

Dana Brinson

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Experienced professional with more than 20 years in the education, nonprofit and social services sectors as an educator, researcher, consultant, facilitator and grant maker. Diverse work experience with public, nonprofit and for-profit organizations across the organizational lifespan and through periods of significant change. Training and experience as an end-of-life doula, death educator, circle keeper and grief partner informs my approach to change management.

Founder and Owner, Consulting Betwixt (consultingbetwixt.com) 2019-Present

Provide broad array of consulting services to individuals and organizations undergoing transition such as leadership change, mission clarification, program development or closure. Services include transition planning, new market exploration, case study design, qualitative research, grant writing, strategic communication, facilitation, capacity building, coaching and change management. End-of-Life Doula who supports dying individuals and their caregivers, creates legacy projects, leads grief circles, facilitates conversations on death, dying and grieving, and shares resources to support conscious dying.

Programme Officer, Oak Foundation 2013-2019

Managed a Learning Differences Programme portfolio of up to 30 active grants worth \$20 million. Served as an elected member of the Staff Advisory Group. Led the LDP's programmatic evaluation, racial equity initiative, and internal and external communications. Served on cross-foundation teams on child safeguarding, grant-making process, capacity building, measurement and evaluation.

Senior Consultant, Public Impact, 2007-2012

Managed teams on multi-year projects, conducted research, and wrote reports as a senior consultant at a national education consulting firm dedicated to providing research-based guidance to improve K-12 education outcomes for underserved and excluded populations. Consulted with foundations, government agencies, research institutes, and nonprofits. Served as dissemination and communication coordinator for the firm.

Research Analyst and Account Manager, Best Practices, LLC, 2006-2007

Conducted benchmarking and best practice research for clients from Fortune 500 and government organizations. Managed client relationships and sales of Best Practice Database accounts. Supported communications strategy through database and website publishing, writing press releases, and implementing and assessing the impact of e-marketing campaigns.

Social Studies Teacher, Bay Cove Academy, Brookline, Mass., 2001-2003

Taught grades 8-12 social studies to students with emotional and behavioral challenges and learning differences and supported positive relationships and socialization in the milieu.

Treatment Foster Care Social Worker, Charles County, Maryland 1999-2000

Conducted individual case management and treatment plan development for children with special needs in foster care in a tri-county region.

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Education and Training

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, M.A. in Women's and European History

West Virginia University B.A. Psychology and History, summa cum laude

Duke University, Certificate in Nonprofit Management

The Skilled Facilitator Intensive Workshop, Roger Schwarz and Associates

Leadership Fundamentals, Center for Creative Leadership

Executive Service Corps, Board Leadership Bootcamp

INTRAC, Strengthening capacity development of grantees

Humentum, Assessing grantee financial health

International End of Life Doula Association, End-of-Life Doula training

Institute for Birth, Breath and Death, Grief Work training

Advisory Boards and Volunteer Activity

Boomerang Youth Governance Board Chapel Hill, NC. 2015-present. Chair 2019-present

Special Education Leader Fellowship (SELF) New Orleans, LA. Advisory board 2015 to 2018

Governance board, 2018 to present

Understood.org Founding Partners Committee—New York, NY. 2013 to 2018

Carolina Meadows Retirement Community. Volunteer, Chapel Hill, NC. 2019-Present

University of North Carolina Hospice. Volunteer, 2018-Present