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Summary

Valerie is a nationally certified (NCC), licensed professional counselor (LPC), currently based in central Florida, supporting and coaching individuals and groups seeking/experiencing subtle energy awareness and higher consciousness. She is devoted to coaching, teaching, speaking, and writing, after 10 years at her Colorado-based private practice, where she provided integrative mental health treatment. It was in this context that she first encountered many exceptional experiencers who were being harmed by traditional mental health practices, and who expressed relief and healing when counseled from within the quantum consciousness paradigm.

Many seek her out as a pioneer of what is now being called applied quantum psychology, which calls upon us to see how literally we are all one body, interconnected as a living web of energy and information both local and nonlocal. From this vantage point, we perceive how connecting to this real yet subtle energy field, bridges our awareness from the physical realm to the nonphysical...from our local spacetime constraints to the nonlocal source of our being, where all is one quantum collective and entangled now. Here we find that as we deepen our felt sense of connection to such subtle energy, our consciousness expands, intuition strengthens, and we perceive the multidimensional and holographic life beyond which is higher in light and love. We find that “as we focus our consciousness, *there* we are”; we are not crazy, we are quantum.

Valerie’s interest in quantum science began in the 6th grade, though only later would she know that name for it. It was then, studying about atoms, that she had her first quantum “download” about consciousness. Even earlier, as long as she can remember, she was a spiritual experiencer.

In her current practice, Valerie synthesizes psychology with quantum physics/biology, neuroscience, epigenetics, remote viewing, near-death/out-of-body/consciousness studies, transpersonal experiences, mediumship, other psi phenomena, and ancient wisdom. In 2015, she published her book, *Living in a Quantum Reality: Using Quantum Physics and Psychology to Embrace Your Higher Consciousness*, endorsed by quantum physicists Claude Swanson and Amit Goswami, as well as the Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology’s (ACEP) pioneers David Feinstein and Fred Gallo, and NASA’s Dr. Neil Helm, Nobel Prize nominee and later transpersonal psychologist. In 2016, the book was published in Lithuania. Additionally, Valerie’s work has been featured in New Dawn Magazine in Australia, Lucid Planet Radio, NDE Radio, and at the annual conferences of International Association for Near-Death Studies (IANDS) and ACEP.

License

Licensed Professional Counselor #3811, State of Colorado, 2002-present

Degrees

MS, Counseling Psychology (CACREP-accredited, Community Counseling), 2001, USM, 4.0 GPA
BS, Business Administration (Management/Spanish/French), 1982, UF

Certifications/Awards

National Certified Counselor #68670, National Board of Certified Counselors (NBCC), 2002-present
Telehealth Certification Training for Mental Health Professionals, 2020
Hypnosis for Trauma & PTSD Certificate Course, PESI, 2019
Certified Laughter Yoga Leader, Dr. Kataria’s School of Laughter Yoga, 2008

Therapist Award, Colorado Association of Family and Children's Agencies (CAFCA), 2003

Related Professional Presentations

Varan, V. (2022, Sept). Maintaining Luminous Love Amid Our Current Cultural Challenges. IANDS 2022 Conference, Salt Lake City, UT.

Varan, V. (2017, August). The Quantum Nature of Healing Light and Love: How Quantum Physics and Psychology Affirm the NDE/STE. IANDS 2017 Conference, Westminster, CO.

Varan, V. (2017, May). Higher Consciousness: Too Much or Too Little? Presentation at the 2017 Association for Comprehensive Energy Psychology (ACEP), San Antonio, TX.

Varan, V. (2006, May). Bridging the Gap Between Research and Practice for Juvenile Offenders. Presentation at the 2006 Colorado Juvenile Counsel, Vail, CO.

Mathis, K. M., Kahan, T. A., Schiehser, D. & Varan, V. (2001, June). Novel popout generalizes to pictures. Poster presented at the 13th annual convention of the American Psychological Society, Toronto, Ontario.

Varan, V. (2000, October). Effects of life stressors on the nature of vocational identity in college students. Paper presented at the 2000 convention of the Mississippi Psychological Association.

