

Laura Gentry

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Core Accomplishments:

- Licensed Clinical Addiction Specialist 2017
- Certified District Court Mediator 2014
- Parenting Coordinator 2014
- 2010 ASU Field Instructor for BSW and MSW program
- 2009-2012 Strengthening Families Training
- 2012 Duke Non Profit Management Certificate
- 2002 Center for Creative Leadership Certificate
- 2001 Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program 2001 Dale Carnegie Institute
- 1999 Family Literacy Foundation Training
- 1987 Accredited Certified Social Worker
- 1981 Public Health Certification
- 1980 Registered Nurse

Developed grants and programs:

• Smart Start 1994 to 2012 Program development with objectives and outcomes in logic models for over 16 programs each year (Over 2 million a year) • Support our Students 1994 (over \$65,000) • Healthy Mothers 1998 from March of Dimes (\$)50,000 • Human Hurt and Hope grant with Episcopal Diocese 2012 (\$25,000) • Family Support grant -Department of Health and Human Resources 2012 (\$69,000) • United Way 1997 to 2012 Project Management: Initiated the following projects: • Wilkes Family Central, a co-op of over 10 agencies who provide services for families and the Kenan Family Literacy model. • National Reach Out and Read program developed outreach for literacy skill development for young children in Wilkes county. • **Smart Recovery for women with prenatal substance abuse problems** • Strengthening Families Program • Nurturing Families Program • Crisis Assistance program with Saint Paul's Episcopal Church • On site Parent and Child Together Time within subsidized child care program • Quality Enhancement in child care and church preschools by providing technical assistance and training to all child care providers in Wilkes County child care. (over 80 sites) • Child Health projects to combat obesity and health concerns in children. Developmental screening for young children in Pediatrician offices. Leadership: • Read for the Record organization for local event that reached hundreds of children and that read to preschoolers in over 50 locations. • Developed the Wilkes Children's Theater with North Wilkesboro Kiwanis Club and local High School Drama department. sponsorship and program fundraising for four shows a year serving hundreds of children each show. • Local Partnership for Children Advisory Council chairman, serving on the Board of Directors for the Statewide Smart Start board. • Chairman and Co chairman of Local Interagency Coordinating Council for Young children. • served on the Mental Health Taskforce for Healthy Carolinians • chairman of Healthy Babies, Healthy Mothers task force committee of Healthy Carolinians • served on local board for Historic Downtown North Wilkesboro • Loaned Executive of the Year in 2000 for United Way of Wilkes

Work Experience:

9/2018- present Donlin Counseling Services: Clinical Director for DWI services and counselor for addiction.

11/2016-9/2017 Mullins and Mullins Counseling: LCAS for assessments and groups with Justis Group.

11/2012-12/2017 Piedmont Mediation Center: District Court Mediator, Parenting Coordinator

and instructor of Partners in Parenting Program, Medicaid Mediator for Appeals. Project Director of Governors Crime Commission Grant for Restorative Justice. Trainer Statewide for Restorative Justice Practices.

11/1994-4/2012 Wilkes Community Partnership for Children North Wilkesboro, NC Executive Director. Developed strategic plan and grant for Smart Start in 1994. Developed focus groups and strategies for long range goals for the development of programs for children in Wilkes County every year from 1994 to 2012. Corporation President of a 28 member Board of Directors and managed over 22 employees and up to 16 programs each year with over 2.5 million dollars a year. ***Medical leave and resignation due to Viral Encephalitis**

01/1991 - 01/1993 Department of Education Tallahassee, Florida Program Specialist Early Intervention program development for the state of Florida.

01/1990 - 01/1991 Redlands Christian Migrant Association Tampa , Florida Health Coordinator Coordinated Health services for Head Start in the state of Florida.

06/1984 - 09/1989 Family Infant and Preschool Program Morganton, North Carolina Social worker Assessed young children and provided services to families of children with developmental disabilities. Coordinated team meetings with interdisciplinary assessments and developed Family support Plans. ***Maternity leave**

06/1983 - 06/1984 McDowell Community College Marion, N.C. Nursing Instructor Taught all courses for Licensed Practical Nurses off campus and supervised all clinical instruction for 24 students.

Education:

1998 Duke University NonProfit Management Program

2001 Wilkes Chamber of Commerce Leadership Program

1/1994- 12/1995 UNC Chapel Hill Early Childhood Leadership of Program Development post graduate Fellowship

9/1981- 3/1983 University of Georgia, North Wilkesboro, NC Family Counseling Masters in Social Work

9/1975-9/1978 Medical College of Georgia, Athens, Georgia Pediatric Nursing Bachelors in Science- Nursing

Recent Certifications:

2021 Certified NeuroOptimal trainer

2017 Prime for Life- Alcohol and Drug Education Training School Instructor

2018 Stacked Deck for problem gambling Instructor

2012 Mental Health First Aid USA and Youth Mental Health First Aid USA

2018 Soul Shop training

2012 Stephens Minister

2012 Parenting Coordinator

2012 Community Mediator

2012 Divorce Mediator