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M.A. - Child Development, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2007

B.S. - Family Community Services, College of Human Ecology, Michigan State University, 2005

B.A. - Criminal Justice, College of Social Science, Michigan State University, 2001

Michigan Transformation Collective

1/2024 - Present

Co-Founder and Director of Policy & Strategy

Ensure the overall community strategy and public policy work elevates and aligns the vision and mission of the Michigan Transformation Collective by engaging community stakeholders including individuals, organizations, and government agencies to advance the public policy strategy focused on improving systemic racial equity and justice across the state of Michigan.

- Develop and operationalize annual public policy agenda and monitor local, state, and federal policy developments related to MTC focus areas
- Provide public policy and advocacy support to coalitions focused on the implementation of the recommendations of the Kalamazoo Blueprint for Peace and maintain responsibility for implementation of specific strategies:
 - Region 8 Child Care Plan implementation across Kalamazoo County
 - Facilitate statewide coalition focused on identifying permanent funding solutions for community violence intervention and prevention
- Represent MTC on statewide coalitions aligned with MTC policy agenda and activate local stakeholders
- Facilitate Catalyzing Community Conversations and support resulting community-led projects

Kalamazoo Community Foundation

9/2022 - 12/2023

Initiatives & Public Policy Officer

Lead development and implementation of the overall approach to engaging in and advancing the Community Foundation's initiatives and public policy agenda. Develop coordinated goals while engaging external partners to provide input to the agenda, priorities, and systems level advocacy needed to advance the strategic priorities of the organization including early learning and care, prek-12 education, housing access, and reform of the criminal legal system.

- Developed the Community Foundation's first public policy agenda and established a civic engagement plan for the Foundation including improving individual and nonprofit advocacy capacity in Kalamazoo.
- Coordinate strategic plans and policy goals of community-led coalitions on education, housing, and law through TRHT Kalamazoo, funded by the W.K.Kellogg Foundation.
- Represent the Foundation on local & statewide coalitions and boards aligned with our public policy goals including MEDC Region 8 Child Care & MSHDA Region J Housing Coalitions
- Support development and advancement of the Kalamazoo Blueprint for Peace, the Kalamazoo County gun violence prevention plan.
- Certified Racial Healing Practitioner - 5/2023.
- CMF Annual Conference Presentation "*Developing Your Public Policy Agenda*" - November 2023.
- AWARD: Council of Michigan Foundations *Innovations for Equity Philanthropy* for the work of TRHT Kalamazoo and the Blueprint for Peace, Kalamazoo's long term community violence intervention plan.

United Way Miami – Miami, FL

3/2020 – 11/2022

Director, Public Policy

Lead all local, State and Federal advocacy and civic engagement efforts for the largest United Way in Florida. Regularly serve as a speaker and trainer at United Way, and other partner events with a focus on the importance and process of advocacy, voter education, and ensuring the voices of ALICE families are centered. Serve as a main point of contact for the United Way Miami ALICE report. Create opportunities for stakeholders to engage with elected officials, ensuring ALICE families, and the community programs that serve them, have a voice at all tables where decisions are being made.

- Prepared 2022 and 2023 Florida Association of United Ways Legislative Agenda adopted by all 28 United Ways statewide, wrote corresponding policy briefs and planned and presented at Capitol Days

- Presented “Making Ties for Greater Impact” advocacy training at UWof 2022 Conference
- Secured \$3.4M new funding for United Way Miami’s early childhood and veteran’s support services.
- As a member of the Florida Early Learning Consortium, supported and presented recommendations for use of \$2.4B Federal ARPA funds to the Florida Chancellor of Early Learning.
- Served on the: Florida Early Learning Consortium, Miami Older Adults Advocacy Taskforce and Eviction Taskforce, Educare Learning Network Policy Workgroup, Florida Postpartum Coverage Coalition

Illinois House of Representatives

7/2014- 7/2016

District Director - State Representative Scott Drury

As the only staff member, managed all office operations, constituent and media communications, provided research and analysis of legislative proposals to the public, drafted legislative amendments, coordinated large and small public meetings, recruited and led interns and volunteers, and administered the office budget.

Michigan Sandbox Party

1/2013 – 12/2013

Advocacy Coordinator

On a 1-year contract from the W.K. Kellogg Foundation: provided opportunities for parents of young children and early learning teachers across nine counties to engage legislators on issues impacting families with young children and created community partnerships to increase participation of families in the legislative process.

Michigan’s Children

3/2011 – 7/2012

Policy and Outreach Associate

Analyzed legislation and policy issues impacting children and youth in Michigan at the local, state and federal level; created opportunities for youth experiencing barriers to educational success to interact with the lawmakers that manage and fund programs that impact youth and families with young children.

Michigan House of Representatives

10/2007 - 3/2011

Legislative Director - State Representative Douglas A. Geiss, 1/2009 – 3/2011

Coordinated all legislative and committee work, including promotion of bills through the legislative process, coordinating issue stakeholders and negotiating compromise agreements. Office management duties included recruiting and interviewing staff and interns, and the office budget.

Legislative Assistant - State Representative Hoon-Yung Hopgood, 10/2007 – 12/2008

Duties included all constituent relations, education and human-service related legislation, Capitol and in-district scheduling, organizing district events, intern supervision, and management of office.

Fight Crime: Invest In Kids Michigan

5/2007 – 9/2007

Policy Assistant - focus on early learning, out of school time, child welfare, and juvenile justice

Michigan House Of Representatives

8/2005 –12/2005

Education Policy Intern, Democratic Policy - developed policy briefs on early learning and k-12 education

Early Learning

Jackson Community College - Adjunct Instructor for Early Childhood Education courses

10/2007 - 5/2008

MSU Early Head Start BEES Project- East Lansing - Research Assistant

9/2006 - 12/2007

Spartan Child Development Center - East Lansing - Classroom Aide and Lead Substitute

01/2004 - 7/2007

Rainbow Child Development Center - Ann Arbor - Infant Lead Teacher

09/2003 - 12/2003

Humpty Dumpty Day Care - Ypsilanti - Assistant Director

09/2002 - 6/2003

Juvenile Justice/Child Welfare

Boysville - Residential Counselor

04/2002 - 06/2002

St. Vincent Home for Children - Unit Counselor

10/2001 - 03/2002

Highfields, Inc. - Overnight Residential Counselor

03/2001 - 10/2001