

Laurie A. Curfman

CURRICULUM VITAE

<u>Education</u>	Master of Arts <i>The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio</i> <i>Approved self-designed course of study, course work in</i> <i>Public Administration and Urban Studies and Educational Foundations</i> <i>and Leadership</i>	<i>May 2001</i>
	Bachelor of Arts in Social Work, Magna Cum Laude <i>The University of Akron, Akron, Ohio</i>	<i>May 1999</i>
<u>Experience</u>	Assistant Lecturer, The University of Akron School of Social Work <i>Polsky Building, Akron, OH</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Instructor, Field Seminar I and II; Spring 2014 (I,II), Fall 2014 (I,II), Spring 2015 (II), Summer 2015 (I,II)• Instructor, Introduction to Social Welfare (Spring 2013)	<i>2013 – current</i>
	Faculty Liaison/Asst. Lecturer, The University of Akron School of Social Work <i>Polsky Building, Akron, OH</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Serve as Faculty representative from the university to area agencies hosting field students, both undergraduate and graduate students.• Provide site visits to agencies hosting students to meet with students and their Field Instructors to review Student Integrative Learning Contract to ensure field education competencies and behaviors are satisfied.• Review School of Social Work policies and expectations with student and Field Instructor.• Utilize School of Social Work protocol to assist with any conflicts or situations that arise within the relationship of student and Field Instructor or student and agency.• Provide a thorough review of all student documentation; ensure documents are complete per guidelines.	<i>2010 - current</i>
	Director of Programs, Project GRAD Akron Director of Campus Family Support, Project GRAD Akron (Graduation Really Achieves Dreams), an education reform initiative <i>Buchtel Cluster of Akron Public Schools, Akron, Ohio</i>	<i>2005 - Present</i>
	2009 Internal promotion with the following additional duties and responsibilities: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Design and implement College and Career Central, a college preparation program as a credit bearing course for seniors, aligned with Common Core and American School Counselor Association Standards (2014-2015)• Plan and write program grant proposals, manage grant awards, and prepare all grant reporting. (additional duty as of December 2012) (Project GRAD continued) <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Management and supervision of all Project GRAD Akron program staff, which has included - Literacy Coaches (3), College Access Coordinator, in addition to Campus Family Support Home School Community Coordinators (2-3).	

- Cultivate and maintain strong relationships with community partners for collaborative programming and program support.
- Design and implement College Access Program for secondary students.
- Develop and coordinate programming for College Access and coordinate Literacy programs with building principals.
- Implement Kids2College Program - Sallie Mae Foundation
- Implement and host Expo for Success (college and community fair).
- Design and implement Bridge to College transition program for high school graduates transitioning to college.
- Coordinate and oversee Bridge to GRADuation, 8th grade transition and high school success program.

2005 – 2009 (as Director of Campus Family Support, prior to promotion):

- Conceptualize, design, and implement comprehensive program of social services, parent and family engagement, and college awareness for 1800 K-12 students and their families in three Buchtel Cluster schools.
- Establish Project GRAD Akron as a Field Site for The University of Akron School of Social Work; Supervise Field students. To date (Summer 2015), served as Field Instructor to 46 field students.
- Design and implement Bridge to Kindergarten program; kindergarten readiness program in partnership with Kent State University's Early Childhood Education Department and Kent State University Work Study Department.
- Create, implement, and oversee Summer Academy, a transition program for in-coming freshman students to Buchtel High School. Coordinate curriculum, integrate cultural activities, hiring and supervision of a staff, develop all program policies, recruit students, manage budget and grant stipulations. Conduct program evaluation.
- Organize and coordinate annual Walk for Success Home Visitation Campaign; design and implement annual College Fair and Academic Expo, annual Snacks 'n Fun Holiday Event, GRAD Girls Mentoring Program, annual Spelling Bee, Parents As Partners Academy, and inter-departmental family events throughout the school year.
- Create and sustain joint ventures with Kent State University: 1) Early Childhood Education Home School Community Partnerships to provide field service sites for pre-service teachers in an urban elementary school setting, 2) a scholarship match for 10 students each year, and 3) preliminary discussions for a residential Summer Institute.
- Coordinate Ohio Graduation Test After-School Tutoring Program in partnership with The College of Engineering, IDEAs Program, The University of Akron.
- Coordinate and supervise students from The University of Akron's College of Education who are conducting their Service Learning.
- Cultivate and sustain partnerships and collaborative efforts with community agencies and organizations to utilize existing resources to meet student and family needs, developing programming where gaps in service exist.
- Prepare organizational, program, and event public relations materials; conduct community presentations and generate program reports.

