SCRA Community Psychology Practice Council

Community Psychology Practitioner Profiles Project

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BACKGROUND INFORMATION

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<td>Professional Affiliations</td>
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Please describe the work you do, for pay, as a community psychologist, including the setting(s) where you work?

My current work focuses on promoting community health and development through program support and strategic philanthropy. I assist health-related foundations in a number of areas including the grant review process, program planning, project management, and nonprofit organization capacity building. Most recently, my work is focused on identifying and implementing systems approaches to promote healthy eating and physical activity and, identifying and organizing skill building opportunities for strengthening the capacity of nonprofit organizations.
What training/education do you have in community psychology?

I have a Ph.D. in Community Psychology from the University of Kansas. Working with the Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development provided me with many hands-on opportunities for learning.

Please describe how your training/education contributed to your work as a community psychologist. What do you view as the most important skills you learned in your training as a community psychologist.

My training and experiences at the University of Kansas Work Group provided the foundation for my current work. Among the most critical skills were the importance of ensuring citizen involvement in identifying local issues as well as identifying and implementing local solutions.

What other experiences or training have contributed to or enhanced your ability to work as a community psychologist?

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I learn something new every day. Every opportunity to work with communities despite the issue, despite the people that come to the table, is an opportunity for learning and enhancing my skills.

Are there other ways you use your community psychology background and training, either unpaid or in paid roles other than your primary work?

I am becoming involved in efforts to promote healthy eating and active living in my community.

What advice might you give to students or people considering community psychology as a career?

Find a community psychologist, or two or three, you admire and work with them.
Is there anything else you would like to say about your role as a community psychology practitioner?

**Primary Place of Employment:** Self-employed

**Areas of Practice Expertise:** community health, capacity building, collaboration, philanthropy