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TECHNICAL EXPERTISE

- Fourteen years experience analyzing and setting policy for state and federal long term care and employment support programs, including Vocational Rehabilitation, Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, Housing, & Food Stamps
- Nine years experience working with consumers, providers & policymakers including strategic planning, resource mapping, direct service benefits planning, vocational counseling, training & technical assistance, program & policy development, etc.
- More than ten years experience developing initiatives to increase competitive employment outcomes for people through existing systems mechanisms, such as federal waivers, personal assistance programs, & benefits planning software development & implementation
- Ten years experience developing collaboration across state agencies to establish shared outcomes to support employment of people w/disabilities.
- Effective program management skills, strong written, verbal & interpersonal communication
- Social Media Manager, utilizing bleeding edge technology outreach & info promotion
- National commercial experience: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=IV4HUBUMuHQ>

EDUCATION

- INTERNATIONAL CERTIFIED LIFE CARE PLANNER** 2010
INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION ON HEALTH CARE CERTIFICATION
- LIFE CARE PLANNING CERTIFICATION** 2010
CAPITAL LAW UNIVERSITY, COLUMBUS OH
- MASTERS OF SCIENCE IN REHABILITATION PSYCHOLOGY** SEPTEMBER 1996
University of Wisconsin-Madison
Member, Education Advisory Committee SPRING 1995 - 2005
- BACHELORS OF ARTS IN PSYCHOLOGY** DECEMBER 1994
University of Wisconsin-Whitewater
Speaker, Public Education in Action (PEA Committee) 1990 - 1994

EXPERIENCE

- HEALTH & DISABILITY ADVOCATES/NCHSD** OCTOBER 2005 – PRESENT
SENIOR POLICY ANALYST
Responsibilities include technical assistance & training through HDA's Technical Assistance Center – the National Consortium for Health Systems Development; policy analysis on Social Security disability programs and work incentives programs; and Medicaid and Medicare as it relates to long-term care and health related employment supports. Medicaid buy-in policy development, policy analysis, programmatic analysis, research & implementation
- Development of rural/urban transportation options & policy for persons with disabilities
 - Work incentive & benefits planning technical assistance & training development
 - Utilization & development of assistive technology policy & technical assistance centers
 - Development of asset building coalitions & methodologies to increase self-sufficiency
 - Facilitation & assistance with state/federal communication on national policy with Social Security Administration, Center for Medicare & Medicaid Services, & state governments

- STATE INDEPENDENT LIVING COUNCIL, WI DEPT. OF HEALTH & FAMILY SVCS.** JAN. 2004 – JULY 2005
EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

As the director of the Council governing Wisconsin's eight Independent Living Centers, responsibilities include effective coordination of federal, state & local resources, staff management & leadership, & implementation of the state plan for independent living.

- Analyze & present key data & policy recommendations to the Governor, legislature, & State agencies.

- Monitor State/Federal legislation & regulations for impact on disability & employment.
- Explore innovations & participate in national discussions on promising practices.

BRIDGES TO WORK PROJECT, UNIVERSITY OF WISCONSIN, MADISON

FEBRUARY 2002 – OCTOBER 2005

SENIOR RESEARCH SPECIALIST/SENIOR POLICY ANALYST

- Bridges to Work is a federally-funded initiative to increase competitive employment outcomes of people with disabilities in Wisconsin. Management responsibilities project design, implementation, analysis & project staff. Nationally-recognized speaker with more than twenty-five presentations representing the project.
- Liaison for state & federal partners regarding current projects & future opportunities.
- Created the first automated comprehensive benefits offset software & has been nominated for a 2004 "Technological Innovations In Government" award.
- Provide technical assistance to more than 18 states to support the development of programs & policies to remove employment barriers, like the Medicaid Buy-Ins
- Active representative on the Governor's Committee on Healthcare.
- Developed Personal Assistance Services Pilot to evaluate the need for on-the-job supports for workers with disabilities in Wisconsin.

PATHWAYS TO INDEPENDENCE, WI DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH & FAMILY SERVICES

2000 – FEBRUARY 2002

SENIOR POLICY ANALYST

Responsibilities included evaluation & analysis of existing policies around innovative healthcare systems & managed care service delivery systems. Policy analysis, budget preparation & program management for new initiatives within the programs, including Wisconsin's Medicaid Buy-In program, SSI waiver, & personal assistance services to support competitive employment.

EMPLOYMENT RESOURCES, INC.

1996- 2000

BENEFIT SPECIALIST/EMPLOYMENT CONSULTANT/NETWORK TECHNICIAN

Assisted beneficiaries in education of benefits/work incentives, amendments, PASS plans, & appeals. Assisted in the development & implementation of innovative return to work programming that resulted in longer-tenured & higher-paid employees with chronic disabilities.

WILLIAM S. MIDDLETON MEMORIAL VETERANS HOSPITAL

1996-1997

SUBSTANCE ABUSE/MENTAL HEALTH COUNSELOR

Diagnosis, & facilitation of substance abuse treatment groups & anger management groups. Implemented & administered the first Job Clinic through the Madison Veteran's Administration.

YAHARA HOUSE CLUBHOUSE UNIT

1995

CLUBHOUSE COUNSELOR

Employed "Fountain House" approach to mental health providing group leadership, facilitation, & task management for individuals with long-term chronic mental illness. Worked with community support programs to assist in employment, social support, & barriers to work.

WI DEPARTMENT OF VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION

1995

VOCATIONAL REHABILITATIVE COUNSELOR

Provided vocational counseling to empower people with physical, mental, & congenital disabilities to return to work &/or become gainfully employed.

FROEDTERT HOSPITAL SPINAL CORD INJURY CENTER

1990-1997

FAMILY SUPPORT REPRESENTATIVE/PEER COUNSELOR

Provide patient education, family education, & peer counseling to newly injured patients