Misc. Speaking Events

Unraveling the Cosmic Mystery of our Spiritual and Near-Death Experiences, Williamsburg Friends of IANDS, Meeting Speaker 10/15/22

A Quantum Explanation of Love, NDE Radio, Talkzone.com, Interview 9/25/17

Living in a Quantum Reality, NDE Radio, Talkzone.com, Interview 9/18/17

Consciousness Beyond the Body Panel Discussion by IAC/IANDS, BodyMindSpirit Celebration, 2016

Related Publications

Varan, V. (2015, November). Living in a Quantum Reality: Using Quantum Physics and Psychology to Embrace Your Higher Consciousness. Texas: TurningStonePress.

Greer, T., Varan, V. & Berman, M. (2002). Relation between Spiritual Experiences, Attitudes/Behaviors and Religious Coping, Volunteering, and Vengeance. American Psychological Society, New Orleans, LA.

Greer, T., Berman, M., Varan, V., Bobryki, L., & Watson, S. (2005, March). We are a religious people; we are a vengeful people. Journal for the Scientific Study of Religion, Vol. 44, Issue 1, pp. 45-57.

Varan, V., & Campbell, C. (2003, February). A review of the book: Cambridge Child and Adolescent Psychiatry: Conduct disorders in childhood and adolescence. Clinical Psychology Review, Vol. 23, Issue 1, pp. 121-123.

Specialized Training/Continuing Education

IANDS 2022 Symposium on Mind/Brain Question; Current Philosophical Positions Regarding the Mind/Brain Relationship, Bernardo Kastrup; The Neurophysiology of the Mind/Brain Question: What is the Evidence for the Primacy of Consciousness? Marjorie Woollacott PhD; Psi Phenomena: The Big 5, Charles Tart PhD; Apparently Non-Physical Veridical Perception in NDEs & the Mind/Brain Question, Dr. Bruce Greyson MD; Terminal/Paradoxical Lucidity & the Mind/Brain Question, Dr. Michael Nahm, Institute for Frontier Areas of Psychological & Mental Health; Shared Death Experiences & the Mind/Brain Question, William Peters MEd, MFT, Shared Crossing Project; Veridical After-Death Communication and the Mind/Brain Question, Callum E. Cooper; Evidential Mediumship & the Mind/Brain Question, Julie Beischel PhD; Past Life

Memories, Reincarnation & the Mind/Brain Question, Jim B. Tucker MD; NDE Evidence of the Localized Individuated Mind Entity and Its Relation to the Brain, Drs. Robert and Suzanne Mays; Panel Discussion Day 2; NDE & Mind/Brain Question, Dr. Eben Alexander MD; Relationship of Mind/Brain Since NDE, Dr. Tony Cicoria MD; Physician's NDE, Dr. Bettina Peyton MD; Panel of Physicians; Evidential Mediumship and the Mind/Brain Question, Suzanne Giesemann, Pentagon Aide to Joint Chiefs of Staff; Panel: Induced After-Death Communication Therapy and the Mind/Brain Question, Dr. Jan Holden, LPC, Noelle St. Germain-Sehr PhD, LPC

Beyond the Veil Summit: Explore the Science & Mysteries of Near-Death Experiences, Mediumship & the Afterlife, 10/31-11/4, 2022; Near-Death and Spiritual Experiences, Dr. Eben Alexander MD & Karen Newell; Active Dreaming: The Path of the Soul in Dreams is the Path of the Soul After Death, Robert Moss; Want to Have an NDE? There's a Better Way, Scott M. Taylor EdD, Expanded Awareness Institute; Love, Courage & Expanded Consciousness Will Take You Beyond the Veil, Dr. William Bloom; Shared Crossing Project, William Peters, MA, MEd.; Does Consciousness Continue After Death: Sue Brayne; The Next World: Extraordinary Experiences of the Afterlife, Gregory Shushan PhD; Lift Your Energy Particle Vibrations: Heighten Your Natural Multisensory Abilities, Marie Manuchihri, RN; Living with Ghosts: The Healing Power of After-Death Communication, Stephen Berkly, Dr. Janice Miner Holden, Noelle R St. Germain-Sehr; Scientific Evidence: Love Beyond the Veil, Julie Beischel PhD; Going Beyond the Veil for Healing & Transformation, Shelley Kaehr PhD; Remembering the Afterlife, Paul Aurand MHT; The Deeper Spiritual Meaning of the Life You Planned Before You Were Born, Rob Schwartz; The Hidden Language of Dying, Marth Jo Atkins PhD, LPC, SEP, The Dying School; Know and Show the Great News in Your Life, Dr. Mark Pitstick MA, DC; The Continuity of Consciousness, Dr. Pim Van Lommel; Peeking Beyond the Veil: Objectively Real Source Experiences: Evidence for Veridical Perception in Transpersonal Experiences, Janice Miner Holden EdD, LPC, ACMHP; From Atheist to Spiritual Seeker: How NDEs can Transform our Lives, Nancy Rymes; Divine Unveiling: From Out-of-Body, Near-Death to Mediumship, Dr. Lotte Valentin, etc.

