

General Information

Board/Commission and seat you are seeking:
Social Work Examiners, Public Seat

Additional Boards/Commissions of interest:
None

State Boards/Commissions on which you have served:
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First Name
Rachel

Middle Name

Last Name
Olson

Mailing Address

City

State & Zip

Military Service
N/A

Conflict of Interest

Full disclosure of personal financial data under AS 39.50.010 is required for certain boards and commissions. Are you willing to provide this information if required for the board or commission which you are applying?
Yes

Service in a public office is a public trust. The Ethics Act (AS 39.52.110) prohibits substantial and material conflicts of interest. Is it possible that you or any member of your family will benefit financially by decisions to be made by the board or commission for which you are applying? If you answer 'yes' to this question you MUST explain the potential financial benefit.
No

Please explain the potential financial benefit

Employment History

Employment work history including paid, unpaid, or voluntary.
Licensed realtor since late 2008. Volunteer for church, community, Royal Family KIDS. Please see resume.

Education, Training, Experience & Qualifications

List both formal and informal education and training experiences:
Bachelor of Science Degree - Biology
Specialized therapeutic foster parent training
Director training for both directing an organization and training others how to work with foster children
Training at Toastmaster's for public speaking

List any professional licenses, certifications, or registrations and dates obtained that may be used as qualifying criteria:
Licensed Therapeutic Foster Parent
Trained Director of Royal Family KIDS - program for foster children ages 6-12
Licensed Realtor

List any community service, municipal government, and state positions held, and any awards received.
Serving as a team member for the Mat-Su Health Foundation Collective Impact Design Team to Reduce Child Maltreatment and Increase Family Resiliency. Serve our church as the chair for community outreach, helping families in need financially. Co-organized Fostering Hope Forum, awareness event for at-risk children and families in Alaska. As the director of Royal Family KIDS and a foster parent, I have relationships with many social workers. The foster children for the Royal Family KIDS program come primarily via social worker and foster parent referrals. See resume for more.

Conviction Record

Have you ever been convicted of a misdemeanor within the past five years or a felony within the past ten years?

No

Conviction Circumstances

Certification of Accuracy & Completeness

By submitting this online application, I swear the information I have entered on this form is true to the best of my knowledge. I understand that if I deliberately conceal or enter false information on the form my application may be rejected, I may be removed from the list of eligible candidates, or I may be removed from the position. I agree that the Office of the Governor may contact present or former employees or other persons who know me to obtain an additional information about my skills and abilities. I understand that the information on this application is public information and may be released through a legal request for such information.

Type "I certify"

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Resume Addendum:

1260 N Golden Hills Dr

Press Release Wording

{Rachel Olson}, {31} of {Palmer}, is {Director/Royal Family KIDS} holds { Licensed Foster Parent with the Office of Children's Services}.

Submitted: 9/14/2015 7:07:29 AM

RACHEL OLSON

Professional Summary

Philanthropist, collaborator, community activist, strategic thinker, therapeutic foster parent, and director/coordinator for humanitarian efforts involving at-risk children and families. Alaskan resident since August 2008; my husband has been a resident since 1997. I am committed to my community. It is my heart and honor to serve the families in this state however my strengths and experiences will allow.

Skills

- Administrative and organizational skills as the director of Royal Family KIDS
- Strategic thinking skills as a Collective Impact team member
- Collaborative skills working alongside 20 other organizations to Reduce Child Maltreatment and Increase Family Resiliency in the Mat-Su
- Relationship/people skills as a director, realtor, team member, and foster parent
- Recruiting skills as the primary recruiter for the 60 summer staff needed annually for Royal Family KIDS
- Promotional skills in marketing as a professional realtor
- Fundraising skills - annually raise \$40-50,000 for Royal Family KIDS
- Empathetic and compassionate as a therapeutic foster parent

Experience

Collective Impact Team Member

11/2014 to Present

Mat-Su Health Foundation – Wasilla, AK

Team member participating proactively in the Mat-Su Health Foundation's Collective Impact Initiative to Reduce Child Maltreatment and Increase Family Resiliency. The MSHF has invited me to take two trips with them; one to Minnesota for the Collective Impact Initiative, another to Bethel, Alaska for an Undoing Racism conference to determine if we should bring this training to the Mat-Su area.

Member

11/2014 to Present

Mat-Su Agency Partnership – Wasilla, AK

Member of MAP - a partnership between multiple different non-profits and private sector organizations. MAP strives to bring collaboration and networking among community organizations.

Director

07/2013 to Present

Royal Family KIDS Mat-Su – Wasilla, AK

Direct and raise financial support for a life-changing, self-esteem building camp, club and mentorship program for foster children ages 6-12. Every summer 60+ volunteer staff members come together to bring unforgettable positive memories to children who have been abused, abandoned or neglected. We collaborate with the Office of Children's Services and they love this program for kids in their care. Many of our camp staff become mentors throughout the school year for the children who came to camp. The statistics for mentoring are remarkably positive.

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| Licensed Therapeutic Foster Parent Denali Family Services – Wasilla, AK Fostered 10 children and currently have a 16 year old teenage foster daughter. | 12/2012 to Present |
| Local Outreach Coordinator Northgate Alaska – Wasilla, AK Chair responsibilities for church outreach helping families in need in our community and/or church body. | 05/2011 to Present |
| Realtor Keller Williams Realty – Wasilla, AK Implement innovative marketing techniques primarily via social media. | 10/2008 to Present |
| Co-Coordinator Fostering Hope Forum – Anchorage, AK Co-organized a joint effort to raise awareness for at-risk children and families in our community and mobilize the faith-based community to be proactive on their behalf. Multiple legislators came to this event including Representative Les Garrett - a former foster child. Three out of five Office of Children's Services Regional Directors presented and/or attended this event. Multiple social workers and foster parents came. One family adopted four native children from attending this one all day event. | 04/2013 to 11/2013 |
| Campaign Manager Alaskans for Hughes – Palmer, AK Campaign Manager for House Representative Shelley Hughes. | 02/2012 to 11/2012 |
| Science Teacher Academia Cristiana Internacional de Caracas – Caracas, Ve Taught all high school sciences for an international school in Caracas, Venezuela. | 08/2006 to 06/2008 |

Education

Licensed Therapeutic Foster Parent - Wasilla, AK

Licensed Professional Realtor - Wasilla, AK

Bachelor of Science: Biology
Erskine College - Due West, SC

May 2006