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## SAMPLE CONSULTING EXPERIENCE

### BOSTON ADVANTAGE

[www.bostonadvantage.org](http://www.bostonadvantage.org)

Facilitated an eight month visioning and strategic planning process with Boston Museum of Science, New England Aquarium, Boston Public Schools and Boston Public Libraries to create and launch Boston's version of an innovative formal/informal blend of learning environments for elementary science students built from Urban Advantage, a program created by the Museum of Natural History in New York City. Funded by Goldman Sachs Foundation with grant oversight by the Museum of Natural History.

*Outcome: Successful launch of pilot program engaging all partner organizations in several schools in Boston.*

### KRISHNAMURTI FOUNDATION OF AMERICA

[www.kfa.org](http://www.kfa.org)

Planned and facilitated a strategic positioning retreat for executive staff and Board of Directors for international nonprofit organization in Ojai, CA. Worked with the group to identify challenges, opportunities, and strategies to bridge gaps between organizational philosophies and needs to strengthen sustainability, presence, outreach, etc.

*Outcome: New focus for development and outreach, grant-seeking, marketing and PR materials.*

### COALITION TO END FAMILY VIOLENCE

[www.thecoalition.org](http://www.thecoalition.org)

Planned and facilitated strategic planning retreat for executive leadership and Board members from multiple social service nonprofit and governmental organizations in Ventura, CA.

*Outcome: Strengthened partnership and buy-in from member organizations for next phase of coalition development.*

### FIRST FIVE KINGS COUNTY

[www.first5kc.org](http://www.first5kc.org)

Brought in as the facilitator for six month challenging community/non-profit/county government visioning process to create and start a community/non-profit Family Resource Center (FRC) model for state funded early childhood support service organization in Kings County, CA. Economically challenged, often disenfranchised rural community was suspicious of outside organizational/governmental interference and control.

*Outcome: successful visioning and launch of initial FRC services that has built into stable service organization.*

### OAK VIEW PARK AND FAMILY RESOURCE CENTER

[www.ovparc.org](http://www.ovparc.org)

Served as project director, coordinating five-year community effort to save abandoned local elementary school as Family Resource Center in Oak View, CA. Oversaw development of partnership between County of Ventura, Community of Oak View, Interface Children Family Services (as managing site agency), Ventura County Library, and consortium of nonprofit arts, sports and social service agencies. Responsibilities included development of long-range strategic planning, community building, budgeting, tenant relations, site development, spearheading passage of parcel tax ballot measure to support project.

*Outcome: Successful transition of site into sustainable, multi-faceted community site providing services for infants to elders.*

## SAMPLE COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Andes Works! • 2011-present  
**Founding Chair**

Elementary Science Coalition • 2008-present  
**Member, Strategic Advisory Board**

Sustainability Council of Ventura County • 2003-2004  
**Member, Board of Directors**

California Invasive Species Advisory Council • 2009-2010  
**Communications & Outreach Committee**

Spring Journal 2008-present  
**Member, Academic Advisory Board**

Ojai Shakespeare Festival • 1999-2001  
**Member, Board of Directors**

## EDUCATION

PACIFICA GRADUATE INSTITUTE

**MA/PhD in Mythological Studies and Depth Psychology • 2005**

PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY

**Bachelor of Philosophy in Performance, Literature & History • 1988**

REFERENCES, PUBLICATIONS, AND FULL RESUME AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST.