

Matthew Turner

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Education

M.S. Applied Sociology, Clemson University, May 1994

B.A. Sociology, Clemson University, May 1990

Graduate Course Work

Clemson University: Human Systems Development, Research Methods, Exploratory Data Analysis, Experimental Statistics, Survey Design, Research Evaluation, Data Analysis.

University of Southeast Alaska: Telecommunications, Audio-Visual Technology

Other Training

Institute of Cultural Affairs: Technology of Participation, Participatory Strategic Planning

Project Adventure: Experiential Activities

United Bicycle Institute: Certified Bicycle Mechanic

Professional Skills

Extensive experience in community organization and engagement; public speaking; experiential education; development and delivery of program training and participatory workshops; strategic planning, and group facilitation to various audiences. Highly skilled in program design and evaluation, grant writing and reporting, business administration, fund accounting, impact and needs assessments and data analysis. Experience in management information system development, implementation, and evaluation. Skilled in computer graphic layout and design, web page design, and information and data visualization.

Professional Affiliations

Sole proprietor of a consulting business called Concept of Degrees. Founding member of the smallstones network, a collaboration of consultants who share their perspectives and expertise on complex social projects.

Consulting Experience

Selected long-term contracts:

Alaska Humanities Forum, 2007-2008, 2008-2009. Rose Urban Rural Exchange Orientation. Provided small group experiential activities, guidance, and coaching for teacher/student teams.

Alaska Humanities Forum, 2008, 2009. With team, helped to redesign program and materials for the Rose Urban Rural Exchange program.

Sitka Advancing Our Community, Co-facilitator: 2005 - 2009. Facilitated and coordinated a coalition of human-service organizations committed to engaging with youth on community issues.

Bicycle Friendly Sitka, 2008. Coordinated efforts that led to the successful recognition of Sitka as a Bicycle Friendly Community by the League of American Bicyclists.

Sitka Collaborative Visitor Industry Plan: 2005 - 2006. Facilitated a careful and detailed process that engaged all stakeholders in the community.

Tongass Community Counseling Center, Juneau: 1998. Developed systems for compliance to State Domestic Violence Treatment standards. Integrated systems, evaluated and assisted in reporting of local government program data.

Selected group facilitation and planning:

Sitka Whale Fest, 2009. Vision and planning workshop.

Greater Sitka Arts Council, 2008. Planning workshop.

Sitka Long Range Planning and Economic Development Commission: Vision and planning workshop.

Sitka Affordable Housing Forum, 2007. Conference facilitation.

Public Engagements

Alaska Bicycle Summit: 2009

Parish Nurse Ministries: 2005

United Nations Prevention of Violence Against Indigenous Children Conference: 2004

National School Board Association Annual Conference: 2004

Alaska Student Government Annual Conference: 2003

Alaska Prevention Symposium Annual Conference: 2001

National Pathways to Adulthood Annual Conference: 2000, 2001

Southern Sociological Society Annual Conference: 1992

Work Experience

Community Engagement Coordinator, Association of Alaska School Boards Initiative for Community Engagement, Juneau, Alaska.

August 2002 to December 2004. Served a variety of roles in a highly creative and collaborative environment designed to serve a statewide initiative. Primary responsibility as lead Community Educator, delivering community engagement workshops throughout the state, including remote rural locations to indigenous populations. Other responsibilities included oversight of educator staff, continued development and improvement of community engagement delivery and strategy, development and delivery of evaluation measures, and consultation/coaching to various constituents.

Program Coordinator, Division of Family and Youth Services, Juneau, Alaska. July 2000 to July 2002. Developed an independent living program for the State of Alaska to assist young people leaving foster care in the transition to self sufficiency. Responsibilities included youth advocacy, grant and contract management, coordination of government and non-profit agencies at the state, regional, and local level, staff and consumer training, development of management information systems, data collection and analysis, and federal reporting.

Project Director, State Incentive Grant, Juneau, Alaska. October 1999 to June 2000. Managed a multi-agency collaborative community project for the reduction of alcohol use in youth. Responsibilities included fiscal and grant and program management, evaluation research and statistical analysis, and program coordination.

Executive Director, Shanti of Southeast Alaska, Juneau, Alaska. December 1996 to September 1999. Oversaw Southeast Alaska's regional non-profit agency dedicated to reducing the impact of HIV/AIDS through case management and prevention education. Responsibilities included grant writing, fiscal management, systems and program design, marketing, event promotions, and evaluation.

Biography

Matthew Turner is an explorer. Whether in a kayak or in a board room, he seeks the unexpected. And, as a traveler, is as interested in the journey as in the destination. He is a public speaker, participatory educator, youth advocate, and community engagement consultant. Matthew works extensively with Alaskan communities and tribes, and offers consultation to government and tribal organizations across the U.S. and Canada. He helped to develop the independent living program for Alaska's foster care system, and has significant experience working with diverse groups of youth and nonprofit boards. When not on the road he is most likely found on the trail or on the water somewhere in Southeast Alaska.



(Matthew is the tall guy in the back)