

Resumes for Pre-ETS

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EXPERIENCE

The Capital District Center for Independence, Inc., Albany, NY — *Benefits Advisor, Pre-ETS Program Director*

May 2023 - Present; 40 hours/week

Responsibilities include supervising youth transition curricula and programming, community resource management, youth educational and vocational training, benefits advisement, peer counseling, post-secondary educational services, developing business partnerships for youth employment.

Office of Children and Family Services; Niskayuna CSD, Schenectady, NY — *Program Specialist; Behavioral Counselor*

December 2018 - May 2023; 40 hours/week

Responsibilities included maintaining academic program structure, organizing and coordinating academic projects and community events, behavioral redirection/counsel to youth, devise curriculum revisions to align with program pillars, facilitate changes within district syllabi and ensuring supportive and collaborative instructional practices, management of staff, grant management.

John F. Finn Institute for Public Safety, Albany, NY — *Research Intern*

October 2018 - April 2019; 12 hours/week

Responsibilities included drafting charts/graphs, data management, and coding; proficient with Microsoft Word, Excel and Google Docs; Familiar with SPSS software.

RESEARCH

Bridging the Gap — Juvenile Offenders

A study which evaluated recidivism rates among first-time juvenile offenders.

EDUCATION

SKILLS

ACCES-VR
Teaching; Instruction
Behavioral Guidance
Event Programming
Policy; Regulation
Communication; Networking
Youth Supervision; Youth
Transition Services
Staff Management
Family/Youth Engagement

TRAINING COURSES

Institutional Transition, Tier IV
Transition Services for
Students, Family Adjustment,
Youth Career Success, Pediatric
TBI/Trauma and Impacts on
Learning, Early Intervention,
District Policy and Regulations,
Supervision, Family
Engagement, ACEs and Trauma,
Responding to Medical
Emergencies

AFFILIATIONS

New York State Network for
Youth Success, National Youth
Employment Coalition, OCFS
Professional Development,
Parent-to-Parent of NYS,
OPWDD, Yang Tan
Institute-Cornell University,
NTACT, Zarrow
Institute-University of
Oklahoma, NYS Education
Department, NCIL

University at Albany School of Criminal Justice, Albany, NY
— MA Criminal Justice

August 2017 - January 2019

GPA 3.70; Obtained a graduate certification in Homeland Security, Cybersecurity, and Emergency Preparedness.

Clarkson University, Potsdam, NY — BS Biology

August 2013 - May 2017

GPA 3.30; Concentration in Pre-Veterinary Science.

Skylar Marotta

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EDUCATION

State University of New York at Albany

Master of Social Work

December 2024

State University of New York at New Paltz

Bachelor of Arts: Sociology, Concentration in Human Services

May 2022

- *Academics:* 4.0 GPA, Dean's list 7x September 2021-December 2022
- *Academics:* Senior Thesis: Exploration of Childhood Divorce Grief and School Intervention Spring 2022
- *Grant Writing:* Youth Education Program at Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc. Fall 2021
- *Leadership:* Research project team leader for two upper-level sociology classes Fall 2020
- *Leadership:* FOSL (Foundations of Student Leadership) workshop Fall 2019

EXPERIENCE

Capital District Center for Independence

Albany, NY

Employment Benefits Counselor/Pre-ETS Teacher

June 2022-August 2022, May 2023-present

- Assisting clients with community services such as food stamps, Medicare/Medicaid, and Social Security
- Preparing high school students with disabilities for post-secondary skills and career skills
- Assist clients prepare for and enter into employment
- Completed NYS CASE Courses Tiers I-IV.

Trinity Alliance

Albany, NY

Intern

December 2022-May 2023

- Assisted clients with services such as insurance applications, physician appointments, and access to nutrition
- Participated in trainings: cybersecurity, mandated reporting, and creating safe spaces for transgender clients.

New Paltz Youth Program

New Paltz, NY

Intern

January 2022-May 2022

- Supervised and interacted with middle and high school youth through conversation, games, art, and activities
- Tutored multiple classes including Science, Language Arts, Reading, and Math at New Paltz Middle School.

Fearless! Hudson Valley, Inc.

Newburgh, NY

Intern

September 2021-November 2021

- Shadowed and observed shelter staff and support residents with necessities, special requests, and services
- Led group activity and participated in staff meetings associated with case planning and team building.

