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**Professional Objectives:** To obtain a position in education and training and development at the post-secondary level

**Education:**

**Aug. 2005** Graduate studies in Workforce Education & Training, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (SIU-C)

**1993 - 2000** Doctoral studies in Community Health Education, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL (SIU-C)

**1978 - 1992** Masters of Science in Rehabilitation Counseling and Administration with an emphasis in administration of rehabilitation programs, SIU-C

**1969 - 1977** Bachelors of Science in Child and Family with an emphasis in Social Services/Family Economic and Management, SIU-C

**Professional Experience:**

**August 2005 – present** Independent Study Course Manager, Southern Illinois University, Carbondale, IL providing guidance & feedback to on-line off-campus students in Workforce Education & Training

**August 2003 – present** Coordinator, Consumer and Family Services Program, University of Illinois Extension, Alexander/Johnson/Massac/Pulaski/Union County Unit, Anna, IL - Part-time educator and coordinator of five county education program

**January 1999 – April 2005** Case Manager/Counselor, The Fellowship House, Anna, IL- Individual/group therapist, classroom instructor, community outreach, treatment coordinator for adolescent outpatient - adult residential & outpatient substance abuse programs, family/parent educator, prevention specialist-designed, coordinated, facilitated community substance abuse program, Certified Alcohol/Drug Counselor

**June 1997 - January 1999** Counselor/Educator, The Wells Center, Jacksonville, IL provided substance abuse counseling and classroom instruction for adolescent males with Illinois Department of Corrections, IYC Murphysboro. Designed and implemented classroom instruction for substance abuse prevention and social skills development

**June 1996 - May 1997** Supervisor/Program Manager, CiviGenics, Milton, MA  
Implemented new therapeutic community program providing substance abuse treatment to incarcerated, adolescent males within IYC-Harrisburg, Illinois Department of Corrections, new treatment program staff training, development, supervision and administrative liaison

**Dec. 1994 - June 1996** Health Educator/Program Coordinator, Jackson County Health Department, Murphysboro, IL - STD/HIV Coordinator and educator with parent education program, coordinated community health education in area schools

**Nov. 1992 - Dec. 1994** Prevention Coordinator, Alcohol/ Drug Abuse Prevention & Treatment Program, Jackson County Mental Health, Carbondale, IL - program design, coordination, implementation, and evaluation of comprehensive community alcohol, tobacco and other drug and parent education programs

**April 1990 to Dec. 1992** DUI Evaluator and Remedial Education Instructor, contractual services with Associated Psychotherapists, Herrin, IL. –  
Assessment of court ordered evaluation and remedial education of DUI recipients

**May 1989 to April 1992** Therapist/Psychological & Substance Abuse and Case Manager, Center for Comprehensive Services, Carbondale, IL.- Substance Abuse program design & implementation; assessment, individual, group & family counseling, education & crisis intervention for private post-acute residential treatment facility serving traumatically head injured persons, rehabilitation team leader, funding consultant & supervisor

#### Training & Workshops Facilitated:

- Teens Against Tobacco Use—Peer-leader training, Anna & Shawnee high school students (2004)
- Adolescent Issues in Substance Abuse – IAODAPCA conference (2002)
- Stress Management presentations – IAODAPCA conferences (1998 –2001)
- Communications Skills Training – Prevention First (1998)
- Postponing Sexual Involvement – Peer-leader training for high school students working with younger students and teacher/adult training for those working with adolescents. Planned, organized and facilitated trainings (1995)
- HIV/AIDS Awareness presentations – planned, organized & facilitated at SIU, Logan College and numerous school and community groups
- Making Sex Safer – “Emerging Pathogen” Conference, John A. Logan College (1995)
- Positive Youth Development – town meetings planned, organized, facilitated meetings; trained community volunteers to develop alternative activities for community youth (1993-1995)
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## **Professional Training Received—**

- Personal Privacy in a Technological Society, University of Illinois Extension, Benton, IL (2005)
- Fostering a Creative Spirit, University of Illinois Extension, Mt. Vernon, IL (2005)
- Intensional Harmony, University of Illinois Extension, Mt. Vernon, IL (2005)
- Prevention Basics (2005)
- Botvins Life Skills Training (2005)
- Motivational Interviewing (2004-2005)

## **Grants & Publications:**

- HIV Prevention Program grant awarded to Jackson County Health Department, 1996.
- Positive Youth Development grant awarded to Murphysboro Human Relations, 1995.
- ALPHA Training Manual, (1995). Substance Abuse Services, Marion, IL., Chapter Eleven, Dating and Relationships.
- Reynolds & Vicher, (1996). Second Step: A Violence Prevention Curriculum, Network News (ASHA), Spring, 1996.

## **REFERENCES**

Dona Howell, M.S., CSADC  
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