IANDS 2022 Conference on Timeless Oneness: The Luminous Message of Near-Death & Related Experiences, Salt Lake City, UT, Presenter of the Maintaining Luminous Love Amid Our Current Cultural Challenges

The Conference for Consciousness & Human Evolution (TCCHE), West Palm Beach, FL, 2022; Quantum Physics and Techniques to Expand Consciousness, Theresa Bullard PhD, physicist; Science of Healing, Shamini Jain, CHI Founder; DNA and Neuroplasticity and Real Story Behind Darwin, Gregg Braden; Epigenetics, Lamarch-Darwin Story, How Organisms Fit Their Environment in a Lock-Step Interaction, Dr. Bruce Lipton

Telehealth Certification Training for Mental Health Professionals, Joni Gilbertson, MA, NCC, LMHC, PESI, 2020

Treating Adult Clients of Emotionally Immature Parents: How Your Clients Can Reclaim Their Lives from the Toxic Legacy of Controlling, Rejecting or Self-Involved Parents, Lindsay Gibson PsyD, PESI, 2021

2-Day Hypnosis for Trauma & PTSD Certificate Course: A Hypnosis, Mind/Body & Neuroscience Approach to Effectively Treat Trauma & PTSD, Carol Kershaw EdD, Bill Wade MDiv, LPC, LMFT, PESI, 2019

ACEP 2017, 2019 – Science of Energy Healing (SOEH) 18 hr online course, 2017; 1.75 hr online bonus, 2019

IANDS 2017 Conference on Affirming Near-Death Experiences, Westminster, CO, Presenter of The Quantum Nature of Healing Light and Love: How Quantum Physics and Psychology Affirm the NDE/STE; Attendee of multiple sessions

ACEP 2017 Energy Psychology Conference – Experience the Evolution of Healing and Consciousness, San Antonio, TX, Presenter of Higher Consciousness: Too Much or Too Little?; Attendee of Research Symposium; Can Healing Be Made Practical, Scalable and Conventional?; New Hope: Transforming Cancer with AIT Adjunctive Energetic Treatment; Latest Energy Psychology Techniques for Chronic Pain; The Qigong Revolution; Consciousness and Karma: Releasing Ties that Bind; The Emotion Code: Energy Healing Made Simple; Overcoming the Influence of Past Trauma on Intuition; Touching Spaciousness: Expanding Consciousness within Energy Psychology Therapy; Healing with the Biofield

Hypnosis 2-Day Intensive Certificate Workshop: Applying Clinical Hypnosis with Psychological Treatments, C. Alexander Simpkins, PhD, PESI, 2016

The Science of Consciousness 2016 Conference, Tucson, AZ: Quantum Approaches (3); Brain Biology; Consciousness and Reality; Five Roads to Consciousness; Vibrations, Scale and Topology; Consciousness and Free Will; Artificial Intelligence/Machine Consciousness; Evolution and Consciousness; “Pribram Session” Brain Dynamics; Quantum Biology; Scale and Connectivity; Anomalous Conscious Experience; Highlights included Dean Radin (Experimental Tests of Von Neumann’s Psychophysical Interpretation of Quantum Measurement) and Anirban Bandyopadhyay (Origin of Unique Pattern We Observe in the Resonance Frequency Distribution of Proteins)

Sex Made Simple: Clinical Strategies for Sexual Issues in Therapy, Barry McCarthy, PhD, PESI, 2015

Colorado Legal and Ethical Issues for Mental Health Clinicians, Susan Lewis, PhD, JD, PESI, 2015

Family-Focused Treatment for Bipolar D/O, Aimee Sullivan, PhD, Sierra Tucson, 2015

An Ounce of Prevention: Mental Health Ethics and the Law, Michael Flynn, JD, PhD, Cross Country Education, 2014

Understanding the Gut Brain: Stress, Appetite, Digestion & Mood, Merrily Kuhn, PhD, Institute for Brain Potential, 2014

