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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Executive Director

Newark City of Learning Collaborative
Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, NJ Sept. 2016 - Present
Responsible for oversight of strategic citywide post-secondary attainment initiative that seeks to increase the percentage of Newark residents who hold degrees and high-quality certifications.

Assistant Professor of Professional Practice

School of Public Affairs and Administration
Rutgers University-Newark, Newark, NJ Sept. 2016 - Present

Executive Director

The Chad School Foundation, Inc., Newark, NJ Aug. 2010 - Sept. 2016
Responsible for implementing the strategic redirection of a former school to an education policy and advocacy organization. Provided daily oversight of all Foundation operations, program portfolio, and assets totaling \$7 million.

City Administrator

City of East Orange, East Orange, NJ Feb. 2007 - April 2010
Served as Chief Operating Officer for city of 70,000 residents. Responsibilities included day-to-day oversight for the delivery of all municipal services, including planning and economic development, public works, police, fire, emergency management, and health and human services. Managed workforce of 1100 employees and annual operating budget of \$130 million.

Executive Vice-President

United Way of Essex and West Hudson, Newark, NJ Oct. 2005 - Dec. 2006
Provided oversight for all initiatives and grant making totaling nearly \$2 million annually in programming for early childhood education, youth development, family support, HIV/AIDS prevention and awareness.

Special Assistant, Office of the Assistant Commissioner

NJ Department of Education, Trenton, NJ Feb. 2004 - Oct. 2005
Served as confidential assistant to the Assistant Commissioner responsible for Abbott implementation: State Supreme Court-ordered instructional and non-instructional remedies for New Jersey's thirty-one poorest school districts.

Special Assistant for External Affairs, Office of the Commissioner

NJ Department of Human Services, Trenton, NJ July 2002 - Jan. 2004
Served as confidential advisor to Commissioner. Directed human services field staff of fourteen professionals coordinating social service resources in the state's twenty-one counties. Served as Commissioner's liaison to advocacy organizations and managed all constituency relations.

Director of Policy and Program Development

The Fund for New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ Jan. 2000 - June 2002
Provided direction and strategic planning to the Fund's \$3.5 million statewide public policy grants portfolio, including education, environment and land use, community/economic development, and poverty issues. Directed publication of a statewide report aimed at strengthening public education.

Program Officer, Education

Joyce Foundation, Chicago, IL Nov. 1997- Nov. 1999
Led development of grant making in teacher recruitment and retention, parental involvement and community engagement; monitored local, state and federal school reform trends and policies as part of a \$7 million grant making program spanning Chicago, Cleveland, Detroit, and Milwaukee.

Program Officer

Victoria Foundation, Montclair, NJ Aug. 1996 - Oct. 1997
Provided proposal and grant review for social service docket: e.g., Boys & Girls Club of Newark, Newark Emergency Service for Families, and Girl Scouts of Greater Essex County. Served as Foundation liaison for Newark Public Schools Reform Initiative, a 5-year, \$5 million effort supporting systemic school reform activities.

Program Assistant, Urban Poverty Program

Ford Foundation, New York, NY Sept. 1994 - July 1996
Served as staff assistant to Director of Urban Poverty Program. Responsibilities included research, special projects, docket reviews, and field visits. Member of Foundation delegation to 1996 United Nations Conference on Human Settlements, Istanbul, Turkey.

EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO, Chicago, IL, Masters of Arts, 1994; School of Social Service Administration, Policy Administration Concentration; President, Student Government Association.

MOREHOUSE COLLEGE, Atlanta, GA, Bachelor of Arts, Cum Laude, 1990; Urban Studies, Planning Concentration; Brailsford R. Brazil Award Recipient.

AFFILIATIONS and PUBLIC SERVICE

My Brother's Keeper-Newark (MBK), Community Advisory Board Member, 2017-Present
Advocates for Children of New Jersey (ACNJ), Board Member, 2016-Present
U.S. Commission on Presidential Scholars. Appointed by President Barack Obama, 2010-2016
Woodstock Institute of Chicago, 2000-2011
Center on Education Policy, Washington D.C., 2000-2003
Association of Black Foundation Executives, 2000-2002

REPORTS

Lewis, R (with T. Corcoran). "Better Schools." The Fund for New Jersey, New Brunswick, NJ, 2001.

Lewis, R. "An Examination of Newark Education Philanthropy: 2012-2015." Chad School Foundation, Newark, NJ, 2016.