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## Resume

### Areas of Interest

- Organizational development
- Group process
- Public policy

### Employment History

- Independent facilitator, writer and teacher (1997-present)
- Director, West Virginia Governor's Cabinet on Children and Families (1994-97)
- Director, West Virginia Developmental Disabilities Planning Council (1989-94)
- Division Administrator, Dane County (Wisconsin) Unified Services Board (1983-89)
- Social Worker, Options in Community Living, Madison, Wisconsin (1980-83)

### Facilitation Experience

- Strategic thinking and planning with nonprofit organizations
- Community forums on a variety of public issues
- Focus groups for program research and planning

### Teaching Experience

- Lectures, presentations and workshops to public and professional audiences
- Faculty, West Virginia Center for Civic Life
- Faculty, Kettering Foundation
- Field Instructor, West Virginia University School of Social Work
- Field Instructor, University of Wisconsin School of Social Work

### Education and Honors

- Master of Fine Arts in Creative Writing, University of Southern Maine
- Master's Degree in Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Bachelor's Degree in Social Work, University of Wisconsin-Madison
- Facilitator training from the University of Wisconsin, Public Conversations Project, America Speaks, Kettering Foundation, and WV Center for Civic Life
- West Virginia Social Worker of the Year for 2003, WV Chapter of NASW

## Recent research and writing

- *Capturing Public Thinking: Authentic Reporting on Public Forums* describes a process for analyzing and reporting on deliberative forums. (Prepared for the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, updated 2011)
- *The Affordable Care Act: Faces of Reform in West Virginia* included writing a pamphlet and DVD script for use in community training workshops on the Affordable Care Act. (Prepared for West Virginians for Affordable Health Care, 2011)
- *Making the Healthy Choice the Easy Choice* is a guide for community discussions about nutrition, physical activity and community design in West Virginia's Mid-Ohio Valley. (Prepared for Change the Future WV and the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, 2011)
- *Building Safe and Strong Neighborhoods: What Works?* is an issue brief and discussion guide about improving community safety in Huntington, West Virginia. (Prepared for Create Huntington and the West Virginia Center for Civic Life, 2010)
- *Vital Signs: A Self-Assessment for Early Childhood Collaborative Groups* is a tool for local groups based on research on effective collaboration among early childhood programs. (Prepared for Partners in Community Outreach, 2009)
- *Weighing the Options: What Can We Do to Encourage Healthy Weights among America's Youth?* is an issue brief and discussion guide about childhood obesity. (Prepared for the National Issues Forums and Kettering Foundation, 2008)
- *What Is the 21<sup>st</sup> Century Mission for Our Public Schools?* is an issue brief and discussion guide featuring different perspectives on the role of public education in the United States. (Prepared for the National Issues Forums and Kettering Foundation, 2007)
- *Leading to the Future: What Kind of Local Government Do We Need for Kanawha County?* is a PowerPoint presentation and brochure about new options for organizing local governments. (Prepared for the South Charleston Area Community Advisory Panel, 2007)
- *In-Home Family Education: Biannual Report* describes research and recommendations for home visiting programs serving new and expectant parents in West Virginia. (Prepared for Partner in Community Outreach, 2005 and 2007)
- *Community Dialogues on Health and Health Care* describes the findings of community dialogues, surveys and key informant interviews in Dade County, Florida. (Prepared for United Way of Miami-Dade, 2002)
- *A Report on Public Perceptions of Special Education in West Virginia* describes the findings of focus groups on strengths, concerns and recommendations regarding special education. (Prepared for the WV Department of Education, 2002)
- *What Communities Value about Health and Health Care* provides perspectives and recommendations of the uninsured regarding health care in the United States in a report and a videotape. (Prepared for the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, 2001)
- *A Guidebook for Issue Framing* describes a public-friendly process for framing issues and writing discussion guides. (Prepared for the Kettering Foundation, 2001)