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Personal Statement: *Not everything can be seen, but everything exists.*
(Senegalese Proverb).

Education, Honors, and Certifications:

Master of Arts, Special Education, Alliant University – San Francisco, CA (2008)

Master of Arts, Counseling Psychology, J.F.K. University – Campbell, CA (2004)

Bachelor of Arts Psychology (Deans List) J.F.K. University, Campbell, CA (2002)

Employment:

Consultant at 180 Degrees, (School Psychologist) – Northern California.
September 1, 2011 - Present

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Los Altos Educational Services (School Psychologist) – Northern California.
October 1, 2009 – June 2011.

Aspire School District, (School Psychologist) – Northern California.
August 8, 2008 – August 8 2009.

Cupertino Union School District (School Official) Montclair Elementary, Los Altos.
August 2002 – August 2008.

John F. Kennedy Counseling Center (Marriage and Family Therapist Intern/Trainee).
April 2003 – September 2004.

Personal History:

I was born and raised in Kenya, Africa. I later moved to New York City and worked for the United Nations when I was in my twenties. It was while working for the United Nations that I came to realize the universality of human needs. All humans strive to have a deep sense of security, integrity and prosperity. These basic values informed my desire to enter the field of psychology. Later, becoming a mother caused my interest in the study of psychology to grow mainly because I had a great desire to help my children fulfill their highest potential.

Originally, my interest was in counseling psychology where I counseled individuals and families. However, as I moved more deeply into the field of psychology, my interest

became more focused in the realm of children with learning disabilities. It is my belief that we all have the capability to learn given the right circumstances and accommodations. I believe that we can intervene in children's lives and improve the way they learn so they can become better adults. I also believe that children who have grown up with environmental hardships, resulting in behavioral difficulties, can be aided through proper counseling, thereby molding their behavior patterns in ways enabling better and easier future learning. I strongly hold that it is our duty as adults and professionals alike to join in our children's appropriate learning for the hope of a better future for all.

Professional Experience:

As a Schools Psychologist, I

- Conduct initial and triennial psychoeducational reports and participate, in leadership of Individual Education Plan meetings (IEP).
- Help teachers develop their own styled Response to Intervention (RTI) comprehensive programs, which involve screening to clearly identify students with learning and behavior difficulties.
- Assist teachers in designing classroom management instructional strategies and methodologies appropriate for their individual schools.
- Work closely with family facilitators, who offer wraparound services and counseling to students identified with learning and behavioral difficulties.
- Counsel students individually or in groups and if needed, with their family members.
- Develop behavioral plans and modifications where necessary.

Future Objectives:

My work has been marked with great celebrations of positive outcomes I have noticed with children I have served and continue to serve. As a result, I now have a strong desire to go to Kenya to serve children with special needs and especially those with learning disabilities.

I am very fortunate to have been offered a working relationship with 180 Degrees Program and I am honored to work with this team of professionals. I have been very impressed by the work the 180 Degree Program is doing with its capacity to greatly empower young lives. I am confident that 180 Degrees Program will enable me to fulfill my desire to teach young minds, making their lives richer as well as bringing them to their full capacity. I am confident that through working with 180 Degrees Program and learning from the team, my wish of taking my expertise and knowledge back to Kenya to help the Kenyan children will become a reality.