

Denise Revels, Ed.S, LCSW

Highlights:

- Transformative leader with experience in program development, crisis management and improving systemic processes for school districts.
- Proficient in managing funds in a fiscally responsible manner and preparing for audits
- Innovative problem solver that works well under pressure
- Capable of initiating new projects and garnering support

Summary of qualifications:

Accomplished professional with 13 years of experience providing leadership in education.

Highlights include:

- Program Development and Implementation
- Coordinating Professional Development
- Collaborating with stake holders in the interest of children and youth
- Advocating for families
- Employee Standards with emphasis on integrity
- Managing general funds, federal programs and grant budgets

Work experience:

Coordinator of Social Work Services

July 2017-present

Lead of Social Work Services

July 2016-July 2017

DeKalb County School District, Student Support Services

- Provided leadership to the school social work program
- Responsible for hiring and training new employees
- Provided daily peer leadership to school social workers
- Refined social work department processes to improve accountability
- Enhanced technology practices, including child abuse, homeless and annual data to ensure accuracy
- Redesigned annual social work presentation to more effectively reflect roles and responsibilities
- Led donation initiatives, e.g., uniforms, backpacks, bikes
- Planned and secured experts to present at social work monthly meetings
- Refined district crisis and attendance plan
- Served on suicide prevention planning team
- Participated and provided leadership on Attendance, Technology, Newsletter and Social Work Month committees
- Planned district events, e.g., Youth Town Hall, Student Support Conference, Mindfulness Summit
- Managed grants, e.g., suicide and human trafficking prevention and homeless education
- Represent the district in multi-disciplinary team meetings with external stakeholders
- Spearheaded annual DeKalb Gives holiday initiative
- Collaborated with partners to obtain donations for children and families

Coordinator-Social Work Services

July 2009-June 2016

Atlanta Public Schools, Office of Student Program and Services

- Provided leadership to the school social work program
- Responsible for hiring and training new employees
- Supervised the Program for the Education of Homeless Children and Youth and Truancy Intervention Center

- Developer and Manager of district and school-based Crisis Intervention Teams
- Participated in community meetings regarding child welfare issues
- Managed suicide prevention grant
- Developed district-wide Suicide Prevention Protocol
- Conducted ongoing Suicide Prevention Trainings with internal and external stakeholders e.g. school officials, law enforcement
- Developed Sexual Assault Prevention Task Force with internal and external stakeholders
- Developed district-wide attendance plan
- Served as District LGBT Liaison
- Facilitated regularly scheduled CPI (de-escalation) trainings for teachers, special education department and administrators
- Served on multidisciplinary teams
- Prepared state mandated reports
- Managed social work and grants budget

School Social Worker

August 1995-June 2009

Atlanta Public Schools, Office of Student Programs and Services

- Implemented the school social work program in 15 assigned schools in addition to summer school locations
- Conducted child abuse in-services to ensure adherence to state laws and Atlanta Public Schools protocol
- Prepared and filed educational neglect and truancy petitions as necessary to improve attendance
- Initiated home visits and parent conferences
- Completed psychosocial assessments
- Actively participated in Student Support Team and In School Team meetings
- Provided resources for students experiencing homelessness to maintain stability and equitable standards of education
- Served as a member of the Crisis Team to deliver counseling services to grieving students and staff
- Hosted and facilitated parent workshops
- Collaborated with community resources to secure social services for families and youth
- Implemented teen pregnancy prevention program at Coan Middle School
- Developed safety plans for at risk students
- Implemented service projects for students
- Coordinated and supervised student intern program

Family Service Coordinator

July 1994-August 1995

Institute for Family Centered Services, Atlanta, Georgia

- Assessed child welfare issues and developed family case plans
- Provided in home family counseling
- Monitored family progress
- Make reports to state agencies as a mandated reporter
- Attend court hearings and provide testimony on child welfare issues
- Served as a member of a multidisciplinary team

Education:

University of Georgia

Program of Study: Educational Administration and Policy
Specialist in Educational Leadership

New York University

Program of Study: Children and Youth
Master of Social Work

Hampton University

Program of Study: Sociology/Criminal Justice
Bachelor of Arts

Certification & licenses:

- State of Georgia-Leadership Certification (L5)
- State of Georgia-Service 5 Certification (S5)
- Licensed Clinical Social Worker (LCSW)
- Ethics in the workplace Trainer
- QPR Suicide Prevention Trainer
- Darkness to Light Trainer
- Certified Mediator
- Former Mental Health First Aid Trainer

Organizations:

School Social Workers Association of Georgia

- Legislative Committee
- Social Media Committee
- Conference Planning Committee

References:

Available upon request