

Shuan “Shontae” Hook is a Licensed Bachelor Social Worker and committed social work professional with more than 20 years of diverse experience in human services, crisis response, and community engagement. She is a recent graduate of Columbia College, where she earned her Bachelor of Arts in Social Work and served as President of the Social Work Association, leading efforts to promote advocacy, education, and collaboration across the state.

Her professional background includes her role as a Rapid Response Advocate with Pathways To Healing, where she provided crisis intervention, advocacy, and outreach to survivors of sexual violence, as well as her work with Sistercare, Inc., where she supported families in emergency shelter and transitional housing programs. She also serves as Clinic Coordinator with the Rainy Day Fund, helping community members access critical resources such as driver’s license restoration, expungement, and name and gender marker changes. Beyond her professional work,

Shontae has been deeply engaged in statewide conferences, professional training, and community outreach initiatives, consistently advancing equity and support for vulnerable populations. In addition to her professional service, Shontae volunteers with the SC Depart. of Public Health’s Midlands Region Medical Reserve Corps, where she supports emergency preparedness, resiliency-building, and public health education. This role reflects her commitment to strengthening communities not only through social work and advocacy, but also through readiness to respond in times of crisis.

Raised in a kinship caregiving household by her grandparents, aunts, and uncles, Shontae brings not only professional expertise but also lived experience to her role on the Board of Directors. She understands firsthand the resilience and challenges of kinship families and is driven by a deep belief in the power of community support. She is also a member of the National Association of Social Workers, SC Chapter, and the Brain Injury Association of SC, and is committed to using her leadership, advocacy, and personal story to strengthen families and uplift caregivers across South Carolina.

Outside of her professional and advocacy work, Shontae values self-care and balance. She enjoys gardening, spending time in nature, reading books and watching documentaries, attending music concerts, and most importantly, spending quality time with her son, family, and friends. These practices ground her, fuel her passion, and remind her of the importance of joy and connection in the work of building stronger communities.