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Commissioner

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While working as coordinator for Young Lives (mentorship program for teen moms) my eyes were opened to the unique challenges our state possesses in offering support, advocacy and resources for individuals stuck in abuse and positions of marginalization.

I have learned through, tenacious work, that partnering with other Alaskans as well as communicating needs to appropriate platforms, will provide many of the resources and help that is needed.

I am grateful for the experience and insights the last three years serving on this commission has offered me.

The commission, before I was appointed, had endured some instability. It has been encouraging to witness connectivity on the mission with other commissioners as well as stability to the staff and office as a whole during my term..

I look forward to being considered for another term on the commission. I will continue to bring a strong and valuable perspective to this platform.

SKILLS

Creative and Critical Thinking

Mentorship

Training Delivery

Risk Mitigation

Policy Development

Non-Profit Operations

Public Relations

Team Collaboration

Effective Multitasking

Community Outreach and
Education

Constituent Communications

Interpersonal Skills
Writing and Editing

EXPERIENCE

Commissioner

Alaska State Commission for Human Rights
08/09/2021-present

Engaged in role as commissioner to ensure that neglected population groups are given space and weight in the human rights agenda, and that governments take all measures required to protect and promote their human rights.

Coordinator

Young Life Alaska/northwest | Soldotna, AK
01/2017 - 01/2019

- Organized teams and resources to optimize care for teenage parents and their children on the Peninsula. Coordinated with other organizations and resources, combining group efforts to achieve advocacy for teen parents

Delegated work to volunteers, setting priorities and goals.

Provided leadership, insight and mentoring to organizations, law enforcement and medical facilities, with regard to the unique needs teen parents/youth have.

Advocate/Assistant Director

Volunteer Work | Soldotna, AK
01/2017 - 01/2019

- Partnered with local resources, law enforcement and advocacy groups to provide survivors of sex trafficking aftercare, shelter and mentoring spoke and raised awareness of sex trafficking on the Peninsula, with the help and partnership of Priceless Alaska-Anchorage

Encouraged and mentored advocates around the state in bringing awareness and resources to their local communities