**ZAKIA RAFIQA SHABAZZ**

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**CAREER OBJECTIVE To Serve in an Environmental Justice Capacity**

**EDUCATION** **Old Dominion University Career Switcher Program**

 Teacher Licensure - 2016

 **Saint Paul’s College, BS Degree in Business Administration**

 Alpha Sigma Lambda Honor Society - 2009

**Professional Career Development Institute**

 School of Paralegal Studies - 1991

 **SKILLS/ATTRIBUTES**

* Over 20 years’ experience in Community Relations positions
* Effective and Persuasive with diverse segments of the community
* Strong combination of Organizational, Managerial/Leadership experience
* Proven talent in Communications, Public Relations, Marketing and Fundraising
* Skilled in Analyzing problem situations and finding effective Solutions
* Licensed Notary Public State of Virginia
* Certified Paralegal with specialty in Civil Litigation and Real Estate Law

**EMPLOYMENT** **First Grade Teacher**  **August 2016 - Present**

**EXPERIENCE**  Richmond Public Schools – George Mason Elementary School

 **Training Program Manager December 2007 - 2015**

 **EPA Accredited** (Lead Based Paint) Training Provider

**DMV** Approved Driving Clinic Training Manager  **July 2012 - Present**

 **Founder/Director August 1996 - Present**

 United Parents Against Lead (UPAL) Richmond, Virginia – [www.upal.org](http://www.upal.org/)

**AFFILIATIONS/PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

* Senate Joint Subcommittee Studying Lead Poisoning Prevention
* American Society of Notaries
* Stand for Children Organization
* Children’s Environmental Health Network
* Health Impact Project Advisory Committee
* Lead Service Lines Replacement Collaborative
* Virginia Environmental Justice Collaborative

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**AWARDS/HONORS**

* + - * U.S. Department of HUD Certificate of Merit – 1992
			* Lead Star Award – 2001
			* Defender of the Year Award - 2004
			* EPA Children’s Environmental Health Recognition Award - 2005
			* Mayoral Proclamations 1997 – 2006
			* Gubernatorial Proclamations - 2000, 2006, 2016
			* First Prize Award Pine-Sol Powerful Difference contest

Featured in Ebony Magazine – 2009

* + - * Children’s Environmental Health Community Award - 2011
			* Virginia Council on Economic Education - 1st Place Economic

 Educator Award - 2017

**OTHER ACTIVITIES**

* + - * Develop and maintain UPAL’s Website
			* Train and Supervise volunteers in lead awareness and outreach
			* Serve as an advocate for lead-poisoned children and their families
			* Issue press releases, and PSAs regarding product recalls
			* Organizational Fundraising
			* Sponsor and participate in community health fairs
			* Conduct lead education workshops
			* Implement and Manage federally funded lead hazard reduction

 programs and work sites

* + - * Host Town Hall meetings, Symposiums and Conferences
			* Host Comcast Public Access Program – A Child is A Terrible

 Thing to Waste

* + - * Published Author

 **REFERENCES**

**1. Della Hamlin -** **drhamlin@aol.com** **- 917.520.9788**

**2. Monica Esparza -** **afrocitytours@gmail.com** **- 804.363.3282**

**3. Shakira Ali -** **thankfulservant4u@yahoo.com** **- 804.551.8178**