

Bernajean Porter

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CAREER OBJECTIVE: To use her mastery of technology, curriculum, facilitation, and consensus building skills to support people and organizations in organizing for student results. *Da Um Jetiniho* - there is always a way!

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

July 1990 - 2004

Bernajean Porter Consulting

Professional speaking, consulting, facilitating and project management. Managing large scale projects with businesses and schools on vision planning, community action, team building, designing and implementing technology plans and staff development programs, technology and learning evaluations, as well as consensus building, effective participatory meetings and facilitation training for leaders and managers leading out change. And now digital storytelling guide.

January 1996 -2000

ILLINOIS STATE BOARD OF ED Community-based Planning for Economically Challenged School Districts Project / IL NextSteps Evaluation Toolkit.

Project Director designing and implementing a community-based planning approach for 78 school districts developing *Blueprints for Technology and Learning* with a peer review process. This model of planning and assessment is now expanded throughout the state for 903 school districts. Developer / trainer of state-wide technology evaluation tools, *IL NextSteps*, launched Fall, 2000

August 1995 -1998

NSF-DODEA-Hanau, Germany Model School Project

Consultant working with TERC, Cambridge, MA to develop and assess a model school community-based plan that identifies the role of technology in broadening student learning in the schools for military dependents. This project is expected to vanguard a process throughout the international Dodea school sites.

October 1984 - July 1990

COLORADO DEPARTMENT OF ED

Technology Consultant and Change Facilitator responsible for designing technology plans with 173 school districts to support school restructuring initiatives. Leading district planning teams, developing mission statements & action plans.

Spring 1985 - Present

LESLEY GRADUATE COLLEGE - 29 Everett Street Cambridge, MA, 02238.

Adjunct Faculty for *Issues and Impact of Technology on Schools and Society*, *Integration* and *Software Evaluation* graduate courses delivered in eleven states.

EDUCATION:

- 1999 **FUTURE SEARCH WORKSHOP** Weisbord and Janoff. Using a dynamic process to transform a system's capability for cooperative action.
- 1995 **CHAOS, COMPLEXITY & CHANGE** Sanders & Company, Washington D.C. Looking at whole systems while leading strategic thinking from a nonlinear, intuitive process.
- 1992 **SYSTEMS THINKING** Applying systems thinking tools to critical issues for decision facilitation. Innovation Associates
- 1993 **DIALOGUE As a Tool for Building Community and Systemic Change.** MIT Training for Trainers leading business and community groups in resolving issues and managing change.
- 1990 **CONSENSUS BUILDING** Certified to be a consensus trainer by Chadwick Associates. Vision building, group planning processes, resolving differences and collaborative problem-solving.
- 1990 **NEURO- LINGUISTICS** Practitioner Certification, Boulder, CO Communication skills and strategies for individual and organizational change
- 1989 **BRAIN TECHNOLOGIES** Certification, Ft. Collins, CO Future studies, forecasting strategies, business and change management strategies, breakthrough thinking strategies, team building, diversity management.
- Certified to use their group data instruments: Team building, leadership styles, thinking styles, learning styles, and decision making styles.
- 1988 **GRAPHIC FACILITATION and FACILITATIVE LEADERSHIP TRAINING** Bailey, Associates Vacaville, CA Communication skills and strategies for groups to create their own solutions.

EXPERIENCE:

- 1 Authored *Evaluating Digital Media Products*. Detailed tools and processes for collaborative assessment of digital products to demonstrate quality work and patterns of success.
- 1 Authored *Nutz and Boltz for Large Group Interventions*. A detailed description of thirty facilitation processes for holding large group meetings, guiding diverse groups through decision-making and collaborative work.
- 1 Authored *Grappling with Accountability 2002 : MAPPING Tools for Organizing and Assessing Technology for Student Results*. A comprehensive text and CD-ROM guiding groups with a step-by-step process to develop and implement their own data collection process.
- 1 NSBA online course instructor: *Grappling with Accountability; Evaluating Digital Products*
- Conducted Clark County Schools, NV technology staff development needs assessment. CCSD has 200,000 students, 12,00 teachers, and 215 buildings.
- 1 Project Manager for Denver Public Schools' Technology Planning including needs assessment and community-based visioning. Denver district has 65,000 students, 4000 teachers, and 127 buildings.
- 1 Expert Panel Member: President Clinton's Education Technology Panel for policy decisions; PBS teleconference on Education Technology Planning.

KEYNOTES and WORKSHOPS:

Answer to How is . . . YES
Harnessing the Power of Technology for Student Results
Change is Good . . . You Go First!
Engaging and Empowering Groups for Success
Grappling with Technology Accountability
Springboarding to New Levels: Norming Our Innovations
Managing Chaos—Building High Performance Teams
Managing Transitions: Living in the GAP Between Old and New
Beyond Integration: What You Focus on Expands
Evaluating Digital Media Projects
Wagons East: Settling All Teachers Into New Territory

DigiTales Storytelling Camps
Community Action: Designing Schools for Possibilities
Multiple Intelligences: A Changing Literacy
Consensus Building
Peer Review: Assessing Technology Plans
Riding Waves of Change
Community-based Planning
Educators as Futurists
Nutz and Boltz of Engaging Large Groups
Leave NO Teacher Behind

AFFILIATIONS:

World Future Society; National Association of Staff Development, ISTE, and ASCD.

PRESENT CLIENTS:

eMINTS state-wide program in Missouri; NSBA - ITTE ONline Courses; Round Rock ISD, TX; Hamilton County ESC, Cincinnati, OH; Kal-Tech Gates Project in Kansas; Wichita Schools, KS; Maine's Laptop Program; Area Five LTC, Collinsville, IL; Seminole County Schools, Orlando, FL; Illinois State Board of Education; Clayton Schools, MO; Fairfield Unified School District, CA as well as national conferences ICE, GoTech, ITTE, NECC, CUE, ITTE, TECA.

PAST CLIENTS

San Luis Obispo County Offices, CA; Schaumburg Schools, IL; Madison School District, WI; Clark County Schools, NV; Washoe Schools, NV; Denver Public Schools, CO; NCBOCES, CO; Department of Defense Schools, GA; American International Schools (Egypt, Equador, Bolivia, Argentina, Thailand, Philippines); Glenbrook Schools, IL; Avoca Schools, IL; Glencoe Schools, IL; Skokie Schools, IL; TERC; Chicago Public Schools, IL; Edison Project; Scholastic, INC; Illinois State Board of Education (ISBE).