Ulster County Community Action Committee, Early Head Start/Head Start

Kingston, NY

Intern

February 2021-May 2021

- Canvased multiple Ulster County townships for program recruitment and prepared family intake interviews
- Led group activity and participated in family worker meetings, case conferences, and policy council meetings.

SUNY New Paltz Residence Life

New Paltz, NY

Night Host

September 2019-March 2020

- Enforced and documented building and security rules during overnight shifts in residence hall.

EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

Communities at New Paltz: Health and Wellness, Student/Resident at L&L Community

Fall 2018-Spring 2019

Habitat for Humanity, Fundraiser

2015-2016

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EDUCATION

Bachelor's in arts/Russell Sage College Troy/May 2024
Advanced Regents Diploma/Greenwich Central High School/June 2020

WORK EXPERIENCE

Pre-ETS/Benefits Employment Counselor at Capital District Center for Independence, Inc.- May 2024-Present

- NYCASE Tier IV Certified
- Creates and teaches individualized lesson plans for Pre-ETS classes and 1:1 meetings.
- Skills in Workplace Readiness, Self Advocacy, Job Exploration, and Post Secondary education.
- Assists clients in obtaining information about their benefits (e.g., SSI, Medicaid, etc.) and how working may affect benefits.
- Conduct job searches or seeking opportunities for vocational skill development on behalf of a job seeker
- Teach job search skills to participants with disabilities
- Identify and address individuals' potential barriers to successful employment such as: concerns about government benefits and transportation

Registered Behavior Technician at Momentum Behavior Care - Feb 2024-Present

- Earned RBT Certification through necessary training procedures.
- Implements and maintains behavior intervention plans.
- Experience with de-escalation procedures.
- Maintains a safe and structured learning environment.
- Well versed in Functional Communication training and Social Skills training.

Teacher at Childtime of Mechanicville - Jan 2023-Feb 2024

- Experience with children aged six weeks to twelve years old.
- Skills in patience and empathy.
- Skills in problem solving and conflict resolution.
- Skills in time management and adaptability.
- Maintains a clean and hygienic classroom.

INTERNSHIP/VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Volunteer at Cohoes Connect Center - Sept 2022-Nov 2022

- Skills in tutoring.
- Engaged with young students and staff members.

Intern at Vanderheyden Group Home Troy - March 2022-May 2022

- Gained various achievements through problem solving skills.
- Engaged with adolescent clients and staff members.

Intern at St. Peter's Nursing and Rehab Center Albany- Oct 2021-Dec 2021

- Skills in recreational therapies.
- Engaged with older adult clients and staff members.
- Maintains child safety and hygiene (toileting, dressing, etc).

AVA JOHNSON

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EDUCATION

CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, NY

COLLEGE OF HUMAN OF ECOLOGY

Anticipated Graduation May 2025

Candidate for Bachelor of Science in Nutrition, Global Health Minor, Gerontology Minor

- Relevant Coursework: Introduction Biology, Comparative Physiology, Investigative Biology Lab, General Chemistry I & II, Introduction to Global Health, Inequity in Women's Health, Nutrition Health and Society, Public Health Nutrition, Organic Chemistry I & II, Modeling with Calculus, Statistics
- Global Health Student Advisory Board Global Health Case Competition 2022 Finalist "Health Mitigation of Hurricanes in Dominican Republic" researched and presented innovative solutions to Hurricane health impacts

COLUMBIA HIGH SCHOOL

East Greenbush, NY

Advanced Regents Diploma with Masteries in Math & Science Summa Cum Laude

September 2017 – June 2021

QuestarIII New Visions Medical Program at Samaritan Hospital

Senior Year Troy, NY

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, COLLEGE OF HUMAN ECOLOGY

Ithaca, NY

Teacher Assistant

January 2024-December 2024

- Supported professors in preparing lecture materials, leading discussion groups, and providing individualized assistance.
- Organized and led peer review workshops and study sessions to foster collaborative learning and critical analysis among students.

HONG KONG UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY DIVISION OF LIFE SCIENCE

Project: Evolution of Mating System and Chemical Communication between Opposite Sexes in Nematode

Hong Kong, SAR

Intern Researcher Evolutionary Biology

July 2024-August 2024

- Conducted behavioral assays on nematodes using established and newly developed assay systems to evaluate interactions facilitating reproductive success in a laboratory setting.
- Analyzed data to determine the effectiveness of different assay systems in capturing relevant behavioral traits.
- Prepared detailed reports summarizing findings and presented results at lab meetings and conferences.