Heal Your Heart After Grief: Help Your Clients Find Peace After Break Ups, Divorce, Death and Other Losses, David Kessler, PESI, 2014

5-Day Intensive Retreat with Grandmaster Mingtang Xu, ZY Qigong, 2014

Overview of Sex Addiction, Mark C. Miller, MA, LPC, CAC, CSAT, Sierra Tucson, 2014

Wonder Method, nonlocal energy healing, Alain Herriott, 2014

Attachment-Focused EMDR: Healing Developmental Deficits and Adults Abused as Children, Laurel Parnell, PhD, Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior, 2013

Personality D/Os: The Challenges of the Hidden Agenda, Jeff Riggenbach, PhD, LPC, PESI, 2013

Revolutionizing Diagnosis & Treatment Using the DSM-5, Brooks Baer, LCPC, CMHP, PESI, 2013

Colorado Family Law Update: Changes in the Divorce & Child Custody Process and the new PRE 21 Process, Leslie Matthews, CO Assoc. for Marriage and Family Therapy, 2013

The Practical Neuroscience of Buddha’s Brain: Happiness, Love & Wisdom, Rick Hanson, PESI, 2012

Psychopharmacology: What You Need to Know about Psychiatric Medications, Caroline Williams, PhD, MP, PESI, 2012

Compassion Fatigue, Sherry, E. Showalter, PhD, LCSW, PESI, 2011

Clinical Risk Management & Malpractice Lawsuits: Collision of Law and Ethics, Susan Lewis, PhD, JD, PESI, 2011

Light, Vision & Consciousness, 21st Annual ISSSEEM Conference, 2011

Mind as Medicine: Contemplative Neuroscience and its Implications for Integrative Pathophysiology, James Duffy, MD, Sierra Tucson, 2011

Mental Health Law and Ethics, Leslie Matthews, BSN, JD and Dr. Reo N. Leslie, The Colorado School for Family Therapy, 2010

Alzheimer's, Memory & Dementia, S. Thomas Deahl, DMD, PhD, Institute for Natural Resources, 2010

Memory: A Seminar for Health Professionals, Elizabeth Buffalo, PhD, Institute for Brain Potential, 2010

Feeling Good Now: New Rapid Recovery Techniques for Depression and Low Self Esteem, David Burns, MD, Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior, 2010

Evidenced-Based Spirituality for the 21st Century, 20th Annual ISSSEEM Conference, 2010

New Frontiers in Trauma Treatment, Bessel A. van der Kolk, MD, Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior, 2010

Mindsight: Changing the Brain, Changing Relationships, Daniel Siegel, MD, R. Cassidy Seminars, 2010

The Immune System: The Mind-Body Connection: Who Gets Sick and Who Gets Well, Sarah D. Pressman, PhD, Institute for Brain Potential, 2009

The New Science of Love, Susan M. Johnson, PhD, Denver Family Institute, 2009

Clinical Communications Using NLP, Scott, DeMuro PhD, LAC, MAC, Sierra Tucson 2009

Sacred Synthesis: Science with Heart, ISSSEEM, Annual Conference, 2009

Little Me: A Mandala of Trauma, Bill Coleman, LMSW, TEP, 2009

Meditation for the Modern Mind: Three Unique and Powerful Methods for Breaking through Stress, Pain, Difficult Emotions, and Compulsive Behaviors, Shelly Young, MA, LPC, CACIII, Sierra Tucson, 2008

Using Thought-Field Therapy® for Freeing People from Traumas, Jenny Edwards, TFT-Dx, TFT-VT, Sierra Tucson, 2008

Legal, Ethical and Business Issues for Therapists, Regis University 2008

EFT, Self-Teaching Manual and Video by Gary Craig

Hypnosis, Rocky Mountain Trauma and Dissociation Society

Sex Addiction Thinking, Sierra Tucson

Early Developmental Disorders Resulting from Abuse, Cross Country Education, Anita Remig

Beginning the Qigong Lifestyle, Life Fitness Networks with Debra Takara, Clinical Healer/Teacher

Laughter Yoga Leader Certification Program, Meredith Vaughn, Yoga Instructor

Supercharging Quantum-Touch, 12h with Denise Godfrey

Ethical Essentials for Clinicians with Robert Boganberger, MA, PhD

Yoga-Psychotherapy and Mindfulness for Clinicians with Judith Moolten, MSW, RYT, YC, PESI

Eight Dimensions of Total Well-Being with Dr. Rangimarie Turuki Rose Pere (Kohanga lineage of the Maori First Nations people of New Zealand, and Kura Huna mystery school)

Energy Medicine, 2007 ISSSEEM Conference

Qigong Healing & Breathing Applications Levels 1-3 Supreme Science Qigong Center

Advanced Vibrational Healing: Image Therapy of ZY Qigong, ZY Qigong Education & Training Institute

ZY Qigong: Tools for Connecting Mind and Body, ZY Qigong Education & Training Institute

Complementary and Alternative Medicine: Nonpharmaceutical Interventions with Kristen Allott, NC, LAc.

