



Ashley Thomasson

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Enthusiastic and strategic Director with over a decade in the non-profit sector, and an expertise in housing services. Committed leader with a track record of promoting employee wellness and retention. History of managing budgets, contracts, & community partners with intention & ownership. Former small business owner with a commitment to community.

SWEET SKILLS

Managerial Experience | Program Development | Budgeting Oversight
Encouraging Mentor | Contract Negotiation | Successful Grant Writer

WORK HISTORY

Lydia Place | Bellingham, WA | 2008 – Present

Executive Director, January 2023-Present

Responsible for oversight of agency programming, \$4.5 million annual agency budget and community engagement. Provide leadership and guidance to advance the mission of the agency. Direct strategic planning and the creation of organizational goals. Cultivate and maintain strategic partnerships with funders and community agencies. Support board by providing regular reports on finances and programming.

Housing Program Director, November 2018 – January 2023

Oversee day to day operations of all housing programs & (from 2018-2021) the property management team. Manage entire housing program budget which exceeds 2 million of the overall agency budget. Write grants and procure, negotiate, and maintain contracts with City and County funders & community partners. Developed and launched database to better assess outcomes; actively lead strategic program planning that centers client voice. Publicly speak and represent the agency at community events and in videos/publications.

Housing Program Supervisor, January 2015 – November 2018

Manage a team of direct service staff providing direct services to over 250 homeless households annually. Collaborate with community partners to coordinate services & improve system outcomes. Developed programming & oversaw the launch of 4 new housing programs including Bell Tower, Baker Place, Intake, and DVSAS, along with the expansion of our Rapid Rehousing and Permanent Supportive Housing Programs. Managed over \$300,000 annually in rental subsidy expenditures.

Case Manager, July 2008 – January 2015

Provided trauma-informed case management to hundreds of homeless individuals & families. Marketed program and built relationships with landlords & rental management companies to provide housing placements for clients. Maintained strict data entry requirements. Upheld client confidentiality.

EDUCATION

Certificate of Non-Profit Management

University of Washington, Seattle, WA | June 2019

Bachelor of Arts in Human Services

Western Washington University, Bellingham, WA | June 2008