



# HENRY WALKER

## Family Engagement Specialist

### PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

With ten years of dedicated experience as a Family Engagement Specialist, I excel in strengthening family connections and enhancing community resources. My strategic approach fosters collaboration between families and service providers, ensuring access to vital support systems. I am committed to empowering families to thrive and achieve their goals through effective engagement and advocacy.

### WORK EXPERIENCE

#### Family Engagement Specialist

Seaside Innovations

Apr / 2018-Ongoing

Santa Monica, CA

1. Facilitated family group meetings with the Department of Social Services, enhancing communication and support for involved families.
2. Compiled comprehensive reports following family meetings to inform family court decisions and improve service delivery.
3. Coordinated with community partners to ensure families received essential resources for health and compliance with court mandates.
4. Advocated for the reunification of families, ensuring children placed in foster care could return home under court directives.
5. Engaged with families during drop-off and pick-up times to build rapport and strengthen relationships.
6. Developed collaborative partnerships with agencies to enhance service quality and resource availability for families.
7. Evaluated family referrals to community programs, ensuring relevance and effectiveness, and documented follow-ups for continuous improvement.

#### Family Engagement Specialist

Cactus Creek Solutions

Apr / 2015-Apr / 2018

Phoenix, AZ

1. Oversaw family engagement initiatives across two school campuses, enhancing communication between families and educators.
2. Led the planning and implementation of the Family Engagement Program, fostering active participation in family support services.
3. Provided ongoing updates to families about available community resources, ensuring access to critical support.
4. Maintained regular contact with families to address their needs and facilitate connections to local services.
5. Collaborated with the local DCF office to coordinate family support services, ensuring holistic care for children and families.
6. Focused on addressing needs related to childcare, housing, and substance abuse treatment through community partnerships.

### EDUCATION

#### Bachelor of Arts in Social Work

University of Texas

Apr / 2012-Apr / 2015

Denver, CO

Focused on promoting family well-being and community engagement.

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### SKILLS

Bilingual Communication

10

Family Advocacy

10

Cultural Competence

9

Program Evaluation

9

### INTERESTS

Scuba Diving

E-sports

Reading Fiction

Puzzle Solving

### STRENGTHS

Stewardship

Teamwork

Tenacity

Vision

### LANGUAGES



English



German



Dutch

### ACHIEVEMENTS

Increased family participation in programs by 40% through targeted outreach initiatives.

Developed and implemented a resource guide that improved access to community services for over 200 families.