

SUMMARY:

A highly motivated counselor, leader, and organizer with a passion for working with underserved populations. Comprehensive training in social justice issues and service work. Extensive background in youth counseling, community organizing, and project management. **Professional recommendations, work samples, and extended list of affiliations available at <http://jennifersamimi.tripod.com>.**

EDUCATION:

Columbia University School of Social Work, *Master of Science in Social Work*, New York, NY **5/2010**

- Concentration: Social Policy Practice, Family, Youth, and Children's Services
- Presidential Management Fellowship Finalist
- Treasurer, Hapa Caucus
- Article published in the Columbia University Student Social Work Journal: *Funding America's Nonprofits: The Nonprofit Industrial Complex's Hold on Social Justice*

University of Colorado Denver, *Bachelor of Political Science, Certificate in Ethnic Studies*, Denver, CO **12/2007**

- Outstanding Undergraduate
- Truman Scholarship National Finalist

Community College of Denver, *Associate of Liberal Arts; Writing*, Denver, CO **8/2004**

EXPERIENCE:

Teaching Assistant, *Human Rights & Social Work* **1/2009-Present**
Columbia University School of Social Work **New York, NY**

- Assist in designing curriculum, forming class plans, and developing source materials.
- Facilitate experiential learning assignments.

Policy Analyst Intern **5/2009-Present**
Children's Rights, www.childrensrights.org **New York, NY**

- Research city, state, and national child welfare policy issues.
- Compose literature reviews, policy memos, and briefs.
- Analyze qualitative and quantitative data.
- Attend and report on legislative hearings, policy meetings, and coalition meetings.
- Developed chapter on Child Health & Well Being for New York City foster care permanency study report.
- Provide additional support, research, and analysis tasks as needed.

Forensic Social Work Intern **9/2008-5/2009**
The Legal Aid Society, www.legal-aid.org **New York, NY**

- Advocated for wishes of children involved in Manhattan Family Court as part of a multidisciplinary team.
- Conducted forensic interviews and assessments for abuse and neglect, juvenile delinquency, and PINS cases.
- Participated in service plan reviews, case conferences, and other meetings.
- Prepared written reports and service plans for presentation to attorneys.

Street Smart Specialist **4/2008-8/2008**
Urban Peak, www.urbanpeak.org **Denver, CO**

- Implemented Street Smart HIV and substance abuse prevention group for 10-20 homeless youth weekly.
- Conducted individual HIV, harm reduction, and sexually transmitted infection (STI) testing and counseling.
- Coordinated bi-monthly health fairs and other prevention focused events.

Youth Services Coordinator **9/2007-4/2008**
Volunteers of America, www.voacolorado.org **Denver, CO**

- Supervised and trained two AmeriCorps members and ten program volunteers.
- Maintained program waiting list and conducted intake and orientation for all new participants.
- Designed and implemented a calendar of educational and recreational events.

AmeriCorps Member**10/2006-8/2007****Denver Human Services**, www.americorps.gov, <http://cbpytamericorps.org>**Denver, CO**

- Provided case management for 15 youth transitioning out of systems of care (foster care, homelessness, detention).
- Created curriculum and implemented weekly life skills classes and monthly youth leadership activities.
- Facilitated a participant-led leadership team and a women's group.

Capacity Building Intern**5/2006-8/2006****The National Gay and Lesbian Task Force**, www.ngltf.org**Washington, D.C.**

- Created a comprehensive outreach plan to increase participation of LGBTQ youth from Midwestern states.
- Developed contact database and distributed materials.

Fundraising Intern**9/2004-3/2005****Grassroots Institute for Fundraising Training**, www.grassrootsfundraising.org**Denver, CO**

- Administered direct mailing to over 1,800 potential donors, organized special events, conducted major donor asks, and facilitated tele-fundraising event.
- Built individual donor base and created "donor pipeline" that moved individuals into the major donor category.
- Streamlined data collection and grant application processes by creating strategic development plans, managing donor database, and developing a case statement to standardize grant applications.

Youth Counselor**10/2002-10/2005****The Children's Hospital CHIP Program**, www.chipteam.org**Denver, CO**

- Supported 30 HIV positive youth by providing case management, self care and medication adherence tools, assistance with job readiness and educational planning, and referrals to community service organizations.
- Coordinated multiple-site testing network, entailing training and supervising on-site staff, conducting quality analysis of tests and maintenance of test data, and production of testing data reports.
- Performed group and individual prevention activities, including giving educational presentations and providing HIV testing, pre- and post-test counseling to at-risk youth.
- Organized bi-monthly support group for HIV positive youth and their partners.

Street Outreach Counselor**2/2001-5/2002****Urban Peak**, www.urbanpeak.org**Denver, CO**

- Provided street-based outreach services and counseling to a caseload of 20 homeless and runaway youth.
- Conducted behavioral risk assessments and provided harm reduction interventions with youth living on the street, including individual counseling and HIV/STI testing.
- Presented on the experience of homeless youth at visited schools, community groups, and other organizations.

Youth Development Coordinator**5/2001-5/2002****Casey Family Programs**, www.casey.org**Denver, CO**

- Coordinated strengths-based assessments for youth in transition and facilitated Wraparound team meetings.
- Supervised Youth Leadership Team, taught restorative justice techniques and oversaw implementation of projects
- Conducted program evaluation and community needs assessment

COMMUNITY SERVICE:**Board Member, Colorado Anti-Violence Program**, www.coavp.org, Denver, CO**10/2005-8/2008**

- Served as Fundraising Committee Chair, and member of Evaluation and Nominating/Search Committees.

Mentor, YESS Institute, www.yessinstitute.org Denver, CO**8/2006-6/2007**

- Tutored and mentored middle-school child as part of a school-based program.

Mediator, Victim Offender Reconciliation Project, www.denverorp.org, Denver, CO**3/2000-5/2002**

- Guided participants through alternative/restorative justice processes in the RESTORE youth program and in Victim Offender Mediation.

SKILLS, CERTIFICATIONS & AWARDS:

COMPUTER SKILLS:

Windows, OSX, Microsoft Office, SPSS, NVIVO, End Note, HTML

CERTIFICATIONS:

Certificate in Philanthropy and Voluntary Service, Georgetown University, 2006

AWARDS:

Maverick Thinkers Award, Urban Peak, 2005

Youth Leadership Award, Colorado Forum on Restorative Justice, 2001