

## **Detria M. Dixon, MSW, LSW**

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Highly skilled, motivated, and teamwork oriented licensed social worker with significant experience and passion for growing and developing youth. Highly educated, presenting a Master of social work degree, School Social Worker Educational Specialist Certification, and a license to practice social work in the State of Pennsylvania.

### **EMPLOYMENT**

School Social Worker (2016-Present)

Pittsburgh Public Schools

- Data driven: Analyze attendance data to determine appropriate intervention(s) that will increase average daily attendance (ADA) rate
- Develop truancy elimination plans with students and/or families
- Work closely with community partners to help connect students and families to necessary resources
- Home visits to verify student residency and outreach to families

Other responsibilities include participation in interagency meetings, SAP, MTSS, HCEF, HSAO and small group and individual counseling

Period 10 Coordinator (Fall 2019 / Spring 2020)

Pittsburgh Public Schools

- Responsible for teaching two semester courses for Credit Recovery
- Monitoring student progress on the Edgenuity platform
- Responsible for inputting grades, taking attendance for the program and providing feedback to families and students regarding credit recovery progress
- Monitor student progress, troubleshoot concerns, and manage course completion documentation

Community School Site-Director (2011-2016)

Homewood Children's Village

- Planned, developed, and implemented full-service community school model at Pittsburgh Faison K-5 and Pittsburgh Westinghouse Academy 6-12
- Secured afterschool activities/programs for students
- Developed Resource Council with community partners to implement student-centered programs that align to/school's core curriculum
- Supervised up to nine University of Pittsburgh School of Social Work interns and AmeriCorps KEYS members

### **EDUCATION**

MSW-Master of Social Work, 2013

University of Pittsburgh

School of Social Work

Bachelor of Science, Criminal Justice, 2009

Point Park University

### **PROJECTS**

Pittsburgh Public Schools-District Community Schools Steering Committee (2025)

- Partnership Development Committee

University of Pittsburgh-Practices of Freedom (2024)

- Rigorously examine the purpose of education through various Black knowledge traditions
- Engage in collective thinking about teaching and learning toward freedom-centered knowledges and practices

University of Pittsburgh-PA Educator Diversity Consortium (PEDC) (2024)

- Assisted with developing a Professional Learning Series and Resource Hub for the PA Department of Education's nine Culturally Relevant and Sustaining Education (CRSE) Competencies

University of Pittsburgh-Fulbright-Hayes Group Project Abroad (Kenya, 2023)

- Cross-disciplinary travel to acquire curriculum development knowledge that can be used to enrich African area studies curriculum units and teaching. The experience will provide an opportunity to identify the dynamic convergences of STEAM as it happens locally and globally
- Introduction to Swahili language

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**PROFESSIONAL LICENSES/CERTIFICATIONS**

- Licensed Social Worker (LSW), PA, 2016
- Trauma-Focused Cognitive Behavioral Therapy (TF-CBT), National Certification, 2021
- Certified School Social Worker Educational Specialist, PA, 2022

**PROFESSIONAL TRAININGS**

- Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), Culturally Responsive & Trauma Informed Practices for New Results, 2021, 2022
- Community Healing Network (CHN), Emotional Emancipation Circle Facilitator, 2022
- National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW): Academy for African-Centered Social Work, 2022-2023 Cohort

**CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS**

- "Africa in the Classroom", Pedagogy, Community, Decolonization. University of Pittsburgh, PA, May 2023

**PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS**

- National Association of Black Social Workers (NABSW), 2022
- Association of Black Psychologists (ABPsi), 2022
- School Social Work Association of America (SSWAA), 2022

**RECOGNITIONS**

Social Worker Appreciation of Greatness Award (S.W.A.G.) Award Winner (2024)

- Recognized for exemplifying servant leadership through commitment to promoting advocacy, social justice, generational healing and building stronger communities

Pittsburgh Public School Distinguished Professional (2024)

- Unwavering dedication to professional practice
- Steadfast commitment to students' well-being and academic growth

Pittsburgh Public Schools Employee of the Month – Non-Instructional (December 2019)

- Teamwork mindset
- Provides quality customer service
- Contributes significantly to the district, and/or employees, and/or students, and/or community
- Diligently works towards the mission of the Pittsburgh Public Schools to become one of America's premier school districts

**EXTRA CURRICULAR**

- Cultural Enrichment after-school programming
- Girls Assistant Track Coach
- Cheerleading Head Coach
- Student-Centered/Student-Led Performances include:
  - Living Museum Performance
  - Student-Led Morning Announcements
- Senior & Junior Class Advisor
  - Activities include Fundraising, Event Planning, Prom/Graduation Advisor