

Cindy A. Barber

PERSONAL SUMMARY

Enthusiastic dedicated professional with an exceptional sense of commitment and desire for personal & professional growth through the completion of graduate study in a field related to economic & community development.

EXPERIENCE

2011-present **Purdue University Extension Service** **Washington, IN**
Economic & Community Development Associate Educator

- Provides leadership and overall coordination to Purdue Extension Daviess County's educational programs in the area of economic and community development.
- Responsible for program planning, development and implementation, program accountability, leadership development, interagency collaboration, public citizenship and professional improvement.
- Responsibilities also include brokering resources for community based initiatives; building and sustaining local and regional partnerships; acquiring grants and leveraging resources; working with media; and facilitating teamwork.
- Serves as a primary local contact for Purdue's university-wide engagement effort.

2006-2011 **Purdue University Extension Service** **Washington, IN**
Learning Network Coordinator

- Responsible for the development and implementation of educational programs to address the community identified goal of substance abuse prevention for youth and young adults.
- Collaborated with law enforcement, community members and organizations to increase awareness of the dangers of substance abuse.
- Responsible for overseeing \$450,000 Department of Justice COPS grant addressing local manufacturing and use of methamphetamine, through educational programs and law enforcement interdiction.
- Coordinated Reality Spanish courses for healthcare, law enforcement and educators, bridging the gap of communication through language and cultural sensitivity training.
- Responsible for the implementation of the evidence based youth character development program, Project LEAD (Legal Education to Arrest Delinquency), for Washington Catholic Schools and Washington Community Schools, serving over 200 students per month during the school year.
- Certified Real Colors program facilitator.

2003-2006 **TRI-CAP Head Start** **Jasper, IN**
Education Coordinator

- Responsible for the overall management and supervision of Head Start educational staff in Dubois and Pike Counties.
- Participated in the development and maintenance of \$1.5 million federal grant to fund program.
- Transitioned education team to the use of an on-line developmental assessment and tracking program, including updated classroom environmental design and curriculum development.

- Provided professional development training and support related to all program areas, including cultural diversity.

1992-2003 **Texas Health Resources** **Dallas, TX**

Child Life Services Coordinator

- Responsible for the development and implementation of a one-person Child Life program serving Presbyterian Hospitals of Dallas and Plano.
- Collaborated with physicians, hospital administration and multiple departments to formulate strategies to improve the care of pediatric patients.
- Engaged in system-wide community outreach programs, including health, wellness and safety.
- Developed and maintained program budget, as well as collaborated with hospital foundation for additional donations, and developed program policies and procedures.
- Collaborated with nursing staff and other multi-disciplinary team members, to establish therapeutic environments for hospital departments where pediatric patients were served.
- Developed and implemented pre-operative teaching program to educate and prepare patients and families in a developmentally appropriate manner, including the production of an educational video, which earned a Silver Axiom Award in 2003.

1988-1992 **Children’s Medical Center of Dallas** **Dallas, TX**

Child Life Specialist

- Provided Child Life programming for children admitted to the hematology/oncology service.
- Conducted assessments, developed plans and provided interventions through individual and group support, medical play and preparation.
- Documented assessment, intervention and plans in patient medical records.
- Participated in multi-disciplinary meetings and patient care conferences.
- Supervised interns, fellows and volunteers assigned to the program.
- Through contractual agreement, eventually implemented Child Life programming for the pediatric pulmonary unit established at Presbyterian Hospital of Dallas.
- Completed 400 hour internship.

EDUCATION

1984-1988 **University of Kansas** **Lawrence, KS**

- B.A., Human Development

May-August, 1988 **Children’s Medical Center** **Dallas, TX**

Child Life Internship

- Successfully completed 400 hour internship, which provided supervised, guided experiences with children and training for the provision of professional Child Life services, leading to professional certification.
- Participated in daily seminars including lectures, article review and discussions related to children and healthcare.

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT

- Daviess County Department of Child Services Child Protection Team Member, 2013-Present
- Daviess Community Hospital Community Health Advisory Board Member, 2013-Present
- Daviess County Community Foundation Women's Giving Circle Member, 2010-2012
- CASA Volunteer, 2010-Present
- PACE Community Action Agency Board of Directors, 2010-Present
- Daviess County Communities Active in Disaster, Secretary, 2008-Present
- Washington Rotary Club Member, 2006-Present
- Senior & Family Services Board of Directors, 2009-2010
- Daviess County Partnership Board of Directors, President, 2006-2010
- PACE Community Action Agency, Head Start Policy Council Member, 2006-2009
- Friends for Kids Mentor, 2006-2011
- United Way of Daviess County Board of Directors, 2006-2008
- American Lung Association Board of Directors, 1995-2003
- American Lung Association, Asthma Camp Director, 1990-2001
- Texas Asthma Camp Advisory Committee Member, 1995-1998
- Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Board of Directors, 1994-1997