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Hannah Strong

Professional Summary: Dedicated human rights advocate seeking a social service position which utilizes clinical and community organizing skills to meet the needs of clients. Committed to promoting individual growth and social change.

Education: University of Illinois at Chicago, Jane Addams College of Social Work – Chicago, IL
Master of Social Work, May 2013
Concentration: Child and Family Services
GPA: 3.3/4.0

Northeastern Illinois University – Chicago, IL
Major: Social Work; Minor: Sociology, May 2012
GPA: 3.3/4.0

Professional Experience: Refugee and Immigrant Community Services (Heartland Alliance Human Care Services)

Youth Case Manager Intern

September 2012 – May 2013

- Conducted strengths-based assessments and service plans to establish client-driven goals
- Assessed academic, mental health, and social progress to determine need for supportive service referrals
- Engaged vulnerable and marginalized student populations through launching a college preparation program for refugee youth
- Co-created and coordinated individual and group activities to encourage social and personal development for after-school program and special events
- Practiced trauma-informed care for youth suffering from PTSD and advocated for students with mental health disorders and/or learning disabilities
- Empowered and informed parents through supporting parent-teacher partnerships and school engagement

Deborah's Place (Rebecca Johnson Apartments)

Employment Specialist Intern

September 2011 – May 2012

- Engaged participants through motivational interviewing and solution-focused therapy to understand client goals and expectations for service delivery
- Provided resume preparation, interviewing, and job readiness services to participants
- Conducted group activities such as yoga, nutrition/diet information, and jewelry making through personal initiative

Volunteer Experience: NEIU Southern India Mission

December 2012

- Participated in service trip focused on women empowerment through a global lens
- Developed an appreciation of diversity through understanding cultural norms specific to gender differences

NEIU West Africa Mission

December 2011

- Participated in a child-centered initiative to develop cultural competency as well as expand personal worldview
- Strengthened awareness of family role expectations through interactions in villages, social service agencies, schools and orphanages
- Acquired understanding of child and family policy development in Ghana

Metropolitan Family Services

October 2011 – June 2011

After-School Program Volunteer

- Built rapport with students while monitoring their academic, behavioral, and social progress during tutoring, fitness, and art activities

Open Books Organization

May 2012 – Present

Field Trip Writing Coach

- Promote literacy for underserved and marginalized youth in Chicago school system
- Administer creative writing activities to encourage and engage young minds and cultivate individual aptitudes
- Establish and build rapport with students by acknowledge individual differences and appreciating diversity

Employment	Starbuck’s Coffee Company	August 2011-May 2012
History:	Media Star Promotions	April 2007-August 2011
	Whole Foods Market	Sept 2005-March 2007

Skills: *Languages:* Familiar with conversational American Sign Language
Computer: Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, PowerPoint