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**Summary of Qualifications**

* Maters of Science in Public Health, Health Promotion plus advanced coursework in injury prevention, epidemiology, and biostatistics.
* More than eighteen years of experience working in Public Health with a focus on issues related to both child health and injury prevention.

**Professional Experience**

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| **The North Carolina Child Care Health and Safety Resource Center****UNC Chapel Hill, Gillings School of Global Public Health, Raleigh, NC** |
| May 2016 – Current | CoordinatorProvides on-site coordination of all staff efforts including direct supervision of a ten-person staff. Oversees all major work activities within the NC Resource Center and collaborates with related organizations to achieve project objectives. Has special knowledge of resources in the areas of health, safety, and nutrition and is able to assist CCHCs and early care and education professionals across the state in developing and implementing health policies and programs for improving the health and safety of children in early care and education settings. Is responsible for the overall management of the project including finances, contracts, human resources, implementation of the scope of work, and daily operations.  |
| **North Carolina Office on Disability and Health, Division of Public Health, Department of Health and Human Services, Raleigh NC** |
| June 2013 – May 2016 | Disability and Health SpecialistResponsible for disability and health program planning, implementation, and evaluation as well as building and maintaining key partnerships with state and local government offices and disability community agencies. Primary duties included: * Creating and conducting trainings on accessible practices.
* Developing inclusive policies and programs.
* Partnering with state government agencies to ensure inclusion of people with disabilities in health promotion initiatives, public campaigns, and health interventions.
* Assuring that people with disabilities were incorporated into state and local emergency preparedness activities.
* Leading the research and development of the revised the North Carolina Plan to Promote the Health of People with Disabilities. Work with national and state data sets to produce annual data reports.
* Giving presentations and developing print materials addressing accessible communication and barrier removal for people with disabilities.
* Conducting reviews of local health departments and medical facilities to determine accessibility of policies, procedures, communication outreach and physical environments.
* Providing technical support for the Division of Public Health programs on incorporating disability into programs to make them more inclusive and accessible to all North Carolinians.
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| **North Carolina Healthy Start Foundation, Raleigh, NC**  |
| October 2011 – June 2013 | Infant Safety Campaign CoordinatorManaged all program initiatives involving infant safety. * Developed and managed programs to educate professionals and individuals about infant safety and health.
* Conducted trainings for community health workers, health educators, nurses and other health professionals based on research and current policy recommendations.
* Managed a hospital outreach program to identify and evaluate policies and educational efforts regarding infant safe sleep.
* Wrote content for brochures, social media, newsletters, the website and other media campaigns for parents, caregivers and professionals.
* Conducted focus groups to ensure disseminated information was evidence-based and appropriate for target audiences.
* Participated on the North Carolina State Child Fatality Task Force and the Perinatal Health Committee and chaired the North Carolina Infant Safe Sleep Advisory Committee.
* Wrote grants and work with grantors to sustain programmatic funding.
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| **Safe Kids USA**, **Washington, DC**  |
| January 2010 – March 2011 | Program Manager Managed multiple grant-funded child injury prevention programs with local communities across the nation.* Developed and implemented injury prevention curricula and programs for children and their families.
* Developed, executed, and evaluated injury prevention activities of local and state coalitions.
* Distributed and managed grants to local and states agencies across the United States.
* Wrote grant applications and worked with sponsors to obtain and maintain program funding.
* Created and oversaw an annual program budget.
* Presented at and participated in conferences, meetings, and professional work groups.
* Developed injury prevention website content and print materials for both internal and public consumption.
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| June 2008 *–* December 2009 | Senior Evaluation Specialist Was responsible for the evaluation of research and program grants received at the national office and those distributed to state and local coalitions. * Acted as the primary resource to 450 Safe Kids coalitions on evaluation of their program and research initiatives.
* Supported the Buckle Up and Walk This Way programs with all research and data collection and evaluation activities.
* Developed injury risk area fact sheets for national consumption.
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| November 2005 *–* June 2008 | Injury Epidemiologist Was responsible for the collection, analysis and dissemination of data and statistics related to child unintentional injury for the organization internally, for more than 350 coalition partners across the United States, and for all public inquiries. * Supported grassroots program development and conducted research studies.
* Was a Child Passenger Safety Technician and Child Passenger Safety Technician for Children with Special Healthcare Needs.
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| **INOVA Health System, HealthSource**, **Falls Church, VA**  |
| January 2010 – August 2010 | Health Educator III * Taught Life Skills class to 4th – 6th graders at a local elementary school.
* As part of a tobacco cessation program, counseled hospital patients about seeking treatment and making healthier life choices with the goal of preventing further incidence of cardiovascular and lung disease.
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| **Safe Kids Worldwide, Washington, DC**   |
| October 2002 – October 2004 | Program AssistantFacilitated the development and implementation of grass roots unintentional injury prevention programs in sixteen developing and developed countries. I created and oversaw grant opportunities, developed print materials, conducted injury prevention research, and organized meetings and conferences. |
| **The Center for Policy Alternatives, Washington, DC** |
| September 2001 – December 2001 | Development Assistant Conducted research and other tasks in preparation for the 2001 Summit on the States and Annual Awards Dinner.  |
| **University of Wisconsin , Waisman Center, Madison, WI**   |
| September 1998 – May 1999 | Research Assistant Assisted with several long-term studies focused on autistic care-giving. |

**Education**

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| **University of North Carolina, Gillings School of Global Public Health** |
| June 2006 – May 2008 | Certificate in Field Epidemiology |
| **The London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine** |
| September 2004 – November 2005 | Masters of Science, Public Health/Health Promotion  |
| **University of Wisconsin, Madison**  |
| September 1997 – May 2001 | BA, Sociology Member of Alpha Kappa Delta International Sociology Honor Society  |

**Additional Education – Certifications – Skills**

**Certified Infant/Toddler Safe Sleep and Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (ITS-SIDS) Child Care Trainer**

North Carolina Division of Child Development and Early Education, April 2013

**Certified Health Education Specialist**

The National Commission for Health Education Credentialing, Inc., April 2013

**Child Passenger Safety Technician**

Certified to inspect and install child safety seats, educate parents and caregivers about child passenger safety and give hands-on assistance on the proper use of child restraint systems, May 2007

**Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health**

Classes taken at the Graduate Institute of Epidemiology and Biostatistics

* Principles and Practice of Injury Prevention (2003)
* Managing Change Through Injury Policy and Programs (2005)
* Conducting Epidemiological Research (2006)
* Epidemiological Methods for Planning and Evaluating Health Services (2006)

**Child Passenger Safety Technician for Children with Special Health Care Needs**

Certified, April 2006

**Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda**

Certificate in Road Traffic Safety and Injury Prevention, July 2003

**United States Peace Corps, Morocco, 2001**

Health and Sanitation Volunteer

**Computer Skills**

Highly skilled in all Microsoft Office programs including Word, Excel, Access and PowerPoint.