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United Way hires vice president for education impact

Anchorage AK – Veteran social worker and educator Sonya Hunte has joined United Way of Anchorage as vice president for education impact.

Hunte began work here on Oct. 10.

Hunte will oversee United Way's 90% Graduation by 2020 initiative, which aims to reach and sustain an Anchorage high school graduation rate of 90 percent or better by 2020.

The initiative, which helps kids from pre-k to 12th grade, has been a driving force in raising Anchorage's graduation rate from 59 percent in 2005 to 81.4 percent in 2017.

Hunte's background fits the 90% Graduation by 2020 challenge. She has been a leader for Atlanta Public Schools over the last eight years as director of family engagement, employee engagement coordinator and homeless education liaison.

Previously, Hunte was a social services supervisor working with families and children with the DeKalb County (Atlanta) Family Court and a social services coordinator and specialist in Atlanta and Decatur, Ga.

Hunte has served as president of the Georgia chapter of the National Association of Social Workers, was a recipient of the 40 Under 40 Award given by the Atlanta Business Chronicle and won the Strong, Smart, Bold Award from Girls Inc. of Greater Atlanta.

She earned a bachelor's degree in sociology from Penn State University and a master's in clinical social work from Boston College.

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