

Knowledge/Skills

- Expertise in professional development and training design techniques for adult learners
- Effective skills in data collection, concise summaries, and reporting documentation
- Expertise in presentation delivery and media presence
- Experienced in public health systems and program coordination.
- Extensive training and experience in meeting and coalition facilitation
- Experience and familiarity with global measurement standards and tools, including SPHERE and SMART
- Intensive experience in global food distribution, including evaluation of SAM, MAM, GAM & IYCF
- Ability to solve problems, generate ideas, and think creatively when under pressure or in highly intensive situations

Work History

1996-Present, Owner, RDN, Public Health and Nutrition Consultation Services, Denver, CO

2013-2015, RDN, Professional Development Coordinator, RMC Health, Denver, CO

2004-2013, Nutrition Coordinator, Colorado Department of Public Health & Environment, Denver, CO

2003-2004, RDN/Community Nutritionist, Denver Health's Women, Infants and Children, Denver, CO

Education

May, 2015 (pursuant) Project Management Certification, PMP

2012 – (pursuant), Masters of Public Health & Certificate of Global Health, University of Colorado School of Public Health

1994, Bachelor of Science, Nutrition and Dietetics, University of Texas at Austin, Texas

Experience Highlights

Nutrition Programming, Food Distribution and Evaluation, Haiti - IMC

- Interfaced with UNICEF and WHO to develop distribution protocol for RUSF to high priority children and orphanages
- Managed all logistical aspects of planning and delivery process including warehouse space, vehicle acquisition, RUSF allocation, delivery zoning, schedules, inventory management and tracking, workforce development
- Created a projection forecast for initial quantity of RUSF based on children and youth data and statistical analysis
- Utilized existing IMC staff connections to find and recruit Haitian community members as warehouse workers and monitors
- Recruited and elevated 2 Haitian community members as oversight managers due to community recognition and support
- Developed training materials for Haitian Monitors to conduct rapid environmental & nutrition assessments in conjunction with RUSF delivery
- Developed demographic, environmental and health assessment materials for data collection at each point of RUSF delivery (general SPHERE guidelines)
- Trained Haitian Monitors to conduct basic assessments and delivery of RUSFs
- Conducted rapid SMART/MUAC assessments PRN
- Provided weekly reporting and data updates to UNICEF and WFP
- Actively participated in weekly Nutrition Cluster meetings at the UN Compound
- Fostered relationships with governmental contacts as well as local leaders in order to create trust and mutually beneficial relief efforts
- Prepared transitional documentation and training to ACDI/VOCA for long-term sustainability

Additional Assessment & Evaluation in Infant and Child Health Livelihood

- Created and developed public health concepts/programs, bringing an additional 4.2 million dollars into the state budget. Created the reporting and evaluation mechanism to receive continued funding from CDC for 6 subsequent years.
- Work for Amicitia School Fes, Morocco, beginning October 2014, to provide culturally sensitive training in order for the school to receive international accreditation.
- Collected, managed and used data on IYCF behaviors (standard WHO indicators) on breastfeeding and complementary feeding in the poor and underserved populations
- Collected and assessed anthropometric data using height, weight and mid-upper arm circumference
- Created CDPHE's early childhood team (Maternal and Child Health & Evaluation). Led the team to conduct:
 - *evidence based literature review
 - *surveillance data collection
 - *assessment of risk and protective factors
 - *internal/external program assessment/mapping
- Provided evidence based knowledge and expertise as
 - * CDPHE's nutrition expert and co author for the 2012 Food Insecurity Health Watch
 - * Contributing writer and editor for CDC's National Guide for Early Childhood Care and Obesity Prevention
 - * Contributing writer for CDC's Child Obesity 101 handbook
 - * Contributing writer for the National Resource Center & the American Academy of Pediatrics, Caring for our Children: National Health and Safety Standards

Community Development, Training Design and Delivery

- Experienced in more than 20 years of successful community outreach and coalition building.
- Assisted in the recruitment, development and ongoing leadership of the 400-member Colorado Physical Activity and Nutrition (COPAN) program Coalition, 2004 - 2012.
- Lead Community Facilitator for Denver Community small group volunteers for partner organizations (World Vision, Urban Peak, Joshua Station, Bus Stop Ministries, Revision International, Women's Homeless Initiative, Denver Rescue Mission)
- Received certificates of completion in professional development programs spanning 15 years and over 500 hours of practical education: American Dietetic Association National Media Spokesperson; Regional Institute for Health and Environmental Leadership; American Dietetic Association Leadership Institute; School of Public Health Practice - Shaping Health Policy (2-year, level 5 completion); University of Colorado's Butler Institute - Trainer's Boot Camp; Disaster Relief First Responder.
- Planned, organized and conducted 40 state and national professional development seminars using Adult Learning Principles and various technology platforms, reaching more than 2,200 participants.
- Designed and conducted a three-day intensive, adult-learner, skill acquisition instruction for government trainers, including a one-day, immediate skill implementation opportunity.

Affiliations/Accomplishments/Interests

- Volunteer Community Leader, Denver Community Church, 2012 - present
- Awarded Outstanding Dietitian of the Year Award 2010
- First-responder, disaster relief dispatch for international crises, Haiti 2010
- President for Colorado Dietetic Association 2009-2010, Denver Dietetic Association 2006-2008
- Member of the American Dietetic Association, and professional Practice Groups: Health and Environment, Food Insecurity & Access, Public Health, and Obesity