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## **PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

- 2014 – Present Educational Consultant/Expert Witness
- 1997 – 2010 Senior Director of the North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (N.C.C.S.E.)  
San Diego County Office of Education
- 1990 – 1997 Division Director  
Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)
- 1982 - 1990 Assistant Division Director  
Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)
- 1981 – 1982 Special Education Regional Supervisor, Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)
- 1978 – 1981 Principal – The Alternative Special Education Program  
A center based program for emotionally disturbed and learning disabled students grades 6-12  
Division of Special Education, Southern Westchester Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)
- 1972 – 1978 Special education teacher  
Elementary/Middle School  
Division of Special Education, Western Suffolk Board of Cooperative Educational Services (B.O.C.E.S.)

## **PROFESSIONAL PREPARATION**

- BS (Education 1972) State University of New York at Brockport, NY
- MS (Special Education 1975) Hofstra University, Hempstead, NY
- EdD (Doctor of Education 1986) Columbia University, Teacher's College, New York, New York  
-Dissertation Title:  
The Impact of Clarity of Criteria and Standards and Frequency of Observation and Feedback on Teacher's Perceptions of the Utility of Evaluation  
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## **CERTIFICATION/ CREDENTIALS**

- School Administrator and Supervisor (SAS)
- School District Administrator (SDA)
- Professional Clear Administrative Services Credential
- Professional Clear Single Subject Teaching Credential : Health Science
- Learning Disabilities, Emotionally Handicapped, General Special Education
- Nursery, Kindergarten, Grades 1-6
- Health and special classes of the orthopedically and similarly handicapped
- Teacher of children with special learning handicaps

## **DETAILED PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

### **2014 – Present**

**Educational Consultant/Expert Witness** –Provide consultation and testimony on cases involving students with disabilities. Assistance with civil, family court, and due process (OAH) matters.

### **North Coastal Consortium for Special Education (NCCSE)**

**1997-2010**

**Senior Director** - Responsible for the development and implementation of the NCCSE Local Plan.

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Act as Chairperson for the Cabinet (District Directors of Special Education) and Secretary to the Board of Governors (Superintendents) in the development of policies and procedures for NCCSE;
- Responsible for the distribution of state and federal government funds;
- Responsible for the coordination of: business services (via SDCOE); management information systems; special projects; research and development; program evaluation;
- Supervise all NCCSE staff;
- Support the on-going development of a Community Advisory Committee within the SELPA;
- Maintain familiarity with federal and state laws and regulations, disseminating pertinent information to districts so as to assure program operation in compliance with state and federal laws and local policies;
- Review all evaluation data to determine program effectiveness and recommend appropriate actions where needed;
- Administer Annual Budget and Services Plan in accordance with NCCSE Local Plan.

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester, Rye Brook, NY  
1990-1997**

**Division Director** – Responsible for all aspects of a division serving approximately 1,000 high school aged students (400 with disabilities)

**Accomplishments:**

- Coordinate the agency's involvement with state and federal officials to ensure the Division plan is consistent with governmental expectations and that the necessary grant support is available;
- Supervise an administrative staff of 6, an instructional staff of 200 (70 full time, 130 part-time) and a non-instructional staff of 50;
- Assist in the development of Board Policies;
- Participate in the negotiation of contracts for several employee groups;
- Work closely with local school districts to ensure that programs offered by BOCES meet component school district needs; develop and revise programs for students with special needs.
- Chairperson of the Lower Hudson Tech Prep Consortium;
- Chairperson of the Region III Hudson Valley Division Directors
- Chairperson for the Southern Westchester Directors of Guidance;
- Provide liaison support to the Special Education Advisory Committee;
- Chairperson of the Westchester/Putnam School-to-Careers Partnership;
- Member of the organization-wide Strategic Planning Committee;
- Member of the Board of the Westchester Private Industry Council (PIC);
- Member of the Westchester Education Coalition School-to-Career Planning Committee.

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester, Rye Brook, NY  
1982-1990**

**Assistant Division Director** – Assist the Director in leading a division whose purpose it is to provide career preparation opportunities to high school students and adults.