CORNELL UNIVERSITY, DIVISION OF NUTRITIONAL SCIENCES, ODOMS-YOUNG LAB

Muti-level Determinants of Diet-Related Behaviors in Youth of Color with Autism and/or IDD: Scoping Review

Ithaca, NY

Empirical Researcher

August 2023-May 2024

Conduct a scoping review including full-text screening, data extraction, and analysis.

- Utilized Covidence, Microsoft PowrBI, NVIVO, Flourish, Tableau, and Plot DB to assist with research and presenting results
- Conducted literature reviews to analyze determinants of diet-related behaviors in youth of color with Autism and/or IDD.
- Synthesized data on factors influencing dietary behaviors to provide a holistic understanding.

KEYSTONE FOUNDATION

Kotagiri, India

Researcher

June 2023 – July 2023

- Conducted comprehensive research on remote Indigenous populations in India, focusing on mental health perspectives, treatment practices, and women's nutritional and food habits (for a holistic view of the community's well-being)
- Designed and executed interviews with community members to gain insights into their medical views and culture
- Analyzed data and compiled reports to inform future interventions and policy recommendations

CAPITAL DISTRICT CENTER FOR INDEPENDENCE, INC.

Albany & Schenectady, NY

Public Health Campaign Coordinator

May 2022 – August 2024

- Identify community stakeholders and arrange locations to optimize outreach efforts through research
- Supervise and train outreach teams to ensure a consistent message of the organization
- Educate community members on disease prevention, vaccines, and health resources through street outreach

Vaccine Navigator/Educator

March 2021 – August 2021

- Educated community members on disease prevention, vaccines, and health resources through street outreach to improve vaccine rates in the area

Youth Coordinator

May 2019- August 2019

- Supported instructors for class on transition skills for students with disabilities, emphasizing inclusivity and accessibility.
- Assisted in delivering coursework focused on transition skills and self-advocacy

EXTRACURRICULARS

ALPHA PHI OMEGA NATIONAL SERVICE FRATERNITY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, NY

Rush Service Co-Assistant

Fall 2022

Fellowship Assistant

Fall 2023

Brother

February 2022 – Present

- Conduct volunteer and educational activities to promote social awareness, community support, and service; assist with planning and implementing fellowship events for the fraternity

ALPHA XI DELTA NATIONAL SORORITY, CORNELL UNIVERSITY

Ithaca, NY

Community Service Director

August 2022 - May 2023

Sister

January 2022 - Present

- Fostered relationships with community stakeholders, aligning with both community needs and sorority values to enhance service engagement, oversaw event logistics volunteer scheduling, and ensured successful execution of service-related activities

ELLEN KELLEY SCALZI

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Educator with over 33 years of teaching experience in Troy City School District. Hold certifications in Library Science, Elementary Education, and Reading Specialist.

WORK HISTORY

TROY CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT *Teacher* | Troy, New York | September 1990 - 2023

Thirty-three years of experience teaching students in grades pre-K, kindergarten, first, second, fifth and high school as the school librarian. Worked in conjunction with a special education teacher and a TA in an integrated classroom with children with disabilities. Worked directly with students, parents, co-workers, and teachers. Collaborated with teachers and curriculum leaders on lesson plans, curriculum development and mapping, report card revising, and evaluation tools. Implemented author studies, book studies, book talks, reading groups. Curated and purchased library books whose characters reflect the diverse population of Troy CSD.

EDUCATION

BACHELOR OF SCIENCE Elementary Education SUNY Oswego Oswego NY, | 1989
Provisional Certification in Elementary Education grades nursery school, pre-kindergarten, kindergarten, and grades 1-6th. Certification became permanent upon earning an MS in Reading in 1993.

MASTER OF SCIENCE
Reading teacher grades Pre-K - 12th
SUNY Albany Albany NY, | 1993

MASTER OF SCIENCE
School Media Specialist Library Science
Permanent certification for School Media Specialist, Librarian grades Pre-K - 12th
SUNY Albany Albany NY, | 2003

SKILLS

Worked in classroom and library settings with students of diverse backgrounds
Strong collaborator and team player
Experience with special-needs students
Strive to maintain a positive learning environment