

## Sarah Yatsko

### EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:

#### **Washington Defender Association July 2003 to Present**

**Program Administrator.** Oversee and organize large CLE program for public defense attorneys across state. Staff various member committees. Maintain complex web site which includes streaming media of CLE trainings, eight member listservs, as well as brief and expert banks. Hire, train and supervise administrative staff. Track various funding sources and multiple budgets and report to director. Produce various publications, including editing and formatting and some writing. Draft and edit organization's position papers. Serve on various community committees as a representative from defense community. Provide general support for defender members including fielding technical assistance requests. Conduct legislative advocacy both through encouraging member involvement and by testimony in front of various state House and Senate committees.

#### **American Bar Association National Juvenile Justice Center and the Northwest Regional Juvenile Justice Center Seattle, Washington. March 2002 to July 2003.**

**Project Director.** Directed and organized a statewide assessment of criminal legal representation of juveniles in the state of Washington. Responsibilities included developing methodology, gathering community stakeholders, managing project budget, developing instruments and interview protocol, recruiting and training interviewers, conducting interviews and analyzing large amounts of qualitative and quantitative data.  
<http://www.njdc.info/assessments.php#>

#### **Washington State Department of Trade and Economic Development and the Economic Opportunity Institute Seattle, Washington. June 2001 to July 2002.**

**Research Analyst.** Compiled analysis of Community Jobs Program, a statewide welfare to work transition program. Work included organizing and coding extremely large database in SPSS, developing research method and protocol, creating survey instrument in MS Access. Regression analysis used to evaluate overall return on investment. Final assessment provided information on prevalence of specific barriers to employment for participants and instructed administrative staff as to how to better tailor program to meet client needs.

#### **The Seattle King County Public Defenders Association Seattle, Washington. 1989 to 2000**

**Social Worker, Juvenile Division.** Developed new system of service delivery for Juvenile Offenders referred by staff attorneys. Case management duties included extensive social history interviews of youth and their families. Also was responsible for testifying and preparing written reports for court, advising attorneys, developing and presenting to court comprehensive plans for alternatives to incarceration. Recruited, trained and supervised expanding intern program. Responsible for supervision of interns totaling 20 in the five years. Facilitated interagency meetings with other defense based advocacy professionals. Training of attorneys as in areas of community service providers and appropriate use of Social Work staff. Developed tracking system in MS Access to monitor social workers' caseload and case outcomes.

#### **Northeast District Court Seattle, Washington. January to April 2001**

**Statistical Analysis of Community Work Program.** Hired on a contract basis with King County to analyze costs versus benefits of alternative sentencing pilot program for misdemeanants.

#### **The Children's Alliance Seattle, Washington. January to March 2000**

**Statistical Analysis of Advocacy Newsletter Program.** Coded and organized data entry of returned surveys using SPSS software. Utilized quantitative analysis skills to interpret survey results and prepare written report with findings and recommendations.

**United States Department of Justice  
Alcohol and Drug Abuse Monitoring Research Project  
Seattle, Washington. October 2000 to June 2001**

**Interviewer and Data Organizer.** Conduct interviews of recent adult arrestees to monitor rates of drug and alcohol use. Assisted in training of interviewers and organization of collected data.

**University of Washington Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs  
Seattle, Washington. September 1999 to June 2001**

**Computer Lab Manager.** General management duties of running graduate program computer lab including hiring, training, schedule and supervising lab staff of graduate and undergraduate students. Maintain proficiency in software applications as well as up to date basic computer hardware knowledge. Completed coursework in SPSS, Photoshop, Microsoft Access, Excel and PowerPoint.

**Montgomery County Job Training and Partnership Program  
Norristown, Pennsylvania. 1985 to 1987**

**Training Specialist.** Interviewed, hired and conducted weekly follow-up meetings with low-income youth in summer job program. Worked with non-profit organizations to ensure proper supervision of youth and positive relations between organizations and employment program.

**RELATED  
EXPERIENCE:**

**Appointed to Governor's Stop the Violence, Youth Advisory Committee** formed by the Department of Community Development to make policy recommendations to the Washington State Legislature and Governor's Office. Final products included media campaign, research project on recidivism and populations most at risk, and a report to the Governor with budget allocation suggestions and legislative recommendations.

**Executive Committee Member of the Washington State Bar Association Juvenile Law Section.** Current Chair of the CLE Committee charged with the task of defining training program and budget for the Section.

**Collaborated with colleague on published article in Juvenile Sentencing Practice in Washington State** entitled "Disposition from a Social Worker's Perspective." Article addressed how utilizing a social worker's expertise in the representation of juveniles can increase effective representation and credibility in court as well as potentially reducing client's recidivism.

Published report for Washington State Office of Trade and Economic Development entitled, **Barriers to Employment Faced by Community Jobs Participants**

**Independent Research project at the Washington State Department of Corrections, 1998 to 2000.** Developed instrument, submitted proposal and, completed 111 interviews of minors and young adults housed within the state's adult correctional facilities. Purpose was to provide professionals working within the juvenile justice system comprehensive information as to safety and services provided to youth incarcerated in adult correctional system. Additional object was to provide needs assessment tool to the Department of Corrections to enable staff to better serve youth within their facilities.

**COMMUNITY  
EXPERIENCE:**

Volunteer English as a Second Language Teacher, La Esperanza Cooperative, Seattle WA 1994-1995.

Tutor, Central Area Youth Association STARS Program, Seattle WA 1992-1994. Tutored struggling junior high school students in all disciplines.

Jesuit Volunteer Corps Volunteer, Seattle WA 1989-1990.  
Completed year of unpaid direct social service work with juvenile offenders

**EDUCATION:**

Completed course work towards Master Degree in Public Administration,  
Daniel J. Evans School of Public Affairs, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.  
Master's Degree Expected Summer 2007.

Master's Level Course Work in Special Education, 1992  
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

B.A. in English Literature, 1989  
Loyola College, Baltimore, Maryland.

Microsoft Access Training - 24 hours of course work. September 2000  
University of Washington, Seattle, Washington.

Fluent in Spanish Language.  
Language Study in Ecuador, Mexico and University of Washington.

**REFERENCES:**

Available upon request.