

RENEE CAIL

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Experienced community advocate and social services professional with a strong background in community organizing, case management, counseling, employment services, and client advocacy. Skilled in working with diverse populations, coordinating resources, managing sensitive and time-critical matters, and building relationships with community organizations and public agencies. Proven ability to independently prioritize multiple responsibilities, solve problems, meet deadlines, and communicate effectively with individuals at all organizational levels. Detail-oriented, adaptable, and committed to public service, community engagement, and continuous learning. Proficient in Microsoft Office, including Word and Excel.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Community Organizing & Advocacy
- Strategic Leadership
- Case Management
- Individual & Group Counseling
- Client Assessment & Support
- Community Outreach & Engagement
- Resource Development & Coordination
- Employment Coaching & Workforce Readiness
- Crisis Intervention & Problem Solving
- Relationship Building & Stakeholder Engagement

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

April 2019- Present

Community Organizer

Organize the community to discuss projects and policies that pose significant environmental risks to the residents. Educate the community regarding polluting industries and how to advocate for themselves when facing adversity.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

January 2019-Present

Disaster Survival Specialist for the Department of Homeland Security

AARP Senior Community Services Employment Program, Decatur, GA

June 2017 –April 2018

Employment Specialist

Work with Seniors 55 and over providing services to assist and prepare participants returning to the workforce. Services included: basic computer skills, individual employment plan, coaching, job search, and establishing relationships with the local community and non-profit organizations.

- Provided work search training activities to Senior Citizens seeking employment.
- Develop resources for senior citizens in crisis and or needing additional assistance.
- Review employment plans and advocate for senior citizens as needed.

Partnership for Community Action, Clarkston, GA**March 2010 – May 2013***Home Visitor*

- Educated parents on child development and developed database of resources.
- Initiated fundraising events for the program.
- Recruited new members for the program.
- Launched social activities for the participants.

Department of Family and Children Services**June 2007 - March 2010***Social Service Specialist*

- Investigated allegations of child abuse.
- Expanded and strengthened case plans for reunification for parents and children.
- Maintained and updated files.
- Monitored progress of parents and foster care placements.
- Prepared and presented court documents for court hearings.

Professional Counseling Services, Tucker, GA**February 2006 – June 2007***Counselor*

- Worked cooperatively with directors and managers to ensure that disabled individuals were receiving adequate social and educational services.
- Significantly improved services to consumers.
- Visited consumers in day programs and personal care homes.

EDUCATION

Boston University, Boston, MA

1979

B.S Social Work

National Center for Paralegal Studies, Atlanta, GA

1985

*Paralegal Certification***MEMBERSHIPS & PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS**

President – Citizens for a Healthy and Safe Environment

2019-Present

Member- CSAW Community Soil and Water Fellows Program sponsored by Eco-Action

2024-Present

Co-Chair - Political Action Team – First Afrikan Church

2019-Present

Board Member – DeKalb for Seniors

2019-Present

Board Member-Lou Walker Senior Center, Lithonia GA

2019-Present

Member of NAACP

2019-Present

Member of 350.Org – Environmental Justice Organization

2019-Present

Member – Blue Ridge Environmental Defense League

2019 -Present

Co-Chair- Immigration Task Force in Atlantans Building Leadership for Empowerment (ABLE),

Gamaliel Foundation Chicago, Il.

2008