

*Inspired to create and develop programs that promote effective relationships*

## **Kear D. French, MSW**

School Social Worker and Adjunct Professor

Kear French is a Newark, NJ native graduating from Arts High School with a major in Drama. Her educational background includes a B.A. degree in Sociology from Jersey City State College, NJ. She continued her graduate studies in Social Work at Fordham University, NY with a concentration in Clinical Studies and Administration. After graduating with an MSW, she has worked as a Social Worker with ten+ years of experience working with diverse populations and backgrounds but enjoys working most with children, adolescents, and their families. She has broad-based education, training and clinical experience in various therapeutic approaches and treatment programs. Ms. French loves to help others see the potential they have within themselves. Passionate about working with children and adolescents within her hometown; Ms. French vehemently became a School Social Worker for Newark Public Schools and prides herself on the parent and student relationships sustained. She considers herself a grassroots Social Worker involved in her school community. She is a team player who desires to see everyone succeed. Currently, Ms. French is pursuing a Supervisor Certification at Rowan University. In her free time, Ms. French loves spending time with and attending her daughter's College track meets. She also loves volunteering, decorating, sewing, organizing, and party planning. When she is not with her daughter she can be found engaging in activities on her bucket list. Ms. French teaches a load of one to two undergraduate courses a semester (Sociology of Families and Introduction to Social Work) in the Sociology Department at her Alma Mater, New Jersey City University, NJ.

**"You may encounter many defeats, but you must not be defeated. In fact, it may be necessary to encounter the defeats, so you can know who you are, what you can rise from, how you can still come out of it." - *Maya Angelou***

**"The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others" -*Gandhi***