

Application Form

Profile

If you have any questions or difficulty submitting this application, please reach out to Alex Guzhnay at aguzhnay@newhavenct.gov or call 203-946-7670.

Shakaya

First Name

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Middle Initial

Kitchens

Last Name

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Email Address

268 Dixwell Ave Apt 2

Home Address

Suite or Apt

New Haven

City

CT

State

06519

Postal Code

What ward do you live in (optional - please select ward if you know)?

None Selected

Home: (203) 815-8654

Primary Phone

Alternate Phone

Are any of the above number a cell phone number?

Yes No

If so, which? Also, is it okay to send a text message?

Are you currently employed by the City of New Haven or the New Haven Public School System?

Yes No

Employer

Job Title

To see our list of Boards and Commissions please click here: <https://newhaven-ct.granicus.com/boards/w/976a34cad711af7c/boards>

Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Fair Rent Commission: Submitted

Homeless Advisory Commission: Submitted

Housing Authority of New Haven Board of Commissioners: Submitted

Peace Commission: Submitted

Youth Commission: Submitted

Is this an appointment or reappointment request? *

Appointment

Interests & Experiences

Please tell us about yourself and why you want to serve. Please attach any of the follow:

Resume, Curriculum Vitae (CV), Professional Bio, or a Statement of Interest.

[SHAKAYA KITCHENS_Updated_Resume__3_.pdf](#)

Upload a Resume

If not submitting a Resume or CV, please submit a ~150 word Statement of Interest as to why you are interested in serving on your selected boards/commissions. If you have uploaded a resume OR you are seeking reappointment, you can write n/a.

Resume is uploaded.

Question applies to Fair Rent Commission

Are you a landlord, renter, or someone who works with either landlords or renters? If so, please explain which?

No

Question applies to Youth Commission,Peace Commission

Are you under 18 or over 18? If under 18, please provide your DOB. If over 18, you can write n/a

yes

Why are you interested in serving on a board or commission?

I am interested in serving on this committee because I believe in the resources that are/can be allocated to the upcoming youth of our community. I was positively impacted by the resources and relationships that I have built, and I am looking for a way to stay involved and make a difference.

Why do you believe you would be a good fit for your selected board and commission(s)?

I think this would be a great fit for me, because I am actively involved as an educator and already had been through services that helped me to be a good citizen and impactful resident. I know that I will help make a difference by my voice and actions.

Do you have any time commitments that would prevent you from participating in board/commission meetings? Meeting times can be found by visiting newhavenct.gov/boards, but most are usually once a month for 1-2 hours.

None

Demographics

Some boards and commissions require membership to be politically proportionate, per State Statute on minority party representation (CGS § 9-167a). What is your political affiliation on your voter registration?

Democratic Party

In order to stay compliant with our city's charter, are you registered to vote in New Haven?

Yes No

We strive to maintain diversity in all of our Boards and Commissions. These questions are optional and if you volunteer the information we will only use it to ensure that our boards and commissions are diverse.

Ethnicity

African American

Gender

Female

How did you hear about serving on our Boards & Commissions?

Alex Guzhnay

SHAKAYA M. KITCHENS

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BENHAVEN

NORTH HAVEN, CT 09/2024- CURRENT

Direct Support Professional

- Assist children that are on the autism spectrum with support by creating a recreational setting.
- Cook, clean and administer medication to all individuals to sustain health and wellness
- Document guest experience through a database called Threap.
- Shower, groom and dress individuals when needed.
- Support and facilitate independence to all the residents.
- Communicate with management on any issues that pertain to the center and or residents.
- Maintain a positive and professional environment by modeling appropriate conduct to ensure everyone's safety.

HIGHVILLE CHARTER SCHOOL NEW HAVEN, CT 08/2022-CURRENT

3rd Grade Teacher Leader

- Consistently plan rigorous instruction for math, language arts, science, and social studies.
- Coordinate parent and teacher conferences to discuss students' behavior and academic performance.
- Support teachers grades 3-5 with guidance and influence.
- Work strategically with the Dean of Academics to plan and coordinate school activities to build and maintain a healthy school culture.
- Participate in weekly professional development.
- Evaluate paraprofessionals on their performance as an educator.

RESIDENTIAL MANAGEMENT SERVICES HAMDEN,CT 01/2024-09/1/2024

Direct Support Professional

- Assists with cooking, cleaning, laundry and meal preparation.
- Maintain documentation of residents to ensure quality care.
- Administer medication to residents to maintain and support good health.
- Shower, groom and dress residents.
- Track spending habits and budget of all residents.
- Support residents with gaining independence in daily activities
- Recently PMT, and CPR certified.