2004-2005

Teacher-Mentor and Evening Program Coordinator

Akron Digital Academy/High School Program, Brittain Road, Akron, Ohio

- Provided personalized academic support, remediation, and guidance.
- Developed and coordinated evening program.
- Maintained accurate course work and transcript data for all students.
- Developed Graduation Mapping with supplemental academic and career guidance services for students and parents.

1998-2005

Elected Board of Education Member

Cuyahoga Falls City Schools Board of Education, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

- President 1999, 2000, 2002, 2004; Vice President 2001.
- Maintained official duties and obligations of elected board service, advocated for all stakeholders, maintained a schedule of public speaking engagements, policy development, working knowledge of collective bargaining, school finance, personnel practices, NCLB mandates.

2001-2005

WIA (Workforce Investment Act) Program Case Manager

Garfield Cluster of Akron Public Schools, Akron, Ohio

- Individualized services for students identified in 8th grade as academically at-risk and economically disadvantaged.
- Provided academic tutoring and remediation, individualized counseling, employability training and career education, attention to all identified academic, attendance, and discipline barriers to successful graduation, guidance and support toward postsecondary educational options and employment, family intervention, counseling and wrap-around services.
- Successful grant applications: East Ohio Gas, Ohio Proficiency Tutoring Program; Summit Education Initiative, Garfield's RAMS Program.

Ohio Proficiency Test Tutoring Coordinator

2001-2002

Family Services of Summit County, Akron, Ohio

- Designed and coordinated tutoring program for 4th grade Ohio Proficiency Test success at Seiberling and Barber Elementary Schools.
- Recruited, trained, and supervised tutors, developed curriculum, maintained data, managed program budget.

Director of Christian Education

1995-2002

St. John's Episcopal Church, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

- Developed and administered program of Christian Education for pre-school through adult, curriculum and staff development.
- Designed and implemented program of Outreach Projects, Sunday School and Youth Group activities for children K-12, managed budget.

**Professional
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Community
Involvement
and Related
Activities**

- Member OCAN/NCAN (Ohio/National College Access Network), 2008 - current
- Committee Member, Women's Endowment Fund Conference, 2015 Conference
- Member Community Welfare Forum, 2013 - current
- Participant/Member – The University Of Akron School Of Social Work Field Advisory, 2008 – current.
- Member Ohio School Counselors Association, 2012-2013
- Member, OACAC (Ohio Association of College Admissions Counseling), 2005-2011
- Committee Member – Programs Committee and Operations Committee for Buchtel Community Learning Center, 2011 - 2012.
- Participant – initial training for Bridges Out of Poverty, Summit County Health Department
- Trained facilitator for The Sallie Mae Fund's Kids 2 College Program, 2008.
- Recognized for Outstanding Service to the Summit 2010 Buchtel Neighborhood Group, 2007
- Served on steering committee for NABSE Student Achievement Recognition Celebration, 2007
- Ohio Department of Education, Family and Consumer Science Standards Expert Panel Member, 2006.
- Recording Secretary and active member, Buchtel Neighborhood Group, Summit 2010 Quality of Life; Rankin Elementary Parent Computer Skills Class committee member, 2005- 2010.
- Presenter (twice), Ohio School Boards Association Capital Conference, topics: District Strategic Planning and Professional Development and Mentoring.
- Independent study- Program evaluation of Summit County Truancy Task Force.
- Invitee of Ohio Attorney General's Safe Schools Symposium.
- Leadership involvement with five Levy Campaigns, Fundraising Chair and Speakers' Bureau Chair.
- Coordinated two Superintendent searches, one Treasurer search.
- Student Achievement Liaison, 6 years, Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.
- Legislative Liaison, 5 years, Cuyahoga Falls City Schools.
- Board Member participant, Board Member Spokesperson, Summit County Academic Standards Initiative 2000 - 2002.
- Actively involved in PTA 17 years; unit leadership; Cuyahoga Falls PTA Council President 1998-2001.
- JC Penny Golden Rule Award Recipient, Summit County.