

KARENGA K. ARIFU

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

A 20-year organizational leader with a passion for community building, youth development, family, education and youth sports. Seeking a dynamic leadership position within an aligned mission-driven organization.

EDUCATION

B.S. Sports Management, Rutgers College
M.S.W. Admin., Policy & Planning, Rutgers University

CERTIFICATIONS

First Aid/CPR/AED Instructor, *American Red Cross* (2022)
Certified Parks & Recreation Professional, *NRPA* (2020)
Certified Double-Goal Coach, *Positive Coaches Alliance* (2020)
Certified Elementary School Teacher, NJ
Certified School Social Worker, NJ

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Dec. 2021-present **Recreation Center Supervisor-** Peeler/Warnersville/Brown City of Greensboro Parks & Recreation

Nov. 2019- May 2021 **Senior Program Director- Seth Low Cornerstone Center**
Brooklyn Bureau Community Services/*NYC Housing Authority*

July 2014 - Oct. 2019 **COMPASS MS Program Director**
Ascend Public Charter Schools, Inc.- Brooklyn Ascend Middle School

July 2010 - June 2014 **Physical Education Teacher/ Family Engagement Coordinator**
Lefferts Garden Charter School/Founding Teacher, Brooklyn

Nov. 2012 - April 2021 **Youth Sports Director (PT)-Baseball, Flag Football & Basketball**
78 Youth Sports, Inc. & R-FITT, Brooklyn

August 2008 - June 2010 **Director of Afterschool - K-5th grades**
Stuyvesant Heights Parents Association, Brooklyn Brownstone School

June 2004 - June 2008 **Director of Community Health & Fitness/ PE Teacher**
Excellence Boys Charter School-Uncommon Schools, Brooklyn

June 2002 - June 2004 **Senior Program Director**
Brooklyn Central, now known as the Dodge YMCA, Brooklyn

July 1999 - June 2002 **Teacher/ Family Services Coordinator**
North Star Academy/Uncommon Schools, Newark, NJ

June 1996 - June 1999 **Director of Recreation**
Borough of Highland Park, NJ

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Organizational Management/Leadership

- Responsible for all administrative, planning and programmatic aspects of a Municipal Recreation Center/Dept., NYC Cornerstone Community Center and several Afterschool programs.
- Experienced in organizational staff recruitment & development, budgeting, purchasing, program evaluation, database management and strategic planning.
- Developed and managed agency budgets from 200k to 900k.

- Developed several collaborative partnerships with the *Just One Foundation, NC Fusion Lacrosse, Zodwa Dance, NY Knicks, Brooklyn Museum & Botanical Gardens, NY Road Runners* and many other community institutions.
- Coordinated risk management practices, equipment maintenance, field/gym use, scheduling and rule development for youth and adult programs, youth sport coaches' training.

Program Development

- Created dynamic new DYCD-funded Afterschool program in Brownsville, Brooklyn. Activities included steel-pan, lacrosse, double-dutch, cooking, fashion, comic books, coding, flag football, table tennis, jazz band and poetry.
- Developed new youth focused programs of indoor soccer, track and field, girls' basketball, fitness, capoeira, team handball, floor-ball, community service projects and interactive nutritional workshops.
- Developed school-based fitness/movement program with classroom exercise breaks utilizing *Brain Gym* and *Egoscue Method* techniques

Teaching/Coaching

- Taught Physical Education, Fitness and Wellness to young people, K-12, for over 15 years.
- Developed Physical Education curriculum, coordinated parent involvement, facilitated community service projects and coached at three charter schools.
- Youth coaching experience in baseball/softball, track & field, football, soccer and lacrosse. Specialize in early multi-sport fitness and skill development.

Computer knowledge

- Proficient in MS Office Suite

Personal/Community

- **Member** *Safer Cities of NE Greensboro*
- **'Rockstar Rookie' & 'Consider It Done' Awards** *Greensboro P&R (2022)*
- **Board Member** *Brooklyn Lacrosse Club (2018-2021)*
- **Completed Four Marathons** 3 x NYC /1x Chicago
- **President** *Chauncey-Bainbridge-Stuyvesant-Lewis Block Association (2004-2007)*

References available upon request