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**Job History**

**Technology Transfer Specialist – Kentucky/Tennessee**

Opioid Response Network – SE ATTC

Louisville, KY 40217

May 2018 – Present

Responsibilities include triage of technical assistance requests from two states as part of national TA network funded through SAMHSA. Responsibilities also include provision of TA and training in areas of expertise such as Pregnant & Parenting Women, Recovery Housing and System Building. TA requestors include state government, health care systems, community groups and human services providers.

**President & CEO**

Hesseltine Consulting & Training/Intentional Development

Louisville, KY 40217

January 2016 – Present

Established international consulting and training company specializing in pregnant and parenting women with substance use disorders, ACE’s, peer-based recovery support services and recovery-oriented community system building. Training, curriculum development, consultation and facilitation clients include Hazelden Betty Ford Foundation, Publishing Division, Great Kids, Inc., Great Lakes Addiction Technology Transfer Center, Mid-America ATTC, Southeast ATTC, Centerstone Kentucky and Commonwealth of Kentucky.

**Infant Mental Health/Reflective Practice Principal Planner**

Minnesota Department of Health

St. Paul, MN 55164

August 2013 – December 2015

 See responsibilities described below

**Child Development/Infant Mental Health Specialist**

Minnesota Department of Health

St. Paul, MN 55164

November 2007 – August 2013

Overall responsibilities include planning, development, delivery and ongoing assessment of professional development needs and activities across evidence based home visiting programs throughout Minnesota. As a certified trainer for Growing Great Kids Parenting & Child Development Curriculum (GGK) for home visiting programs provide initial certification training and on-going professional development support to home visitors and supervisors throughout MN in local public health, Healthy Families America and other evidence based home visiting programs. Duties also include statewide planning and implementation of strategically focused professional development supports for home visiting including Healthy Families America Communities of Practice and advanced certifications for Growing Great Kids. Additional areas for development and provision of training include social/emotional development, chemical dependency, working with adolescent parents and relationship building in home visiting practice. Further responsibilities include supporting federal grant application development, coordinating with interdisciplinary internal and external stakeholders across state agencies to plan, develop, and implement recommendations to build statewide capacity for the promotion of infant mental health consultation and reflective practice in local public health. Successfully developed partnerships with consumers, stakeholders and state agency representatives to plan, develop, implement and evaluate the Family Home Visiting statewide training plan as well as Minnesota Summit on Prenatal Substance Use and Infant Exposure.

**Maternal and Child Health Principal Planner**

Minnesota Department of Health

St. Paul, MN 55164

June 2007 – November 2007

Primary responsibility for providing staff support and guide planning activities for the Maternal and Child Health Advisory Task Force. Tasks include organization of meetings, development of materials, policies and priorities, review of government policy proposals and promotion of MDH efforts to eliminate health disparities. Additional responsibilities include acting as a liaison between MDH and the MCH Task Force.

**Women’s Program Director**

Stepping Stones Supportive Services

St. Paul, MN 55102

November 2005 – December 2007

Responsible for the direct management of two women’s sober living residences. Additional responsibilities include managing the resident selection and approval process for three women’s residences. Responsibilities include facilitating weekly community meetings, providing group and individual support, interviewing applicants and coordination with treatment center clinical staff.

### Marketing & Resource Development Director

#### Southern 7 Health Department

Ullin, IL 62992

July 2003 – November 2003

Responsibilities include planning, development and implementation of public relations, marketing and health education strategies for seven county region as a whole and for specific grant funded programs utilizing print, electronic and Internet based media approaches. Secured state and federal funding through the development and submission of multiple successful grant applications including Early Head Start. Experience includes development and implementation of government affairs and public policy strategies. Additional responsibilities include preparation of agency strategic plan, development and presentation of comprehensive employee orientation program, facilitation, development and preparation of comprehensive community assessment.

##### **Family & Community Partnerships Director**

Southern 7 Health Department/Head Start

Ullin, IL 62992

#### July 1996 – June 2003

Responsibilities include program planning, development, implementation, evaluation and reporting for the Family and Community Partnership service area of Head Start and agency, home visiting, early childhood, adolescent health and social service programs. Additional responsibilities include development, implementation and monitoring of program budgets, policies and procedures. Responsible for the planning, submission and implementation of state and federal grant applications and projects. Provide leadership and ongoing nurturing of cross disciplinary community partnerships and collaborative programming. Program management responsibilities include staff recruitment, supervision and program evaluation. Successfully lead planning efforts to develop programming and secure funding for multiple long-term social service, health and early childhood community collaborations and partnerships.

###### Director of Social Services

Southern 7 Health Department

Ullin, IL 62992

September 1986 – June 1996

Project director for multiple regional maternal and child health, social work and early childhood intervention programs. Responsibilities included planning, development, implementation and ongoing quality improvement, of grant funded programs. Successfully designed and implemented programming to improve birth outcomes, reduce infant mortality and improve parenting capacities among high risk adolescent population. Additional responsibilities included the coordination of Early Intervention 0 – 3 (IDEA Part C) Local Interagency Council, providing regional leadership, planning and implementation for Illinois Part C system redesign pilot. Program areas of service include maternal and child health, pregnant and parenting adolescents, prenatal to 3 home visiting, family support services, adolescent health, and early intervention. Responsibilities also included program planning, staff selection, training, supervision, and evaluation. Funding sources include State of Illinois Agencies – Public Health, Human Services, Children and Family Services, Board of Education and The Ounce of Prevention Fund.

Social Worker/Home Visitor

Southern 7 Health Department

Ullin, IL 62992

March 1984 – September 1986

Responsible for the provision of family support services to pregnant and parenting adolescents. Responsibilities also include development of educational materials, case management, prenatal, parenting and preventive health curriculum and developmental screening of children ages birth – 3.

## Education

**Certificate, Infant & Early Childhood Mental Health**

University of Minnesota

Minneapolis, MN

May 2011

**Chemical Dependency Counseling - Coursework**

Metropolitan State University

St. Paul, MN

2006 - 2007

Bachelor of Science, Social Work

Southern Illinois University

Carbondale, IL

August 1981

Practical Nursing Certificate

John A. Logan College

Carterville, IL

December 1983

Journalism

Central Michigan University

Mt. Pleasant, MI

August 1976 – May 1978