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Highlights of Qualifications

- Former Wisconsin State Assembly
 Representative (14 yrs.), Assistant Majority
 Leader (4 yrs.)
- Extensive grassroots political organizing and coalition-building to accomplish public policy objectives.
- Skilled legislative strategist, both as an advocate and legislator.
- Skilled non-profit executive with over 20 years of management and supervisory experience in several non-profit and governmental organizations.
- o Excellent leadership skills.

Professional Accomplishments

- Appointed by the President Clinton as Midwest Regional Administrator of the Small Business Administration. Supervised 240 employees with 7 offices.
- O Served 14 years as a Wisconsin State Assembly Representative. Elected by colleagues as first woman Assistant Majority Leader. Secured passage of legislation in areas of UW tenure discrimination, school drop-out prevention, urban education, women's health, contracting requirements for women and minority owned businesses, sexual harassment and employment discrimination, welfare reform, and funding for homeless shelters, sexual assault treatment centers, revolving loan fund for WWBIC, small business enterprise center.

- Successfully managed two non-profit organizations, creating nationally recognized strategies and devising new approaches to address community concerns.
- Accomplished public speaker with extensive media experience including appearances on PBS News Hour, the Today Show, and Good Morning America. Press conferences, speeches, editorial board meetings and testimony to legislative bodies.

Key Awards

- 2011 White House Champion of Change
- 2010 National ONDCP Prevention Award
- 2009 Mutual of America National Community
 Partnership Award
- 2006 Milwaukee Public Policy Forum Salute to Local Government
- YWCA Policymaker of the Year
- Planned Parenthood Voice for Choice
- Maternal and Child Health Coalition's Outstanding Elected Official
- Wisconsin NOW Woman of the Year

Work History

2013- 2015 Consultant, Strategies for Change:
Contract services to Justice
Initiatives Institute concerning state and local policy research and analysis, legislative liaison, and advocacy.

2002 -2013 Executive Director, Safe & Sound, Milwaukee, Wisconsin
Nationally recognized model of

collaborative crime reduction. Built
partnerships with law enforcement,
community development groups,
and youth serving agencies. Developed

unique community

prosecution, restorative justice, neighborhood mobilization and youth leadership engagement strategies to enhance public safety initiatives.

2001 Fellow, St. Charles Youth and Family Services, Milwaukee, WI Created relationships with government agencies and elected officials.

1999-2000 Midwest Regional Administrator, U.S.
Small Business
Administration, Chicago, IL Presidential
Appointee Managed
work of 7 district offices in 6 states.
Conducted strategic planning, and promoted
SBA's New Markets Lending goals thru
collaboration with lenders, members of
Congress, chambers of commerce, business
associations, and advocacy groups to address
barriers to use of SBA programs by low
income persons.

1985-1998 State Assembly Representative, Wisconsin State Legislature

Elected by Assembly members as Wisconsin's first woman

Assistant Majority Leader. Extensive work on legislation related to

progressive public policy. Researched model legislation, best practices. Set policy goals, developed media messages, mentored members and managed Assembly floor action.

1979-1984 Executive Director, Hunger Task Force of Milwaukee

(Previously, 1976-1978 Coalition Coordinator) Created coalition and executed strategy to bring the federal school breakfast program to the Milwaukee Public Schools, created a nationally recognized food stamp outreach program. Established agency's strategic plan and goals, communicated with elected officials, oversaw all media contacts, organized massive community coalitions to successfully advocate public policy issues.

1975-1976 Social Worker, Project Involve for the Elderly, Milwaukee, WI.

1971-1973 Field organizer, researcher and paralegal: Greater Upstate Law Project, Rochester, NY. And VISTA Volunteer, Wayne County, New York.

Recent Volunteer Efforts

Milwaukee County League of Women Voters: Co-Chaired committee on police reform; publishing a report and analysis of the Milwaukee Fire and Police Commission; provided training to members on state legislative advocacy.

Education

M.S.W. University of Michigan, Social planning and Community Organizing
B.A. Beloit College, Beloit, WI, International Relations