

Stacey D. Owsley

LEADERSHIP STYLE/ATTRIBUTES

Driven to:

- Establish respect, credibility and trust;
- Establish diverse collaborations to support mission of agency;
- Maximize resources while reducing duplication;
- Apply highest quality standards;
- Provide highest client satisfaction; and
- Operate with integrity and complete commitment to achieve success.

WORK HISTORY

Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, Columbia, Missouri.

Director, November 2005-Present

- Build early childhood systems and access to comprehensive services and support for all children birth-school entry from low income families.
- Represent Head Start philosophy in state level initiatives that affect early care and education throughout Missouri. Mandated priorities include health, literacy, education, services for homeless children, services for children with disabilities, community service activities, professional development, welfare and child care.
- Facilitate collaboration among Missouri Head Start and Early Head Start grantees, the Missouri Head Start Association, and Missouri's early childhood systems, services, programs and organizations.
- Conduct an annual Head Start Assessment around the coordination, collaboration and alignment needs of Head Start.
- Support and promote the coordinate and integration of systems of service to minimize overlap and maximize services for families.
- Plan and conduct quarterly Missouri Head Start State Collaboration Office Advisory Council meetings. Present information, impacts of work and seek advice from an interagency, collaborative group of Head Start grantees, State Associations, State Departments, University of Missouri, and federal ACF administrators on ongoing direction of MHSSCO.
- Manage the budget, coordinate special initiatives, prioritize and balance the needs of the federal Office of Head Start, State of Missouri, and Missouri Head Start grantees.
- Identify funding opportunities, write grant applications and provide oversight for strategic direction and daily operations of the office.
- Supervise Assistant Director and provide leadership and support to the Missouri Head Start Association.
- Serve on the State Advisory Council as identified in the 2007 Improving School Readiness for Head Start Act.

Missouri Head Start-State Collaboration Office, Columbia, Missouri.

Assistant Director, November 2003-October 2005

- Assist with activities described above as requested.

State of Missouri-Department of Health and Senior Services

Child Care Orientation Trainer/Contractor, November 2002- November 2005

- Training Representative for the state of Missouri Child Care Orientation Program: Developmentally Appropriate Practice, Child Abuse and Neglect, Health, Environmental Safety and Sanitation.

Moberly Area Community College

Adjunct Faculty Member, August 2003

- Instructor for Early Childhood Development courses

Central Missouri Community Action (formerly Central Missouri Counties' Human Development Corporation)

District Manager-Head Start, November 2000-October 2003

- Supervised 10 Head Start Sites across an eight county area.
- Accountable for hiring, assessing, and working with coordinating staff to provide technical assistance to program and partner staff.
- Responsible for coordinating the development of corrective action plans for staff not performing and fulfilling job responsibilities and termination of staff as needed.
- Assessed community to develop, implement and maintain Head Start program options that met local community needs.
- Collaborated with coordinating staff to ensure compliance of federal Head Start Performance Standards.
- Completed monitoring visits and checked human resource data, administrative, program and financial records.
- Assisted in marketing the Head Start program in the eight county services area.

Central Missouri Community Action (formerly Central Missouri Counties' Human Development Corporation)

Center Coordinator-Head Start, June 1999-November 2000

Supervised Head Start center comprised of 60 children, 14 staff and program volunteers.

- Responsible for understanding, implementing and maintaining compliance of Head Start Performance Standards for the full day-full year Head Start, Center-based option.
- Served as the center's liaison and collaborated with local agencies to best serve the needs of children and families.
- Made personal contacts with families thru home visits, conferences, meetings and phone calls.
- Planned, coordinated and conducted regular staff meetings.
- Provided orientation for new staff and community/family volunteers.
- Collaborated with management and coordinating staff to develop professional development plans and ongoing training opportunities for all center staff.
- Planned and implemented parent training programs.
- Provided leadership and led the effort to become an accredited center by Missouri Accreditation.

Central Missouri Counties' Human Development Corporation

Family Development Advisor-Head Start, February 1997-May 1999

- Recruited, enrolled and maintained a caseload of 10-12 families for home-based program during each program year.
- Responsible for addressing social service, education, nutrition and health needs of children and families through assessment, referral and follow up.
- Participated in collaborative partnership building with families and completed weekly home visits and monthly group socializations.
- Responsible for understanding, implementing and maintaining compliance of Head Start Performance Standards.

EDUCATION

Bachelor of Science

Human Development and Family Studies, Emphasis: Children In Group Settings
University of Missouri, 1995

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS AND LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

Governor's Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood member since 2006
Governor's Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood, vice-chair 2009-2012
Governor's Missouri Coordinating Board for Early Childhood, chair 2012-present
Governor's Committee to End Homelessness member 2003-2005
Comprehensive Systems Management Team member since 2010
State Interagency Coordinating Council member since 2005
Missouri Coalition for Oral Health Board of Directors, 2007-2011
Missouri Early Childhood Comprehensive System Steering Team member since 2005
Missouri ACA Home Visitation Steering Team member since 2011
Missouri Head Start Association Board of Directors ad hoc member since 2003
Region VII Head Start Association Board of Directors ad hoc member since 2003
National Association for the Education of Young Children member since 2005
Missouri Association for the Education of Young Children member since 2005
Federal Review Team Member Training: Early Childhood Development, December 2004
Academy for Leadership Excellence: Leadership Laboratory, July 2004
Missouri Leadership Institute, December 2004-August 2005
Children's Defense Fund, Emerging Leaders Fellows Class of 2005

