

## **Kira N. Banks**

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### **OBJECTIVE**

To obtain a position where I may combine my knowledge of Social Work with my passion for people to address their most sensitive issues.

### **EDUCATION**

#### **Southern University A & M College (SU), Baton Rouge, LA**

Bachelor of Science      Fall 2008

Major: Social Work      Degree Awarded: BSW,

Related Coursework: Social Work as a Profession, Social Welfare Policy I & II, Intro to Research, Intro to Social Work Practice, Human Behavior and the Social Environment I & II, Social Welfare Policy Analysis II, Generalist Social Work Practice I & II, Field Instruction Seminar I & II, Field Instruction I & II.

### **EXPERIENCE**

#### **Nurturing Facilitator/Assistant Director/BSW, Discovery SLU Family Resource Project,**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**July 2009- Present**

Oversee the Nurturing Parenting Program for parents who have been referred by Dept. of Children and Family Services and have children from the ages of 0-5. Facilitate the parenting classes. Manage a caseload of 10-12 families in the Nurturing Parenting Program. Conduct follow up visits with the parents in their homes weekly. Supervision and evaluation of BSW interns in their field experience with our agency. Serve clients by teaching parenting education (with children ages 7-18), life skills, anger management, and visit coaching sessions.

#### **Delta Corps Member- AmeriCorps, Discovery SLU Family Resource Project,**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**Sept 2008- Aug 2009**

Co-facilitate the Nurturing Parenting Program. Supervise children's classes at the Nurturing Parenting Program. Teach in home sessions and conduct follow up visits for the Nurturing Parenting Program. Mentor teens in schools, and teach interns and volunteers social work skills.

#### **BSW Intern, Discovery SLU Family Resource Project,**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**June 2008-Dec 2008**

Mentored families and teens in the home or at schools co-facilitated our Nurturing Parenting Program. Met with participating parents once a week to follow up on their progress. Participated and received professional training in the community. Provided resources for low income families, helped teach parenting classes to teens at Youth Oasis, and planned and facilitated the agencies section at a community book fair.

#### **Case Management (intern), Fathers-N-Families,**

**Baton Rouge, LA**

**Feb 2008-May 2008**

Met with non-custodial fathers to see their progression in the program. Updated case files of clients. Collaborated with other staff in how to recruit more fathers into the program.

#### **Administrative Assistant/Researcher, voterVOICE, Baton Rouge, LA**

**April 2005- January 2007**

Researching political officials to keep the system updated after new elections, In addition to gathering elected official information I kept the office organized and helped train new staff.

## **SKILLS**

### **Computer**

Proficient in the use of Microsoft Word, Excel, PowerPoint

### **Instructing**

Facilitate and teach the Nurturing Parenting Program; Taught HIV/AIDS seminars during the 2007 spring semester on Southern University Campus.

Assisted 1<sup>st</sup> graders enrolled in Big Buddy program with their homework. Developed classroom activities related to the subjects they were being taught; Instructed 1<sup>st</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade in social skills and physical education.

## **ACTIVITIES**

### **Social Work Action Club (SWAC)**

## **HONORS**

SWAC President 2007-2008, Academic Honors Award, Dean's List

## **REFERENCES**

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