assessment Block: Collaborative Assessment, Planning, and Support: Safety & Risk in Teams
Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Modules 4 and 5
SDM Assessment Knowledge and Skills Lab
SOP Coaching—Group

2016

Assessing for Key Child Welfare Issues
Child Maltreatment Identification
Child Welfare Practice in a Multicultural Environment
Civil Rights
Commercially Sexually Exploited Children (CSEC) 101: Identification & Awareness
Critical Thinking and Assessment
CWS Documentation for Use in Legal System
Educational Rights of Children in Foster Care
Health and Safety in the Workplace
Indian Child Welfare Act (ICWA)
Intimate Partner Violence (IPV)
Introduction to Child Development
Mandated Reporting
Mental Health and Mental Disorders
Preventing Sexual Harassment in the Workplace
Preventing Violence in the Workplace
Program Evaluation and Research
Safety Organized Practice (SOP) Models 1–3
SDM (Structured Decision Making) Skills Lab
Security Awareness: PII
SOGIE—Sexual Orientation, Gender Identity and Expression
Stress Management in Child Welfare Practice
Team Decision Making (TDM)
Time Management in Child Welfare Practice
Values and Ethics
Warrants Training