**CHRISTOPHER D. JAMES**

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 **Experienced Campaign/Public Relations Professional**

**Summary of Qualifications**

* Knowledgeable regarding political and public policy concepts with emphasis on creating programs designed to enlighten residents about policies that conform with existing legislation
* Experience creating and implementing events that showcase informational outreach resulting in new and current clients achieving agency’s goals and community’s expectation
* Solid ability to communicate agency (company) policies, goals and objectives to prospective and existing client base
* Thorough understanding of laws and ethical concerns pertaining to mental health and substance abuse facilities
* Founding member of Bed-Stuy Advocates off shoot of /CRADLE& CWOP
* President of Parent Teacher Association of Brooklyn Preparatory High School; Member of School Leadership Team (SLT)
* Military veteran – honorably discharged from United States Navy
* Brooklyn Community Board 3 Member

**Employment Experience**

Council Member Darlene Mealy, Brooklyn, NY July 2012 – Sept 2012

**Campaign Manager**

* Managed campaign workers, including creation and maintenance of budget and salary structure for employees; implemented work schedules for employees and volunteers
* Communicated with media, providing campaign and policy updates, and other objectives
* Campaign resulted in win for Council Member

Bed Study Enrichment Center, Brooklyn, NY 2010 – present

**Volunteer Counselor**

* Counsel substance abuse and at-risk members of community
* Work with consumers as advocate, assisting with creation of budgets and healthy lifestyle choices
* Counsel community members regarding housing, employment opportunities, etc.
* Supervise staff of four volunteers, ensuring proper counseling techniques and providing resources for clientele; create schedule for staff

New York City Council, Brooklyn, NY 2008 – 2010

* Reviewed constituents’ issues and materials; compiled data to assist Council Member with development of policies
* Developed and grew constituent base to advance Council Member’s agenda and objectives
* Addressed community boards, police precincts, city council, etc. to arrange speaking engagements and events

**St John’s Bread and Life 1999 -2008**

* Food pantry preparer and distributer Ordered,, distributed and planned nutritional requirements
* HIV /AIDS group facilitator. Organized,
* Single fathers group facilitator
* Consumer rights counselor. Budgeting and buying techniques

**Education**

**Master of Public Administration** October 2012

Keller Graduate School of Management

**Bachelor of Science in Human Services** January2008

Concentration in Child Abuse; Domestic Violence and Drug Abuse Counseling

Touro College, New York, NY