

## Rhinebeck Astor Services Appoints Tejada To Post

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Nathalie Tejada has been hired as director of development and public and government relations for Astor Services for Children & Families. Photo Credit: *Contributed photo*

RHINEBECK, N.Y. -- Astor Services for Children & Families in Rhinebeck has announced the appointment of Nathalie Tejada as director of development and public and government relations for the organization's Bronx location.

In her position, Tejada, 31, will advance the organization's services by establishing relationships in the Bronx, including with elected officials and foundations to the mutual benefit of the communities and the people served by Astor, a nonprofit organization that provides children's mental health services, child welfare services, and early childhood development programs in the mid-Hudson Valley and the Bronx.

"We need to continue talking about mental health and implementing meaningful programs to address it, especially when it comes to children," said Tejada. "Astor Services is a platform that I am glad to be a part of because of its unwavering dedication to bettering the lives of children and their families."

Before joining Astor Services, Tejada, who moved from her native home in the Dominican Republic to the United States in 2001, worked in development for the Dominican Women's Development Center in Washington Heights and the City College of New York. She also has worked as a social worker and in support of young women of color through collaborations with organizations in the Bronx, where she's lived since 2004.

"We are excited to see the reach of presence increase, especially with Nathalie, who is devoted to the betterment of children and all community members, at the forefront of those efforts," said Sonia Barnes- Moorhead, executive vice president of The Children's Foundation of Astor.

Tejada is the founder of TINGO: GritaFuerte, an Afro-Women collective in the Bronx and Brooklyn that organizes conferences, cultural events, and solidarity campaigns to elevate the people of African descent.

Tejada earned her bachelor's degree in criminal justice with a minor in Latin American studies from John Jay College of Criminal Justice, where she also received a master's in public administration. She recently was awarded a scholarship by the Caribbean Cultural Center African Diaspora Institute in Manhattan for its Innovative Cultural Advocacy Fellowship 2016, which involves exploring ways to advocate for people of color.

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