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Which Boards would you like to apply for?

Juvenile Crime Prevention Council: Submitted

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☒ Juvenile Crime Prevention Council

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Marrilynn

First Name

Johnson

Middle
Initial

Last Name

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Street Address

Suite or Apt

Raleigh

City

NC

State

27616

Postal Code

What district do you live in?

None Selected

Mobile: (571) 428-1072

Primary Phone

Mobile: (571) 428-1072

Alternate Phone

marrilynn.johnson7@gmail.com

Email Address

Baptist Grove Church

Employer

Youth Administrator

Job Title

If you live in an Extraterritorial Jurisdiction Area, select Yes:

☐ Yes ☒ No

In order to assure countywide representation, please indicate your place of residence:

☒ Wake Forest

Interests & Experiences

Why are you interested in serving on a Board or Commission?

Why I Want to Be on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council My desire to serve on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council stems from both my personal journey and my professional aspirations. While pursuing my bachelor's degree in Criminal Justice and taking courses in Psychology, I began to see how deeply I resonated with helping others navigate life's challenges. I have always been the person that friends and family come to for guidance a natural listener and someone who helps others think through their goals and decisions. These experiences sparked a passion in me for counseling, particularly with young people. During my time in undergraduate studies, I initially considered becoming a school counselor or working in ministry-based counseling. That desire only deepened as I became involved in youth and teen ministries at church, where I witnessed firsthand how many young people feel unsupported or lost. I could see myself in their struggles, especially remembering my own path as a single mother who raised a daughter without paternal support. Throughout my own hardships, there were two key people who supported and guided me—and their influence is a driving force behind my commitment to be that support for someone else. What truly confirmed my calling to serve youth was my internship at Fulton Juvenile Facility. Seeing the impact of consistent, compassionate adult involvement in the lives of these young individuals solidified my belief that our youth don't just need discipline they need direction, encouragement, and someone who truly listens. Many of them lack stable family environments and are more receptive to adults outside of the home who genuinely care. Joining the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council is a meaningful way for me to give back to be a voice, advocate, and support system for the youth in our community. I want to contribute to solutions that not only address behavior but also the underlying emotional and social issues that these young people face. I believe that by offering guidance, resources, and a listening ear, we can help them redirect their paths and realize their potential. My life, education, and experiences have uniquely equipped me to serve in this capacity, and I am passionate about helping the next generation find hope, healing, and purpose.

Work Experience

I am writing to provide a summary of my professional background and work experience, which has prepared me to contribute meaningfully in roles focused on youth development, community engagement, and administrative leadership. With over 30 years of experience in administrative and customer service roles, I have developed a strong foundation in communication, leadership, and time management. My career spans both faith-based and corporate environments, showcasing my ability to adapt, lead, and serve with integrity and compassion.

Current Role – Youth Administrator (Baptist Grove Church, Raleigh, NC) In my current role, I serve as Youth Administrator for students in grades 6–12, overseeing year-round programming, leadership development, mission trips, and youth engagement. I coordinate logistics, manage volunteers, communicate with parents and stakeholders, and help lead spiritual development for youth. This role has solidified my passion for mentoring young people and creating safe spaces where they can grow emotionally, spiritually, and socially.

Previous Experience – Corporate Leadership and Legal Administration Prior to my current ministry role, I held management positions at Nordstrom, Saks Fifth Avenue, and Dillard's, where I led teams, trained employees, managed sales and inventory, and delivered high-quality customer service. I also worked as a Petition Analyst and Legal Instrument Examiner, where I handled sensitive legal documents, case management, and administrative processing for legal and government agencies. Community Engagement and Mental Health Support I have also worked with the Potter's House Family & Children Treatment Center as a Community Services Individual, supporting clients with anger management, depression care, and life skills. This role, combined with my background in Criminal Justice and Psychology, has given me firsthand insight into the emotional and behavioral challenges many youth face—particularly those in underserved communities.

Education and Training I hold a Master's degree in Youth and Family Ministry from Grand Canyon University and a Bachelor's in Criminal Justice from North Carolina Central University. I have also completed specialized coursework at the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office University. **Technical Skills** I am proficient in Microsoft Office, Best Case Systems, Access, and various administrative tools used in legal and government settings. I maintain a typing speed of 80 WPM with high accuracy and efficiency. I believe that my unique combination of ministry leadership, legal administrative experience, and passion for youth empowerment make me a strong candidate for service on the Juvenile Council Committee. I am eager to bring my skills, lived experiences, and compassionate perspective to positively impact the lives of young people in our community.

