***Key Skills:***

* Strong communicator
* Experience in implementation drivers
* Knowledge of education, child welfare and mental health systems
* Big picture understanding of System of Care work
* Curricula development
* Adult education facilitation
* Well-organized
* Deadline oriented
* Effective advocate
* Change agent

***Education:***

2012 Center for Nonprofit Excellence 2012 Leadership Network

2007 Nonprofit Leadership Certification from Bellarmine University

1. Master’s degree in Special Education from Eastern Kentucky University
2. Bachelor’s degree in Regular and Special Education from Eastern Kentucky University

***Work experience:***

Executive Director 1999 – present

Kentucky Partnership for Families and Children, Inc. (KPFC)

KPFC is a statewide, private, nonprofit, children’s mental health family advocacy organization that provides support, education, and advocacy to and for families raising children with behavioral health challenges. Duties include but are not limited to:

* Ensure all grant and contract deliverables are met;
* Hire, supervise and coach employees;
* Build relationships with community partners;
* Work with board of directors on the creation, modification and implementation of a strategic plan;
* Curriculum development and education facilitation;
* Facilitate meetings;
* Partner with Kentucky’s child and family serving agencies (behavioral health, child welfare, courts, education, public health, etc.);
* Participate as statewide family organization on four SAMHSA System of Care cooperative agreements;
* Handle logistics for board and committee meetings; and
* Work with parents, youth and young adults we serve.

Special Educator1986 - 2000

Worked in a variety of settings that utilized my skills and experience as a special educator:

* Self-contained classroom: Team-taught a group of elementary students in all subject areas; developed curriculum based on Kentucky’s standards, partnered with parents and general education teachers to ensure students received the highest quality education.
* Itinerant teacher: Worked one-on-one and in small groups with students in their home schools to ensure they were able to receive a high quality education, partnered with general education teachers to increase their education strategies in working with children who have disabilities, provided behavior support for students.
* Practicum student and placement at Eastern Kentucky University: Identified and secured placements for practicum students at schools in central Kentucky area, provided supervision and coaching to the practicum students, and partnered with the experience teachers to prepare the practicum student for student teaching.

Family advocate/leader 1993 – 1999

Realized the need for providers in the foster care/adoption agencies to better understand how to support and partner with parents; began training parents and providers to reduce placement moves for children in out-of-home care.

* Created and facilitated curricula for providers to better understand the challenges encountered by families formed through adoption/kinship care
* Created and facilitated curricula for parents to better understand and survive their children’s behavioral health challenges
* Co-led child welfare preparation and selection groups for adults interested in becoming foster or adoptive parents (1994-1999)

***Certifications:*** Nationally certified Peer Support Provider

 Kentucky Certified Family Peer Support Specialist

Trainer for Aha! Process’ Bridges Out of Poverty

***Other:*** 2013 – current Family Run Executive Director Leadership

Association

2012 – current Kentucky Department of Education

Commissioner’s Parent Advisory Council

2011 – current Member of Children’s Justice Act Task Force

2014 Approved trainer for Kentucky Strengthening

Families

2004 – 2010 Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services

Administration’s Council on Coordination and

Collaboration