

Donne Chafins

Youth development
specialist

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Profile

I have over three years of experience working as a youth development specialist. In this role, I have worked with individuals aged 12-24 to help them develop the skills and knowledge necessary for success in life. My work has included providing direct services such as individual counseling, group therapy, and educational workshops; developing program curriculum; conducting needs assessments; collaborating with community partners; facilitating trainings for staff and volunteers; and evaluating program outcomes. Throughout my career, I have been committed to helping young people reach their full potential by supporting their social-emotional, academic/career, physical/mental health needs.

Employment History

Youth Development Specialist at Boys & Girls Clubs of Greater San Antonio, TX

Apr 2022 - Present

- Led a team of 5 youth development specialists in developing and implementing after-school programming for at-risk youth.
- Served as liaison between school administration, staff, parents, and community partners to develop positive relationships and address concerns.
- Planned and facilitated weekly professional development workshops for 15 staff members on topics such as behavior management and lesson planning.
- Coordinated annual service learning projects with local organizations that engaged 100+ students in hands-on experiences addressing social issues in their community.
- Authored grant proposals that secured \$25000 in funding from private foundations to support programmatic needs.

Youth Development Specialist II at The Settlement Home for Children, TX

Aug 2019 - Mar 2022

- Led a team of 4 youth development specialists in daily operations.
- Monitored program budget and expenditures to ensure efficient use of resources.
- Implemented new programming initiatives that increased participants' engagement by 20%.
- Wrote proposals and secured \$50,000 in funding from local foundations to support programs.
- Served as liaison between agency administration and front-line staff.