Volunteer Experience

I am pleased to provide an overview of my volunteer experience working with youth, which reflects my long-standing passion for youth development, mentorship, and community engagement. Over the years, I have had the privilege of serving in various outreach programs, juvenile facilities, and church ministries across different states each opportunity reinforcing my commitment to supporting and uplifting young people. Positive Minds Production Outreach Program – Fredericksburg, VA In Fredericksburg Va,, I founded Positive Minds Production outreach program, a community-based initiative focused on youth empowerment, personal development, and positive decision making. I worked directly with youth to provide mentorship, emotional support, and encouragement through structured activities and open dialogue. Fulton Juvenile Facility – Atlanta, GA Following the completion of my internship at Fulton Juvenile Facility, I continued to volunteer for an additional year. During this time, I provided support to youth navigating the juvenile justice system, offering guidance, encouragement, and a consistent adult presence. This experience deepened my understanding of the challenges youth face within the system and further affirmed my desire to advocate for second chances and restorative support. New Birth Youth Ministry – Lithonia, GA I served as a youth ministry volunteer at New Birth Missionary Baptist Church in Lithonia, GA. In this role, I supported the spiritual, emotional, and personal growth of young people through Bible study sessions, mentoring, and youth events. I was committed to helping teens build self-worth and navigate real-life challenges with faith-based guidance. United Faith Christian Ministry – Stafford, VA In Stafford, VA, I volunteered with the Youth Ministry at United Faith Church, where I assisted with youth programming, events, and discipleship initiatives. My focus was on building relationships with youth, creating a safe and welcoming space for expression, and promoting leadership and community service. These experiences have not only shaped my approach to youth engagement but have also equipped me with the patience, empathy, and tools needed to serve youth from various backgrounds. Whether in a church, community, or justice-involved setting, I have always sought to be a consistent, trustworthy adult presence—someone who listens, encourages, and leads by example. I welcome the opportunity to bring this same level of dedication and compassion to future roles that support our youth and strengthen our communities.

Education

Grand Canyon University - master's degree North Carolina Central University Bachelor's in Criminal Justice Counseling

Comments

I truly value this opportunity to apply for a seat on the Juvenile Crime Prevention Council because I have a deep passion for supporting and guiding young people, especially those who are at risk or involved in the justice system. Through both my professional and volunteer experience working with youth, I've seen the powerful impact that mentorship, structure, and community support can have. I want to help create positive pathways for youth and be a voice for prevention, rehabilitation, and hope in our community.

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If you have another document you would like to attach to your application, you may upload it below:

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Demographics

Date of Birth

Gender *

☒ Female

Ethnicity *

☒ African American

Other

How did you become aware of Wake County volunteer opportunities?

☒ Current Wake County Volunteer

If you selected "Other" above, how?

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ETHICS GUIDELINES FOR COUNTY ADVISORY BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

By submitting this electronic application, if appointed, I pledge by my signature below that I have read and will comply with the ethics guidelines for advisory boards and commissions as adopted by the Wake County Board of Commissioners, found [here](#).

Key Competencies

- Over 30 years of experience in administrative and customer service roles.
- Strong skills in written, verbal, and interpersonal communication.
- Proficient in time management, leadership, training, and emergency response.
- Experienced with handling confidential information in fast-paced environments.
- Skilled in Microsoft Office Suite, Best Case Systems, IFW/EDAN, Access 2000, and more.

Professional Experience

Baptist Grove Church - Raleigh, NC

Youth Administrator

November 2021 - Present

- Serve youth in grades 6-12 through year-round programming, mission trips, and leadership development.
- Plan, coordinate, and oversee youth retreats, mission trips, and special events aligned with Immersion Youth Ministry's annual agenda.
- Recruit, assign, and train volunteers; manage background check process for all adult participants.
- Communicate regularly with youth, parents, and volunteers about events, meetings, and updates.
- Develop and manage Youth Leadership Team meetings and events.
- Recruit youth to serve as ushers, greeters, and in prayer ministry roles.
- Coordinate logistics for youth programming, including catering, transportation, and communication.
- Report ministry updates to the Pastor and support youth volunteer training and shut-in conferences.

