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Specialties

Mediation and Conflict Resolution

Non-Violent Communication

Restorative Justice Facilitator

Integral Coaching™

Group Facilitation

Background

After spending over twenty-five years in international banking and trade finance, I left the corporate sector several years ago to pursue my passion for working with individuals and organizations around conflict resolution, non-violent communication and life coaching. In 2015, I completed my basic mediation training and complemented that with additional course work on conflict coaching, divorce mediation, Voice Dialogue and Integral Coaching™. I am listed as a Professional Mediator with the Mediation Association of Colorado and I am a contractor with the Colorado's Office of Dispute Resolution for mediation services in the 7th Judicial District (Gunnison, Montrose and Delta Counties).

I am also a trained group facilitator having completed the Integral Facilitation Certification Course with Diane Musho Hamilton in June 2016.

Additionally, I am the Senior Advisor and Financial Manager of Full Circle Restorative Justice, a non-profit organization providing restorative justice services in Colorado's 11th Judicial District.

I have been an active member of the Salida-Poncha Springs community since moving to Chaffee County in 2008. I served eight years as a board member and treasurer for the Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA) and currently serve on the Board of Trustees for the Town of Poncha Springs. I live with my wife, MaryAnn, and our two dogs – Daisy Mae and Frodo – in Poncha Springs, CO.

Prior Work Experience

CEO of Rocky Mountain Global Trade, LLC

2004 - December 2014 (10 years)

Through my company I added value to commodity exports worldwide through innovative trade finance programs. In addition, I used my 25+ years of international banking and trade finance experience to assist exporters and importers in developing overseas markets and manage their payment and credit risks.

Vice President at Archer Daniels Midland

2000 - 2003 (3 years)

Vice President at CoBank

1984 - 2000 (16 years)

Volunteer Experience

Board Member, Facilitator, Co-Facilitator and Community Member at Full-Circle Restorative Justice (FCRJ), Salida, CO

May 2010 – October 2017 (7-1/2 years)

FCRJ's Mission is to offer restorative justice services, including conflict resolution programs in schools and supervised useful public service projects for youth and young adults who are or may be charged with a crime in the 11th Judicial District (Park, Chaffee, Fremont and Custer counties). Full Circle services provide an opportunity for alternative dispute resolution and restorative justice, in addition to minimizing an offender's involvement with the legal system.

Trustee – Town of Poncha Springs, CO

April 2016 – Present (1 year, 8 months)

I am an elected official (4-year term) on the Poncha Springs (CO) Board of Trustees.

Board Member/Treasurer at Greater Arkansas River Nature Association (GARNA), Salida, CO

January 2010 – December 2017 (8 years)

GARNA's mission is to foster stewardship of the natural resources of the Upper Arkansas River region of Colorado through education, volunteerism and experiences.

Board Member/Treasurer at Little River Ranch Homeowners Association, Poncha Springs, CO July 2013 - Present (4 years, 5 months)

Little River Ranch is a neighborhood located in Poncha Springs, Colorado.

Round Table Member and Multicultural Representative at ManKind Project-Colorado, Denver, CO

June 2006 - August 2008 (2 years 3 months)

The ManKind Project (MKP) offers a globally recognized and respected men's weekend, the New Warrior Training Adventure, in more than 40 locations around the world. MKP has built a global network of peer-facilitated mentoring groups that serve over 10,000 men every week, supporting them to thrive in every aspect of their lives. MKP helps men discover and live personal missions of service in the world; working with youth, with women and children, with prisoners, with veterans and much more.

Peace Corps Volunteer/Trainer, Belize- Central America

July 1973 - November 1975 (2 years 5 months)

I was a volunteer in Belize, Central America working with agricultural cooperatives, rural credit unions and agricultural extension projects in the Orange Walk District. At the end of my volunteer service, I was contracted to provide training and cultural orientation to incoming volunteers.

Languages

English

Spanish

Education and Training

Colorado State University 1976-1980

BA & MS – Agricultural Economics

Mediation Theory & Practice (40-hour basic mediation) - February 2015

Restorative Justice Principles II – April 2015

Conflict Coaching: A Three-Day Basic Training – September 2015

Divorce Mediation – November 2015

Integral Facilitation Certification – June 2016

Associated Coach Modul through Integral Coaching Canada – April 2017