**Accomplishments:**

- Developed and monitored the Division's Departmental Plan;
- Supervision of the principals of the Secondary Day, Basic Occupational Education and Adult Education Programs;
- Oversaw the construction of a \$3,000,000 educational facility on the Tech Center campus;
- Developed and monitored a \$6,000,000 budget;
- Evaluated professional and non-professional staff (teachers, teacher aides, guidance counselors, school psychologists, sign language interpreters);
- Developed new program offerings;
- Division liaison with Southern Westchester high school guidance counselors and principals;
- Developed in-service training programs for staff at all levels within the division, including administrative;
- Established and maintained liaison with the N.Y. State Education Department on all matters related to students with disabilities;
- Served as Southern Westchester BOCES Statewide Occupational Education Evaluation system Coordinator;
- Recruited and selected administrative and instructional staff;
- Supervised all curriculum development activities.

- Administered all aspects of the U.S. Department of Education Demonstration Project.

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester, Rye Brook, NY  
1981-1982**

**Regional Supervisor of Special Education** – Develop, implement and supervise a wide variety of special education programs located on local school district campuses

- Hire and train educational and clinical staff
- Chair IEP teams
- Liaison with parents

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services of Southern Westchester, Rye Brook, New York  
1978 – 1981**

**Principal of Special Education** – Site Administrator for a program serving severely emotionally disabled and learning disabled students.

**Accomplishments:**

- Designed, implemented and managed an educational program for severely emotionally disabled and learning disabled students between the ages of 9 and 20;
- Total responsibility for budget development (approximately \$1,000,000 annually);
- Recruited and selected professional and non-professional staff;
- Curriculum development (BOCES Learning Management System; Personal/Social Curriculum);
- Supervised 25 professional staff including both instructional and clinical;
- Provided ongoing in-service training of staff;
- Served as liaison with local school district committees on Special Education
- Administrative responsibility for development and review of Individualized Educational Programs;
- Served as liaison with other BOCES divisions (Instructional Services, Special Education, Regional Computer Center);
- Developed occupational/vocational opportunities for disabled students;
- General building responsibilities (maintenance, community relations, transportation).

**Board of Cooperative Educational Services, Third Supervisory District of Suffolk County**

**1972-1978**

**Classroom Teacher** – Responsible for academic and social development of severely emotionally disabled and learning disabled students.

**Accomplishments:**

- Developed a Pre-vocational curriculum
- Secured employment opportunities for students
- Served on district-wide evaluation team
- Developed a Pre-vocational curriculum
- Secured employment opportunities for students

- Chaired IEP Team
- Developed and monitored IEP's
- Implemented state-mandated curriculum
- Developed IEP goals in collaboration with clinical staff

## **PROFESSIONALLY RELATED EXPERIENCE**

Member of the New York State Council on Vocational Education (Appointed by Commissioner Thomas Sobol)  
(1995 – 1997).

Chairperson of the Region III Division Directors (1992-1995)

Adjunct Professor – (1994- 1997)  
New York Technical College  
City University of New York

Adjunct Professor – Division of Special Education (1988-1990)  
Herbert H. Lehman College, Bronx, New York

Guest Lecturer – BOCES of Southern Westchester (1988)  
Conference Day – Integration of Emotionally Disabled to the Mainstream

Consultant to the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (1980)  
Rockland County, New York  
Programming for the Emotionally Disabled and Learning Disabled

Consultant to the Ossining Union Free School District (1980)  
Roosevelt Educational Center for the Learning Disabled

Adjunct Professor – Division of Special Education (1975-1977)  
C.W. Post College, Greenvale, New York

Guest Lecturer – C.W. Post College (1975-1977)  
Division of Special Education

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Southern Westchester NY High School Principals Association
- American Educational Research Association (AERA)
- Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD)
- American Vocational Education Association (AVEA)
- Program Advisory Committee of the Center for Occupational Teacher Education, City College of New York
- Secondary School Study Committee, White Plains Public Schools
- State SELPA Organization
- Chair of the State SELPA Organization Due Process Committee
- Chair of the Non Public School Quality Review Process
- Member of the California State Special Education Local Planning Area (S.E.L.P.A.)
- Co-Chair of the California State S.E.L.P.A. Due Process Committee

- Chair of the San Diego County Non-Public School Quality Review Committee
- Chair N.C.C.S.E. Community Advisory Committee
- Member of Association California School Administrators (A.C.S.A.) – Special Education Division