



SAMANTHA FOSS

SOCIAL WORK ADVOCATE
AND ACTIVIST.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

With nearly a decade of social work experience, Samantha engaged in direct service work, statewide advocacy, and program support.

EXPERTISE

Fundraising - Policy Practice -
Professional Speaking - Community
Outreach - Community Development -
Volunteer Coordination - Crisis
Intervention - Case Management

PREVIOUS EDUCATION

Texas State University

Master of Social Work, 2018

- 4.0 GPA
- Andrew Marks Student Advocacy Award
- Terry Foundation Scholarship Recipient
- BHWET Grant Award Recipient

Texas State University

Bachelor of Social Work, 2017

- Graduated magna cum laude with honors
- Deans List 2015-2017
- Terry Foundation Scholarship Recipient

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CAREER SUMMARY

LGBTQ Survivor Outreach and Advocacy Specialist

Family Service of the Piedmont

2018 to present

- Implement best practices and policies for serving LGBTQ-identified clients
- Cultivate and deliver training presentations to direct service providers, conference attendees, and at-large community members
- Provide technical assistance to providers serving LGBTQ-identified survivors.
- Conduct outreach to LGBTQ communities to increase awareness about services
- Foster relationships with agencies, organizations, faith communities, and businesses serving LGBTQ individuals.

Family Violence Services Coordinator

Texas Council on Family Violence

2017 to 2018

- Provide training and technical assistance for Texas family violence programs;
- Develop online training series for family violence services providers and battering intervention and prevention facilitators;
- Collaborate with local leadership throughout the state to plan training events catered to individual program needs;

Additional Experience:

Live-In Resident Advisor, Safeplace, 2014-2016

Recovery Support Staff, Phoenix House, 2015

Overnight Victim Advocate, Hope Alliance, 2013-2014

Victim Advocate, National Dating Abuse Helpline, 2011-2013

INTERNSHIPS

Master of Social Work Intern

Texas Homeless Network

2018

- Conduct needs assessment, compile research and create training for LGBTQ equal access policies of Texas Continuum of Care programs
- Research and propose interventions for meaningful engagement of people with lived experience in homeless-serving agencies

Bachelor of Social Work Intern

Texas Network of Youth Services

2017

- Interview key leaders of seclusion and restraint reduction efforts for data collection in an environmental scan of Texas
- Assist with implementation of Recovery Through Participation program for best practices for programs seeking youth engagement

Next Generation Leader

NARAL Pro-Choice

2017

- Assist in planning and executing fundraising efforts
- Participate in statewide policy actions for reproductive justice