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**Professional Positions:**

- ❖ **Project facilitator with the Self Help Network (2002-present) combining a positive attitude and a commitment to integrity.**
- ❖ **Inspirational and transformational public speaker.**
- ❖ **Active in the development of my leadership skills bringing expertise resulting in a comparative advantage to any leadership role.**
- ❖ **Instructor for the Leadership, Empowerment, Advocacy, Project (LEAP) class (PSY 508X, PSY 566).**
- ❖ **Successful in working with mutual support, nonprofits at the grass-root level by serving consumers of mental health services.**
- ❖ **As a recovered consumer of mental health services I bring an understanding valuable in having sensitivity to mental illness gained from personal experiences.**
- ❖ **The Self-Help Network requested that the School of Social Work assign me to their supervision as I was looking for a practicum experience.**
- ❖ **Librarian for the Self-Help Network (present)**
- ❖ **Responsible for writing grants in securing additional funding for twenty-two nonprofits in Kansas.**
- ❖ **Active in the Research Team at the Self Help Network.**

**Education:**

- ❖ **Master of Arts (2003) GPA: 4.0**  
**Major in Social Work.**  
**Wichita State University, Wichita, KS.**
- ❖ **Bachelor of Arts (2001)**  
**Major in Psychology**  
**Minor in Ethnic Studies (Native American Culture)**  
**GPA: 4.0**  
**Wichita State University, Wichita, KS**
- ❖ **Associates in Para-legal (1983) GPA: 4.0**  
**Wichita State University, Wichita, KS**

**Educational Honors & Distinctions:**

- ❖ **Dean's Honor Roll from 1980 to 1983 and 1996 to 2001.**
- ❖ **Psi Chi (Psychology) Honor Society as the Treasurer.**
- ❖ **Phi Kappa Phi Honor Society.**
- ❖ **Golden Key Honor Society.**

**Continuing Education:**

- ❖ **Current Post-Graduate Psychology Class "Seminar in Organizational and Community Intervention"(Fall, 2005).**
- ❖ **Post-Graduate Psychology Leadership Class (Spring, 2005).**

- ❖ **Grant Writing Seminars.**
- ❖ **Leadership Training Seminars.**
- ❖ **Noncredit PowerPoint Class.**

**Volunteer Community Experiences:**

- ❖ **President of the Board, Project Independence, Inc. (1992 – 2002).**
- ❖ **Volunteer and grant writer for Project Independence, Inc. (2002 – present).**

**Awarded Grant Writing Experiences:**

- ❖ **Wal-Mart (five hundred dollars & one thousand dollars).**
- ❖ **Wichita Community Foundation (ten thousand dollars).**

**Presentations & Workshops:**

- ❖ **Kansas Recovery Conference Workshop on consumers of mental health**
- ❖ **Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA) Workshop on photo voice and Discussant for multiple presentations on Consumer Run Organizations.**
- ❖ **Public Speaking Engagements:**
  - **Mental Health Care Professional Conference (2000).**
  - **Candle Light Service (2002).**
  - **National COMPEER Conference (2004).**
  - **Several talks with Wichita Fire Fighter students, EMS students, and Wichita Police candidates (1992 – present)**
  - **Many presentations to Intro Psychology classes in High Schools (1992 – present).**
  - **Lecture on leadership to students of the Kansas Leadership Academy (2005).**

**Publications:**

- ❖ **Local Newspaper Editorial (1992).**
- ❖ **Brown, L.D., Collins, V.L., Shepherd, M.D., Wituk, S. D., & Meissen, G. J. (2004) Photo voice and consumer-run mutual support organizations. *International Journal of Self-Help and Self-Care.***
- ❖ **Collins, V.L. Two Tenths of One Percent, *Reflections Magazine*, (pending).**
- ❖ **Chapter in book about the National COMPEER Program of the Mental Health Association in South Central Kansas.**

**Research Interests:**

- ❖ **Dr. M. Turner's Memory Lab in the Psychology Department of Wichita State University (1998 – 2001).**
- ❖ **Organizational Health and Capacity of CROs Mutual Support Nonprofits.**
- ❖ **Student Outcomes from LEAP 1, 2, & 3.**

**Personal and Professional Development:**

- ❖ **Conferences Attended**

- **Alternatives 2001, 2002 & 2004.**
  - **National Mental Health Association Conference in Washington, D. C. (2004).**
  - **Society for Community Research and Action (SCRA) 2005.**
  - **Workshops in Western Kansas for four trips to build community leadership skills, “Train the Trainer.”**
  - **Southwest Regional Leadership Forum 2005.**
- ❖ **Conferences Hosted by the Self-Help Network:**
- **Kansas Recovery Conference 2002, 2003 & 2005.**
  - **Kansas Summit Conference in 2004.**
  - **Consumer Run Organizations (CROs) quarterly Network Meetings from 2002 to current.**
  - **CRO Annual Leadership Retreats 2002 to current.**