Saks Fifth Avenue - Raleigh, NC

Beauty Advisor for LaMer, Estee Lauder, Jo Malone

October 2019 - Present

- Greet and engage customers with product knowledge and tailored consultations.
- Build relationships through Saks First Rewards and exceptional service.
- Assist with department maintenance, inventory, and merchandising.

Nordstrom Department Store - Arlington, VA

Business Manager for Estee Lauder

November 2011 - October 2019

- Increased sales by 15% while supporting team goals.
- Trained team members and supported new employee onboarding.
- Managed inventory, merchandising, and customer service operations.

Potter's House Family & Children Treatment Center - Stone Mountain, GA

Community Services Individual (CSI)

May 2011 - September 2011

- Provided support and instruction in anger management and depression care.
- Maintained documentation in BIRPS/GIRPS systems for client care plans.

Dillard's Department Store - Atlanta, GA

Business Manager for Estee Lauder

July 2010 - September 2011

- Managed team schedules and tracked sales goals.
- Led business meetings and customer service training.

Clark & Washington, P.C. - Atlanta, GA

Petition Analyst

January 2010 - July 2010

- Managed bankruptcy petitions using Best Case software.
- Collected and verified legal and financial information from clients.

- Prepared documentation for foreclosure and court filing.

Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences, U.S. Patent & Trademark Office - Arlington, VA

Legal Instrument Examiner

October 1998 – January 2005

- Prepared and docketed patent appeal cases for administrative judges.
- Managed case files, tracked legal documents, and supported hearing logistics.
- Drafted legal notices, reports, and correspondence with accuracy and confidentiality.

Education

North Carolina Central University - Durham, NC

Bachelor's in Professional Studies of Criminal Justice, December 2010

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office University

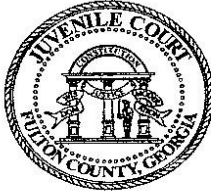
Completed Coursework (1996 – 1999)

Skills & Technical Proficiencies

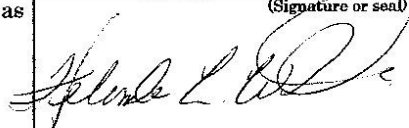
- Microsoft Office Suite, Access 2000
- Best Case Systems, Denyemeyers Program System
- IFW and EDAN Systems, PALM, DIAMS
- Typing Speed: 80 WPM | Keystrokes: 12,000+
- Dictation Equipment, Switchboard Operation

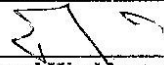
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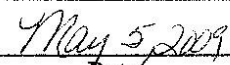
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Certificate of Internship Completion

This is to certify that the internship has been completed as follows. (Certifier/Supervisor)		(Signature or seal)
Position/Name: Probation Officer Supervisor - Helenda Williams (404-224-4674)		
Date of issue		May 5, 2009
Name of intern: Marrilynn Johnson - North Carolina Central University		
Period of internship: Spring Semester		From: 2/11/2009 to 5/05/2009
Outline of internship - Student scheduled interstate compact probationers office appointments, conducted informal counseling with interstate compact probationers along with Probation Officer Supervisor, maintained probationers court files, observed juvenile detention hearings, delinquent adjudications, dispositional, educational neglect and truancy hearings. Student shadowed various court personnel (Probation Officers, Court Base and Intake Officers). Student was also responsible for entering confidential data into the Juvenile Case and Tracking System and conducting school visits with Probation Officers assigned to the Moderate Unit. Student assisted the Probation Officer Supervisor in developing an informational program ('Tool Up!') for probationers in the Moderate Probation Unit. Student submitted names for motivational speakers, ideas for events and instrumental in creating the program sponsorship later.		
Special remarks regarding the intern's attitude, discipline, or cooperativeness during internship: Ms. Johnson was very professional. She reported to work as required. She performed each of her tasks with excellence. Her overall attitude was cooperative, hard-working and polite.		
Personal evaluation		
Grade: A Please put percentage, if it is more appropriate		A: Excellent B: Good C: Average D: Below Average E: Poor
Other comments: Ms. Johnson was a pleasure to work with and a valuable asset to our department.		


Samuel Washington
Interim Chief Probation Officer


Date