

# Kawena J. Cole

Ms. Cole has worked for the Los Angeles County Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS) since June 2008 as a Children's Social Worker. DCFS has a purpose to assess the safety of children that are at risk of abuse or neglect or have been abused or neglected. Ms. Cole is the single mother of a 6 year old and takes pride in the efforts that she puts forth to raise her daughter so that she does not feel the impact of coming for a single-parent home. Her devotion to motherhood and compassion for the innocence of children spills over to the workplace, where she interacts and services children ranging from a new born to 21 years of age.

Her role as a Children's Social Worker can vary from day to day and includes but is not limited to the following responsibilities:

- ◆ Having face to face contact with children on a monthly basis at minimum
- ◆ Providing family reunification services to families that do not have their children in their care
- ◆ Providing family maintenance services to families that do have their children in their care in hopes of preventing the removal of the children from their care.
- ◆ Assessing the needs of families and children, such as financial, educational, medical, or psychological needs.

As a resident of the Antelope Valley for the past 21 years, Ms. Cole's dedication and commitment extends to her community as well. She's a member of United Christian Fellowship Church (UCF) under the direction of Bishop Kalem Kengga and Pastor Kenitra Kengga.

Ms. Cole has received a Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology from Tuskegee University in May of 2005. Ms. Cole also received a Masters of Science degree in Psychology for the University of Phoenix in November of 2011. Future educational goals include obtaining a Doctorate in Psychology. Personal goals include impacting the community in which she lives by being an example and providing community members in need with resources that they may not know are accessible in the hopes that they will be able to overcome the barriers that hinder their progress in their area of need.

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