YOUTH CONTINUUM NEW HAVEN, CT 01/2022-11/2022

Resident Advisor

- Maintained accountability for client location at all times and had knowledge of and implemented all Agency policies and procedures governing program operation including client supervision, key control, and emergency procedures.
- Monitored client behavior and implemented Agency/Program disciplinary procedures as needed.
- Documented all shift activities and incidents in the program log.
- Resolved client problems and handled all emergency situations in accordance with Agency policies and procedures.
- Maintained confidentiality of all client records and information.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY, HAMDEN, CT 11/2021-08/2022

7th Grade ELA Teacher

- Instructed students based on common core state standards for reading and writing.
- Assessed and monitored students' academic growth.
- Consistently planned lessons, grades, and demonstrated data entry.
- Created engaging group work activities to meet the social needs of students.
- Fostered a safe and healthy learning environment for students.
- Built trustworthy relationships amongst the school community.
- Frequently participated in professional development and staff meetings.
- Provided and received feedback from a literacy coach.

ACHIEVEMENT FIRST, NEW HAVEN, CT 07/2020-11/2021

4th Grade Teacher/ Grade Level Chair

- Instructed Math, Humanities, and Science content.
- Demonstrates a strong work ethic through team values.
- Lesson planned for Science.
- Proactively respond/receive feedback and implement feedback to ensure effectiveness.
- Demonstrates a positive attitude through strong teacher mindsets.
- Brainstormed whole school scheduling and safety protocols to ensure students are safe, healthy, and learning.
- Model positive social-emotional behavioral strategies to help students respond appropriately to trauma, classroom environment, and relationships.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY, NEW HAVEN, CT 08/2019-06/2020

Kindergarten Teacher

- Responsible for educating twenty-two students academically in reading, writing, and math.
- Lesson planned for instruction.
- Maintained high expectations for the student's behavior and academic success.
- Analyzed student data to demonstrate effective instruction.
- Lead an academic assistant in preparing materials for instruction.
- Demonstrated flexibility by positively transitioning to remote teaching successfully due to the Covid-19 pandemic.

BOOKER T. WASHINGTON ACADEMY, NEW HAVEN, CT 08/2018-06/2019

5 TH Grade Teacher

- Performed strategic instruction in reading, writing, math, and social studies.
- Prepared differentiated lesson plans to support student's needs and IEP goals.
- Facilitated guided reading groups to foster students' reading skills and experience.
- Participated in Saturday academy as a resource for test preparation.
- Served on the school's attendance committee to encourage 100% attendance.
- Organized weekly goals with students and conferred to support the process

NEW HAVEN BOARD OF EDUCATION, NEW HAVEN, CT 08/2014- 04/2016

Special Education Paraprofessional

- Assisted 10 K-1 grade self-contained students with support when required that is related to their educational and safety experiences.
- Supported head teacher of the classroom when needed such as: contributing to teaching the students through structured learning centers.
- Implemented direct behavioral techniques and escorted students to various activities.
- Conducted observations pertaining to students' learning development and goals through intense Discrete Trial Instruction (DTI).
- Committed to supporting 4 students transition successfully into a general education classroom.
- Emphasized behavioral management when needed in order to maintain the health and safety of all participants in the classroom. Student, teacher, parents and staff. Physical/Psychological Management (PMT) trained.

PUBLIC ALLIES OF CONNECTICUT, NEW HAVEN, CT 09/2013- 06/2014

Public Ally/ 2.0 Mentor

- Performed effective leadership responsibilities through mentorship to new candidates that entered the program.
- Organized a team service project, which focused on youth ages 17-24 to connect them to resources such as: job placement, counseling and educational training opportunities.
- Created flyers, blogs and networked with the community's nonprofits organizations to support the Opportunity Youth project success.
- Hosted a workshop at the New Haven Free Public Library to engage the youth in resources that are available to support their job search process.
- Participated in monthly continuous learning training on topics that would help improve my personal and professional skills such as: conflict resolution, money and time management, community service and self care.

UNITED WAY OF GREATER NEW HAVEN, NEW HAVEN, CT 09/2013-06/2014

Boost! Service Corps Member

- Assisted school-appointed Boost! Coordinator in conducting needs assessments to determine needed support and services at both the city and school level.
- Manage partnership agreement forms and 7 partnerships between the school and community organizations.
- Served as school liaison for Parent University of New Haven; supporting information distribution and parent registration.
- Provided assistance with resources development/fundraising and communication activities.
- Researched best practices to approach community mapping to share with Strong Elementary school through training.

YALE SCHOOL OF PUBLIC HEALTH, NEW HAVEN, CT 09/2010-06/2011

Community Outreach Coordinator

- Managed a Quit and Win smoking cessation project, \$500 cash prize contest at the Yale School of Public Health connected to an organization named CARE: Community Alliance for Research and Engagement.
- Recruited over 100 community agencies and local businesses to participate ; and raised approximately \$1,000 in sponsorships.
- Organized support groups for participants and developed creative program materials for marketing.

- Conducted follow-up meetings to measure the winner's quitting success through a breath test.

COMPUTER SKILLS

Microsoft Word, Excel, Powerpoint, Outlook, Publisher, Social Media platforms,

EDUCATION

RELAY GRADUATE SCHOOL OF EDUCATION

Masters in Arts and Teaching

2023

SOUTHERN CONNECTICUT STATE UNIVERSITY

2017

Bachelor in Arts and Psychology