Quantum-Touch Core Transformation I with Alain Herriott

Energy Medicine, 2006 ISSSEEM Conference

Chakra Healing Techniques, Lakota and Curandero teachings of Mavis Salazar McFalls

Principles of Quantum Physics, self-study of Claude Swanson, Jim Oschman, William Tiller, Amit Goswami, Fred Wolfe, Albert Einstein and others

Moral Development, self-study of Pitirim Sorokin, and global ancient wisdom teachings, including Christianity, Taoism, Buddhism, Sufism, Hinduism, Kabbalist, Theosophy/Esoteric Psychology
Basic Quantum-Touch with David Holt
Dialectical Behavior Therapy, Beacon Center
Use of transpersonal approaches, movement, music and expressive therapy: using experiential methods in dealing with anxiety, depression and trauma, by Margaret Ballard, PhD, LCSW
Energy Medicine, 2005 ISSSEEM Conference, Highlights: Wisdom Teachings, Psychic Abilities & Consciousness Transformation, by Jane Katra, PhD, spiritual healer/immune system coach taught by Sri Ramana Maharshi; workshop experiencing altered states of awareness and remote viewing and receiving teachings from Sufism, Yoga, Christianity, Buddhism and Advaita Vedanta
Mental Health Disaster Field Training, Denver Health Medical Center
Emergency Mental Health: Assessment and Treatment
Understanding Brain Chemistry, Addictions, and the Role of Nutrition, CO ADAD
Motivational Interviewing, Pyramid Consulting
Psych. Emergencies: How to Accurately Assess/Manage the Patient in Crisis, PESI HealthCare
The Basis Tenets of Harm Reduction as Applied to Brief Alcohol Interventions, CO ADAD
Sexually Offending Youth & the Trauma Bond/Attachment Disruption Connection, CAFCA
Exploring Boundaries, CAFCA
Why is Play Therapy Important?, CAFCA
Therapist as Life Coach: Transforming Your Practice, DU Grad. School of Prof. Psychology
Youth Sub-Cultures, CAFCA
Female Gender Specific Training, Beacon Center/Girls Equitable Treatment Coalition
Trauma in our Time, Institute for the Advancement of Human Behavior
Post Traumatic Stress D/O: Effective Diagnosis and Treatment Options, Cross Country Univ.
Cultural Competency Within Systems of Care, Colorado Cornerstone Initiative
Crisis Intervention; Milieu Management, Beacon Center
Qualified Medication Administration Person, CO Dept of Public Health and Environment
Adult CPR/First Aid Basics, Mile High Chapter of American Red Cross

Psychology-Related Employment History

Spiritual/Life Coach, Private Practice, FL, 5/2017 to present.

Currently coaching individuals and groups. Specializes in transformation toward living the life God may have originally intended; intuition; dreamwork; spiritual, transpersonal needs; East-West integrative tools to cope with the emotions stirred in the process of subtle energy awareness and awakening into higher consciousness states; aftereffects of spiritually-transformative, near-death, shared-death, after-death communications and experiences.

Holistic Integrative Licensed Professional Counselor, Private Practice, Greenwood Village, CO, 7/2006 to 5/2017.

Specialized in issues of subtle energy awareness and awakening to higher consciousness, as well as the holistic/integrative treatment of depression, anxiety, bipolar, and other mood issues, career stress, spiritual/transpersonal concerns, and lifestyle/wellness counseling for those coping with severe physical illness.

Independent Living Treatment Coordinator/Therapist, Beacon Center, Denver, CO, 5/2002 to 6/2006

Served as program coordinator and therapist, then as treatment coordinator beginning in 2004, providing clinical supervision and consultation to therapists and counselors in both residential and

community programs for high-risk adolescents. Experience included assessment, individual/group/family treatment, case management, utilization reviews, as well as life skills classroom instruction. Redesigned the Independent Living program, including program components, procedures, forms, curriculum and coordination/training for house staff. Provided supervision for OJJDP grant staff, Young Parent IL Program and Nurturing New Life parenting classes. Served as an aftercare therapist and therapeutic mentor.

