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Dynamic, innovative, results-driven CEO with 25+ years' experience in non-profit organizations. Dedicated to creatively solving problems of the human condition. Engaging leaders in judicial, civic, mental health, education, and economic development professions to support Center's work as part of collaborative effort to improve quality of life for thousands of Wyoming's citizens. Applied comprehensive background in business, leadership, strategic planning, research, mental health, and law to conceive long-term strategy, develop programs, policies, and resources, to implement statewide services. Advocacy work extends from grassroots organization to strongly influencing legislation.

**AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

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| ◆ Leadership   | ◆ Strategic Planning | ◆ Community Relations            |
| ◆ Advocacy     | ◆ Training           | ◆ Family Law                     |
| ◆ Consultation | ◆ Grant Writing      | ◆ Alternative Dispute Resolution |
| ◆ Education    | ◆ Research           | ◆ Networking                     |

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

CENTER FOR DISPUTE SOLUTIONS, Sheridan, Wyoming 1998 – Present

***Founder and Chief Executive Officer***

- Founded non-profit organization to provide an unmet need to resolve conflict for low-income families in transition. Include mediation, training, education, and consultation for range of civil disputes.
- The Center for Dispute Solutions, Inc. has served over 15,000 individuals in Wyoming on a budget of 1.4 million.
- Developed court-ordered Parent Education classes in State of Wyoming. Designed curriculum based on all statutes in other states; lobbied judges to mandate education when appropriate.
- Developed a volunteer dispute resolution program providing services across Wyoming.
- Developed network of resources to implement program statewide. Remain only provider of such services in Wyoming.
- Recruit, train, and supervise elite professional staff.
- Coordinate statewide volunteer network of 50+ individuals.
- Design curriculum and present workshops and training sessions in mediation, parent education, strategic planning and leadership for CLE and other professional credits.
- Conduct 40-hour mediation training programs for attorneys and masters-level mental health professionals.
- Effectively and efficiently performs all administrative duties.
- Developed and administered policies and procedures to satisfy organizational requirements.
- Performed public relations, developed training handbooks, recruited volunteers.

Complete Employment History available upon request

**EDUCATION**

UNIVERSITY OF WYOMING,  
Laramie, Wyoming  
***Master of Science, Agency Counseling***, 1998

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY,  
Tallahassee, Florida  
***Bachelor of Science in Psychology***, 1987

## **PRESENTATIONS**

**Alternative Dispute Resolution: Attorney – Mediator Protocol**, Sheridan County Bar, 2008

**AFCC "Domestic Violence and Differentiation: The Impact on Parent Education Programs,"** 8th International Symposium on Child Custody Evaluations and Congress on Parent Education and Access Programs, Albuquerque, New Mexico, 2008

**"Children's 'Best Interest': Parent Education and Access,"** Stand Up & Celebrate Conference, Wyoming Department of Family Services, Casper, Wyoming, 2006

**WyCAN "Basic Family Mediation Training and Advanced Divorce Mediation Training,"** Sheridan, Wyoming, 2006

**AAUW "Putting the Pieces Together: A Conversation About Child Sexual Abuse Prevention,"** Sheridan, Wyoming, 2005

**AFCC, "Getting the Word Out," "Marketing Your Program," "Effective Fundraising Techniques," "Tailoring Programs for Rural Populations,"** 6<sup>th</sup> International Congress on Parent Education and Access Programs, Nashville, Tennessee, 2004

**Citizens Access to Courts Committee**, Road Show, Cody, Wyoming, 2004

**"Domestic Mediation: Determining Access in Child's 'Best Interest,'"** Wyoming Early Childhood Association, Casper, Wyoming, 2002

A full CV with all presentations and trainings available upon request.

## **HONORS AND AWARDS**

- **Award of Excellence in Public Service**, KCWY News, 2005
- **Nominee – Wyoming Woman of Distinction**, 2003 – 2005
- **Wyoming Summit Award**, Wyoming Council on Women's Issues, 2005
- **NFL "Community Quarterback" Award**, 2004
- **Community Super Star**, Powder River Corporation, Sheridan, Wyoming, 2003
- **The Champion Community Super Star Award – Precorp**, 2002
- **Best in Parenting Award**, Children's Rights Council, 2001
- **Youth Alternatives Volunteer of the Year**, 1985

## **PROFESSIONAL/CIVIC AFFILIATIONS**

- Association of Family and Conciliation Courts (AFCC) – Board of Directors since 2003
- Association of Conflict Resolution – Family Section, Advisory Council, Executive Committee, Treasurer
- American Bar Association (ABA) – Family Law Section, Dispute Resolution Section
- National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges (NCJFCJ)
- American Counseling Association (ACA)
- Rotary, Sheridan, Wyoming – Chairman, Interact Committee
- Council of Social Agencies, Sheridan, Wyoming

- Association of Fund Raising Professionals
- Forward Sheridan: Economic Development
- Design Review Board, City of Sheridan, Wyoming – Board Member
- Department of Family Services, State of Wyoming – Chairman, Parent Education Committee, Children and Family Initiatives
- Sheridan Coordinated School Health Program – Advisory Council
- Citizens Review Panel, State of Wyoming – Board of Directors
- Wyoming Citizens Access to Courts Committee
- Wyoming Mediation Association – Board of Directors
- Habitat for Humanity – Board of Directors

Extensive training and continuing education in:

- *Leadership*
- *Conflict Resolution*
- *Strategic Planning*
- *Family Law and Family Court*
- *Child Custody Issues*
- *Non-Profit Governance*
- *Fundraising and Grant Writing*
- *Domestic Violence*
- *Abused and Neglected Children*
- *Advocacy*

Full CV with all continuing education available upon request.  
References available upon request.