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Summary

Seeking opportunities where I can use my gifts, education and expertise to produce extraordinary results. I am powerfully committed to the creation of a socially just, environmentally sustainable and spiritually fulfilling world.

The main areas of strength I use in service of this goal are:

- exemplary self motivation and discipline
- extraordinary interpersonal skills and flexibility
- passionate and energetic commitment to my purpose
- an entrepreneurial spirit that thrives on challenge

Areas of Expertise

- Transformational Approaches to Personal and Societal Challenges
- Interpersonal Communication, Motivational Speaking
- Non-Profit and Community - Based Capacity Building and Fund Development
- Program Development, Implementation, Management and Evaluation
- Community Coalition Building and Collaboration
- Staff and Volunteer Recruitment and Supervision
- Training and Facilitation - Specializing in Experiential Methods
- Writing – Author of several articles, two books, several curriculum/policy guides
- Personal and Interpersonal Effectiveness
- Diversity and Inclusivity
- Training of Trainers

Education

Certified as Advanced Practice Social Worker, 1997

Master of Social Work, 1996
University of Wisconsin - Milwaukee, Milwaukee, WI

Outdoor Education, 1992
University of New Hampshire - Durham, Durham, NH

Bachelors of Business Management, 1984
University of Texas - Austin, Austin, TX

Relevant Experience

Executive Director, Global Sufficiency Network
January 2009 – Present, Austin, TX

- *Founded International Network of individuals and organizations committed to a world*

based in sufficiency

- *Responsible for all aspects of organizational development and management*
- *Launched Network in 15 different locations in the US and Canada with web-based participation from 8 different countries.*

Professional Speaker, Trainer Consultant and Coach, Marilyn Levin Consulting

1999 - Present, Austin, TX

- Founded National consulting firm providing services to Non-profits, Universities, Community Organizations, Faith Based Groups and Professional Associations
- Volume of work includes 500 workshops and 15,000 people since 1999
- Topics for Speeches, Seminar and Multi-Day Training Events included: personal and global transformation, social justice and diversity, experiential approach to teaching and training, personal and interpersonal effectiveness, coalition building and community organizing, and conflict transformation.

Social Justice Director, YWCA of the Coulee Region

June 1996 - May 2005, La Crosse, WI

- Founded and managed multi-faceted, community-based youth prevention, education and empowerment program
- Co-Founded and Co-Chaired regional multi-issue social justice coalition: focused full spectrum of diversity concerns
- Launched and coordinated statewide coalition of Wisconsin youth groups
- Responsible for budgeting and fund development for three aforementioned programs: grant writing, donor development and special event management
- Sat on partnering task forces: examples include: Mayoral Anti-Racism, Hmong Mutual Assistance, Martin Luther King, Jr., Unity in Valuing Diversity, Wisconsin Network for Peace and Justice
- Supervised staff members, volunteers and interns providing direct service

Adjunct Instructor, Viterbo University Social Work Program

January 2001 - May 2001, La Crosse, WI

- Developed and taught Advanced Practice Social Work with Communities and Organizations
- Maintained Council on Social Work Education Standards for curriculum
- Served on Social Work Program Advisory Council
- Supervised students in field placements

Youth Counselor - Sprite Program, State of Wisconsin - Division of Youth Services

February 1994 - June 1996, Madison, WI

- Assessed, planned and implemented experiential program for incarcerated juveniles
- Analyzed and evaluated efficacy of program
- Conducted year round indoor and outdoor adventure therapy activities using various methodologies

Assistant Director Educational Programs, Boy Scouts of America - Daniel Webster Council

August 1991- January 1994, Manchester, NH

- Planned and implemented adventure counseling program for inner-city youth at risk
- Managed summer challenge camp for boys scouts
- Evaluated outcomes of programs relative to stated council initiatives and directives

Held a variety of Sales, Marketing and Management position from 1984-1991

Additional Skills, Honors and Publications

Honors/Awards

- Diverse and Resilient - Governor's Commendation (2007)
- Diverse and Resilient - Adult Ally of the Year (2006)
- State of Wisconsin Governor's Commendation (2005)
- Couleecap, Inc. - Community Activist of the Year (2004)
- YWCA Tribute to Outstanding Women - Activist of the Year (2001)
- Wisconsin AIDS Fund - Courage Award (2000)
- National Youth Advocacy Coalition - Youth Advocacy Award (2000)
- AIDS Resource Center of Wisconsin - GALAXY Program Award (1998)
- Western Wisconsin ATOD Education Network - GALAXY Program Award (1997)

Additional Skills

- Facilitated at eight ropes/challenge courses in three states
- Planned and executed year-round programs involving backpacking, rock climbing, cross-country skiing and snowshoeing, mountain biking, canoeing and kayaking
- CPR and First Aid Training; Emergency Medical Technician-basic (not current)

Memberships

- National Speakers Association Member
- National Association of Social Workers - State Board of Directors, Area Branch Chair, NLI Representative
- Association for Experiential Education - National Board of Directors, Multiple Committee Leader Positions, International Conference Committees
- LGBT Youth Development Advisory Council Member
- Hmong Mutual Assistance Association - Multicultural Youth Council Board Member
- Mayor's Anti-Racism Task Force Board Member
- Martin Luther King Non-Violence Project - Facilitator Trainer
- Coulee Region Social Justice Coalition Co-Chair

Publications

Levin, M. J. (1999). *Future search: Ensuring services for youth in Wisconsin AIDS/HIV*, Diverse and Resilient: Milwaukee, WI.

Levin, M.J. (2001). Staying out of your own way: How to lead effectively in spite of yourself. In Kush, F. *On the Wings of Wisdom: Common Sense Views from Uncommon Leaders*. CharBenAnne Press: La Crosse, WI.

Levin, M.J. (2004). Embracing our connections: Coalition building around social justice issues. *Association for Experiential Education - Electronic Journal*. May Volume.

Levin, M. J. (Expected Publication 2009). *Experiential Activities for a Better World: A Guide Book for Trainers, Teachers and Facilitators*.

Levin, M.J. (Expected Publication 2009). *Profound Impact: A Path to Transform Your Life and the World*.

Community Columnist for the La Crosse Tribune, La Crosse, Wisconsin, 2005. Three articles published.