Masters' Level Clinician, Pine Belt Children's Services, Hattiesburg, MS, 5/2001 to 8/2001

For a community mental health agency, provided individual, group and family therapy to children, adolescents/juveniles, and adults as part of internship. Facilitated the alcohol and drug group for the Adolescent Offender Program. Assisted with day treatment for preschoolers. Co-facilitated parent support group. Worked with children/adolescents as part of the Structure of Intellect group. Conducted intakes, case assessment and conceptualization, diagnosis and treatment planning. Provided testing administration, scoring and interpretation.

Project Payback Program Manager, Eighth Judicial Circuit of Florida (Alachua County/Office of the State Attorney, formerly through Office of the Court Administrator), Gainesville, FL, 4/1997 to 8/1999

Provided vocational counseling, employment coordination, employability skills training and restitution contracting/monitoring for over 300 juveniles ages 12 to 17 and their families. Designed and implemented juvenile restitution program. Responsible for day-to-day operations, staff supervision, direct services delivery, funding, operating budget. Coordinated services with juvenile justice, law enforcement, family court, attorneys, school board officials, local businesses and mental health providers. Wrote funding proposals, received federal/state grant funds for initial two years, and received approval for state-legislated funding.

Previous Management Employment

Western/International Region Technical Sales Manager, EnviroMetrics Software, Inc., 1996

Air/water/waste emissions software sales for western U.S. and international territory. Responsible for client development, proposal writing, and engineering services coordination.

Business Development Manager, Rust Environment & Infrastructure Inc. (and formerly Westinghouse Environmental & Geotechnical Services Inc.), 1989 to 1996

Responsible for annual sales of approximately \$12 million in environmental/hazardous waste and infrastructure/water & wastewater engineering and scientific consulting services. Management tasks included meeting territory sales projections, supervising branch marketing staff, overseeing/coordinating territory proposals/presentations/marketing materials, and developing/implementing annual strategic plans.

Area Sales Manager, Pepsi-Cola Bottling Co. Ft. Lauderdale/Palm Beach, Inc., 1985 to 1989

Responsible for territory soft drink development, sales quotas, and training/supervision of sales and delivery staff.

Co-Owner, Bon Varie Imports, Inc., 1982 to 1984

Operated an imported chocolate distributorship.

Highlights of Volunteer Counseling Experience

Colorado Mental Health Institute-Ft. Logan, 2001 to 2002 – Assisting with the Mountain Star and Adolescent Inpatient Services units; primarily helping adolescents over 14 years old with vocational preparation issues.

Pine Belt Mental Healthcare Resources, 2000 – Worked with Children's Services in the Structure of Intellect Program assisting children with cognitive modules and physical exercises.

PACE Alachua Center for Girls, 1997 to 1999 – Weekly volunteer to at-risk female adolescents in writing resumes, preparing household budgets, and planning career goals.

Highlights of Volunteer Management Experience

Colorado Society for Wellness & Prevention (CSWP), 2010 to 2011 – Board of Directors; Committee Chair for Ethics and Member Value; Member of Integrative Practitioners Committee

Adopt-a-River/Adopt-a-Shore, 1998-1999 – Board of Directors; Chair of Strategic Planning Committee

PACE Alachua Center for Girls, 1997 to 1999 – Board of Directors; part of organizing committee to bring PACE to Gainesville; Chair of Strategic Planning Committee

Alachua County Mentoring Coalition, 1997 to 1999 – Founder; Co-Chair of Executive Committee

Santa Fe Community College, 1998 to 1999 – Volunteered as a community partner strategizing to strengthen and coordinate innovative workforce preparation programs as part of the Alachua County plan to implement the 1998 Workforce Investment Act and re-authorized Tech Prep Act

Alachua County Juvenile Justice Council, 1997 to 1999 – Mentoring Committee Chair; worked to identify community prevention measures and legislative issues affecting youth employment

Forum on the Issue of Crime, 1997 – Participated on community-based forum to address prevention measures related to juvenile delinquency

Youth Employment Task Force, Alachua County, 1997 – Facilitator of at-risk youth employment planning workshop involving over 30 area CBE teachers