

PRISCILLA RUIZ

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Skills:

Bilingual - Spanish

Exceptional interpersonal & communications skills

Public Speaking

Grant Writing

Life Coach/Mentor

Network Weaver

Exceptional leadership skills: active listening, motivation, strategic planning, conflict management, and culturally competent

Marketing campaign management, finance, quickbooks

MISSION

As a high energy, socially minded professional, I seek to serve historically marginalized communities through positive advocacy and program development.

EXPERIENCE

Ascension Catholic Church, Bastrop, TX — Youth Director 2014 - Present

Develop and grow youth program for local parish and deanery.
Create and engage core team of adult catechists and volunteers.
Create, plan, and implement youth programs to include faith based activities, youth mass, retreats, and community service.
Develop youth leaders via life coaching and career mentoring.
Partner with local community organizations to promote the voice of youth in local decision making for the benefit of families.
Promote mental health awareness and outreach by providing training to church and community members with a focus on signs of distress, self-care techniques, peer supports, accessing local resources in our community and schools. Resource brokering to counseling organizations.

Bastrop County Cares, Bastrop, TX — County Youth Advocate 2014- Present

Community growth and development consulting for county-wide youth programs to include assessment, asset mapping, collaboration, program implementation, and grant writing.
Network Weaver- Connector and innovator for community solutions to issues in connection with social determinants of health.

Bastrop Independent School District, Bastrop, TX — Substitute Teacher 2017-Present

Follow lesson plans provided by home room Teacher
Manage bilingual classroom effectively and encourage student participation
Supervise students in and out of the classroom
Keep records on attendance, accidents and incidents

Boys and Girls Club, Bastrop, TX — Youth Development Specialist 2016-2018

Created awareness, and outreach programs. implemented fundraising initiatives to keep low club fees for low income families in the community.

Engagement and facilitation of programs for at-risk youth with a focus on youth development, parent engagement, and family support services. Create lesson plans and work with children in recreation and academic settings. Collaborate with a team of professionals.

Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC, Austin, TX — Wealth Specialist/Sales Director/Consultant 1996-2015

Extensive financial planning in complex estate planning, business succession, and business retirement concepts.

Managed brokerage sales plan

Client relationship management, market growth and development consulting
Regional and International Sales Director for Financial Advisors and Licensed Bankers

Professional organizational consulting and management

COMMUNITY OUTREACH & LEADERSHIP

**Bastrop County Youth Summit - Co-Creator & Youth Leader Coach
2019 - Present**

<https://www.bastropyouthsummit.com>

Youth leaders hosting first annual youth summit for the teens of Bastrop County with the following goals: Inspire youth to become advocates for change in the schools and communities of Bastrop County. Increase youth's capacity to become proactive leaders who break barriers. Integrate youth within county systems to guide policies that will affect the future.

Empower youth through educational and leadership opportunities that will encourage them to achieve their highest goals and potential.

Bastrop Pregnancy Resource Center - Board Member 2021 - Present

Advocacy and outreach in community of ecumenical pro-life initiatives, expand resources to include additional pregnancy coaches, ultrasounds, and baby boutique. Launching capital campaign for new building in 2023.

**Bastrop Independent School District— Community Task Force Member
2019- Present**

Education advocacy to include community task force work in creating bond referendum and member of PAC executive committee

**Community Board Member, Charter Advocate Network, Bastrop, TX —
2020-2022**

Parent Education & Community Engagement on School Choice

Charter Recruitment & Relationship Building
Creating Pathways to New Educational Opportunities
Advocate for 1882 Partnerships and Turn-Around Models within the Independent School Districts
Support Models of Innovation within the Independent School Districts
Support the Expansion of micro schools and pod learning
Identify Partnership Opportunities with Homeschool Families, Private School Operators, and ISD leaders.

CASA, Bastrop, TX — Child Advocate

2017-Present

Appointed by judges to advocate for children’s best interests until case is closed and the child is in a safe, permanent home.
Work with legal and child welfare professionals, educators and service providers to ensure that judges have all the information they need to make the most well-informed decisions for each child.

EDUCATION

Previous Securities Licenses— Wells Fargo Advisors, LLC

General Securities Representative, Securities Principal, Uniform Investment Adviser Law, Life & Health Agent, Uniform Securities Agent State Law

U.S. Army Basic Training and Advanced Individual Training, Fort Jackson, SC — Specialist

1993

Automated logistical specialist
Graduated - Yes

Midland College, Midland, TX — Student

1992

Education Level- 1 Year College
Major- General Studies
Total Hours: 36 Hours

Midland High School, Midland, TX — Student

1989 - 1992

Education Level- High School Diploma
Graduated- Yes

REFERENCES

Available upon request.