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**PERSONAL DETAILS**

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**Educational Qualifications:** BSC Social Work Honours- University of Zimbabwe

**Summary of Key competencies and Achievements**

I am Social Worker by profession, trained at the University of Zimbabwe and registered with the Social Workers Council of Zimbabwe. I have good communication skills with a strong background of written and oral english. I have vast knowledge on child protection policies of Zimbabwe. My current post has given me the opportunity to work with the judicial arm of Zimbabwe in the implementation of child rights in the country. I have experience in working in both rural and urban settings. A team player capable of motivating team members to achieve targets and accomplish set Tasks.

**Current Post-** Child Welfare Officer- Department of Social Development

**DUTIES**

* Implementing the Zimbabwe’s Children’s Act in realizing the welfare of children in Zimbabwe
* Providing psycho-social support for children in difficult circumstances.
* Facilitating the use of community based solutions to child welfare and child protection issues.
* Providing support for children in need of health care through the assisted medical treatment order
* Making referrals for children to appropriate agencies which offer required services
* Facilitating the training of Child Protection Committees on issues relating to child protection and child welfare
* Facilitating Family reunions
* Advocating for the rehabilitation of children
* Team player in the implementation of the National Case Management System on Child Protection.
* Compiling monthly reports on District child welfare and child protection issues
* Conducting family casework
* Removing children from dangerous environments and placing them at places of safety
* Family tracing for abandoned children
* Supervision of Children’s institutions
* Processing adoption, foster care, custody , guardianship and the placing of children at a place of safety
* Facilitating community needs assessment and the compilation of the Village Orphans and vulnerable children’s register

**WORK EXPERIENCE**

Research assistant- March 2014- Center for the Evaluation of Public Health Intervention, University of Zimbabwe, College of Health Sciences

**Key Responsibilities**

* Tracking Result Based Financing in Health Institutions
* Designing Research Tools
* Tracking clients and record findings
* Producing Reports

**Research Assistant** (2012)- Center for the Evaluation of Public Health Interventions, University of Zimbabwe College of Health Sciences.

**Key Responsibilities**

The research sought to investigate the effectiveness of blending the biomedical and social models to HIV and AIDS prevention and establish what could be done differently to enhance behavior change. My Key role included:

* Designing research tools
* Community mobilization
* Data collection
* Data Cleaning
* Report writing

**Research Assistant-** (2012) Center for the Evaluation of Public Health Interventions

The research sought to assess the barriers and facilitating factors to maternal health services in Zimbabwe. My key roles included;

* Community mobilization
* Data collection
* Data cleaning and Analysis
* Report production

**Research Assistant**- Zimbabwe AIDS Network ( ZAN) (2009)

**Responsibilities**

Conducted situational analysis of the Community Home Based Care Program in Zimbabwe (CHBC), The CHBC program was funded through the Global Fund against TB, Malaria and HIV. The situational analysis sought to establish the effectiveness of the CBHC program and come up with strategies to strengthen the program.

My main duties during the research included; designing research tools, data collection and analysis and report writing.

**Key Achievements**

* Designed tools that were approved by the Research Council of Zimbabwe
* Successfully collected data in all Global Fund Provinces
* Compiled the situational analysis report for ZAN and shared with Global Fund

**Volunteer Youth Officer (2008)** – Simukai Child Protection Program

**Key Duties**

* Needs identification for children living on the streets
* Case management for children living on the streets
* Re-unification of children living on the streets with their families
* Establishing support groups for children re-unified with their parents
* Facilitate establishment of IGA for support groups
* Training peer educators

Key Achievements

Through multi-sectoral approach, managed to re-unify a large number of children living on the streets of Mutare City with their families

Trained 50 peer educators and established IGA for children off the streets and their guardians

**Internships**

Family AIDS Caring- Trust Behavior Change Facilitator (2011)

**Responsibilities**

* Community mobilization
* Training community Behavior Change Facilitators
* Establishing Community behavior change groups
* Monitoring behavior change groups
* Producing weekly, monthly and quarterly reports

**Key Achievements**

* Trained 200behavior change facilitators in Chimanimani district (Zimbabwe)
* Established 500 behavior change groups in Chimanimani district
* Streets Ahead, Youth Officer (2012)
* Mobilizing Children living on the streets for purposes of reunification

**Key Achievements**

I was able to create a strong relationship with children living on the streets and managed to reunify a large number of children with their families

**REFERENCES**

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