



## Shara Davis, M.F.A., J.D.

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### OVERVIEW

Shara Davis has over 8 years' experience as a writer and editor. As PRG's Development Coordinator, she leads proposal preparation tasks, including writing, revision, editing, and submission. She has co-authored and edited over 30 proposals concerning the technical aspects of PRG's evaluation work. In addition, she has also prepared multiple policy briefs and capability statements that describe PRG's research experience and findings. Ms. Davis has a graduate degree in Creative Writing. She also has a law degree and 20 years' experience conducting legal research and writing. Ms. Davis is familiar with a variety of writing styles to convey complex information to different audiences.

### EDUCATION

M.F.A., Rutgers University - Newark, Creative Writing (Fiction), 2018  
J.D., University of California, Berkley, School of Law (Berkeley Law), 2004  
B.A., Tuskegee University, English, 2000

### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2021 – Present     Development Coordinator, *The Policy & Research Group*, New Orleans, LA  
2020 – Present     Writer & Editor, *Freelance*  
2020 – 2021        Non-Tenure Track Instructor, *The Writing Program, Rutgers University – Newark*, Newark, NJ  
2018 –2020        Adjunct Lecturer, *The Writing Program, Rutgers University – Newark*, Newark, NJ  
2017 – 2020        Writing Tutor, *The Writing Center, Rutgers University – Newark*, Newark, NJ  
2016 – 2018        Teaching Assistant, *The Writing Program, Rutgers University – Newark*, Newark, NJ  
2012 – 2015        Investigator and Mitigation Specialist, *Capital Habeas Unit, Federal Community Defender Office*, Philadelphia, PA  
2005 – 2012        Staff Attorney, *Contra Costa County Office of the Public Defender*, Martinez, CA

### SELECT PROJECT EXPERIENCE

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program**, 2023, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Co-authored proposal for creation of Theory and Innovation Support Hub (TISH), an innovation accelerator hub for development of sexual and reproductive health intervention. Described PRG processes for theory refinement, feasibility testing, and

preliminary effectiveness testing. Created graphics to illustrate intervention development process and roles of interested parties.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2023**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Co-authored proposal for a randomized controlled trial of *Unstained*, an entertainment education intervention for at-risk youth. Described technical aspects of intervention components, including theory of change and sexual and reproductive health content. Formatted graphics and tables. Copyedited content.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2023**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Edited proposal for randomized controlled trial of *Happy Birthday Leonard*, an entertainment education intervention for at-risk youth. Provided feedback on content of proposal and suggested reorganization, insertion of graphics, and formatting to better guide reader. Made editorial notes regarding syntax and grammar.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2023**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Edited proposal for randomized controlled trial of *More2Me*, an entertainment education intervention for at-risk youth. Provided feedback on content of proposal and suggested reorganization, insertion of graphics, and formatting to better guide reader. Made editorial notes regarding syntax and grammar.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2023**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Edited proposal for randomized controlled trial of *Rising Up!*, an entertainment education intervention for male-identified youth. Provided feedback on content of proposal including notes regarding syntax and clarity of content. Copyedited content.

**Assessing and Describing Practice Transitions Among Evidence-Based Home Visiting Programs in Response to the COVID-19 Public Health Emergency (ADAPT-HV), 2022**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration. Co-authored proposal, including technical aspects of PRG's evaluation experience, understanding of maternal and child health issues, and work plan.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2021**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Co-authored and edited evaluation brief of findings for PRG study of Plan A, a short sexual health video intervention. Researched and presented statistics on youth sexual health. Summarized study findings using plain language. Formatted graphics and tables to emphasize lessons learned. Copyedited content.

**Teen Pregnancy Prevention Program, 2021**, funded by U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Office of Population Affairs. Co-authored and edited evaluation brief of findings for PRG study of PS-R, a trauma-informed therapeutic education program. Summarized study findings using plain language. Created graphics to emphasize lessons learned. Copyedited content.