

Julie Reiskin, LCSW

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Community Based Long Term Care
- Disability Cultural Competence training for service providers.
- Effective Communication
- Grassroots organizing and advocacy
- Legislative and Policy Advocacy
- Medicaid issues for people with disabilities.
- Non-Profit Management
- Engaging affected populations in Public Policy and Governance
- Self-directed attendant care models.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Co-Director Colorado Cross Disability Coalition 6/22-Present

- Oversee the C3 operations in coordination with co-director overseeing C4 operations
- Assure compliance with strategic plan developed by the Board of Directors with input from membership
- Develop and deliver training curriculum on a variety of subjects
- Serve as media representative and lobbyist for the organization.
- Coordinate policy positions and work with allies on public policy
- Act as liaison for the Board of Directors, and coordinate the Board of Directors development of position papers and statements.
- Contract management and delivery on fee for service operations
- External relationship building including supporting other nonprofit organizations

Executive Director Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, 12/96 – 6/22

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Adjunct Faculty University of Denver Graduate School of Social Work 9/17-Present

- Courses taught include Policy Advocacy and Analysis, Program Planning and Development, Field Seminar
- Field Liaison for MSW Online program

Policy Analyst Colorado Cross Disability Coalition, 3/94 – 12/96

- Analyzed health care and other policy for Coalition, drafted positions
- Developed member trainings on policy matters and on the operations and regulatory basis of the programs members

use most frequently and advocated for inclusion of people with disabilities in the processes

Partner and Consultant RS Dyton Associates Consulting Firm 09/91-03/94

- Evaluated and developed of a variety of human services programs, specialty in “hard to reach” populations
- Trained schools, corporations, local governments and non-profits on diversity related issues
- Assisted such with problem solving on diversity related challenges

Therapist, Private Psychotherapy Practice, 11/91- 04/94

- Provided therapeutic services to a variety of populations ranging from teen through adulthood
- Contracted with employee assistance programs and private insurers as a treatment provider

Project Coordinator Project at AIDS Project Hartford 09/90-08/91

School Social Worker and Residential Coordinator The Learning Clinic 05/89-09/90.

Community Organizer Connecticut Coalition of Citizens with Disabilities 04/87-05/89

Community Educator Sexual Assault Crisis Services Northeastern Connecticut 03/86-03/87

EDUCATION

- Master of Social Work, 1987, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut
- Bachelor of Science in Women’s Studies, 1985, University of Connecticut, Storrs, Connecticut

KEY BOARDS:

- Denver Foundation January 2019
- ACLU Colorado Elected 2019, Chair of Governance Committee May 2019, Vice Chair 2020-2021, Chair 2022
- Legal Services Corporation: Appointed by President Obama, confirmed by Senate. Committees include Governance and Performance, Delivery of Legal Services, Institutional Advancement and chair Communications Subcommittee 11/10-Present
- Medical Services Board: Appointed by Governor’s Romer and Owens to rulemaking body of the Colorado Medicaid Agency 1994-2008, Served term as President and Vice President
- Transition Committees: Served on transition committees for Governor’s Ritter and Hickenlooper
- Caring for Colorado Founding Board 1999-2001

PUBLICATIONS & CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

- Engaging Client Board Members MIE Journal April 2017
- People with Disabilities will Pay For GOPs Medicaid Cuts The Hill June 2017
- Developed numerous training curricula on topics important to people with disabilities such as Medicaid 101, Medicaid Waivers, Consumer Direction in Medicaid, Medicaid Long-Term Care and more. 2000-Present
- Developed numerous training curricula for a variety of entities that provide some sort of services to people with disabilities including Colorado Single Entry Point Agencies, the Regional Transportation District, Home Health Agencies and Independent Living Centers 1998-Present
- Publication in Colorado Lawyer on Home and Community Based Services Least Restrictive Environment May 2010
- Presented paper on empowerment based treatment at psychiatry grand rounds at the University of Connecticut Medical School 1986

MAJOR AWARDS

- 2022 Anti Defamation League Mountain States Civil Rights Award
- 2018 Mary Ellen Hamilton Award NLADA
- 2017 Impact Fund Class Action Hall of Fame
- 2016 Denver Civil Rights Division Diversity Award
- 2016 Governor’s Service Award
- 2015 Newsed Civil Rights Award
- 2014 Denver Metro Fair Housing Civil Rights Award
- 2009 Swanee Hunt Leadership Award
- 2008 150 Denver Unsung Heroes
- 2006 Community Resource Center Legendary Leader Award
- 2000 Channel 7 Everyday Hero

