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Education:

B.A. Clark University, 1964 - cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa
Ph.D. Clinical Psychology, University of Rochester, 1968

Awards:

For the People Against the Tide Award from Health Care for All for Outstanding efforts to energize and educate local communities in all areas of health care justice. June 2000.

Henry V. McNeill Award for Innovation in Community Mental Health from the American Psychological Foundation and the Society for Community Research and Action, 1993

Distinguished Practice in Community Psychology, Award from Division 27, American Psychological Association, 1985.

Commendation for Outstanding Contribution to Prevention in Mental Health, from the Prevention Section of the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers, 1984

Honorable Mention for Outstanding Research, The American Personnel and Guidance Association, 1971.

Professional Experience:

1977-present **Training, Consultation, Community Development, Organizational Consultation, Facilitation and Evaluation**
Services provided for a wide variety of clients across the U.S. and North America including: government (local, state, federal), foundations, professional associations, non-profits, businesses, health and human service providers, mental health systems, public health systems, and grassroots groups.

1990-2002 **Director, AHEC Community Partners** Created and directed organization that develops community programming in Massachusetts, with 16 employees and a budget of over \$1 million.

Principal investigator, rural health outreach projects, Healthy Connections. A Federally funded initiative out of the Office of Rural Health Policy. Supported innovative community outreach program in three communities to increase health access for those in need. 1996-1999. Principal investigator, Moving Beyond Enrollment, 1999-2002.

Project supervisor, Health Access Networks. Funded by the Division of Medical Assistance at the University of Massachusetts Medical School. This project provides six network meetings across the Commonwealth to bring all those concerned with health access for children and families together to exchange information, review policy and maximize the capacity to enroll children. 1998 – 2002.

Founder, Healthy Communities Massachusetts. Healthy Communities Massachusetts (HCM) is a statewide network aimed at supporting community development efforts that build healthy communities in towns and cities across the Commonwealth. HCM projects include an HCM newsletter, work on the Attorney General's Guidelines for Community Benefits for Hospitals and HMOs, and development of the HCM Institute, training community teams in the principles of community development. HCM is funded by: The Boston Foundation, the Department of Public Health, WellChild Foundation, the Toxics Use Reduction Institute, the Department of Health and Human Services, and Blue Cross/Blue Shield. 1994-Present.

Principal investigator, Community Partners project, funded by the W.K. Kellogg Foundation to implement, disseminate and evaluate a technical assistance model of coalition development in ten communities across Massachusetts. 1990-1996.

Principal investigator, Healthy Communities/Health Schools. This School-Linked Services project, funded by the Massachusetts Executive Office of Education, created partnerships between parents, schools and community-based agencies in communities across Massachusetts. Technical assistance was provided by AHEC/Community Partners. 1995-1997.

Coordinator for Public Policy Forum for Partners for Public Health, a Community Based Public Health Initiative funded by the W. K. Kellogg Foundation. 1996-1998.

Collaborator on US AID project working to develop a citizens' academy in Russia focusing on community development issues. Hosted Russian activists for tour of Massachusetts. 1995.

1994-present **Community Tool Box Consultant and contributor** to the online Community Tool Box (www.ctb.lsi.ukans.edu) on Community Development and Coalition-

Building with the University of Kansas Work Group on Health Promotion and Community Development. 1994-present.

- 1996-1999 **Community-Based Community Development Curriculum. The Boston Foundation** .Curriculum developer and trainer for the Boston Persistent Poverty Project of The Boston Foundation.
- 1996-Present **Consultation and Technical Assistance the National Funding Collaborative on Violence Prevention.** Specific technical assistance to sites in: Washington, D.C.; Santa Barbara, CA; Rockford, IL; and East Tennessee.
- 1985 - 2002 **Director of Community Development, Area Health Education Centers, University of Massachusetts Medical Center**
Responsible for development and implementation of local Health and Human Service Coalition in areas of high need in Massachusetts-Athol/Orange, Northern Berkshire, and Cape Cod. Supervise coalition staff, start coalitions, obtain funding, work with state and local government officials, evaluate programs, link to appropriate federal, state and local organizations.
- Sept. 1975 – Dec. 2001 **Private Practice Psychotherapy and Consultation,** Amherst, Massachusetts
- 1981 - 1990 **Special Consultant to Mayor, City of Northampton**
1981 - 1990 Chair, Mayor's Task Force on Deinstitutionalization
1987 - 1990 Consultant, Early Intervention Task Force
- Sept.1985 - Sept.1987 **Principal Investigator, "National Technology Transfer Project: Promoting the implementation of effective primary prevention programs at the community level."**
- July 1981 - Nov. 1982 **Director, Outpatient Clinic, Franklin/Hampshire Community Mental Health Center, Northampton, Massachusetts.**
- June 1977 - Nov. 1981: **Director, Consultation and Education (C&E), Franklin/Hampshire Community Mental Health Center, Northampton, Massachusetts.**

Academic Experience:

- Sept. 1983-1985; 1995-present Adjunct Assistant Professor, Division of Public Health, School of Health, University of Massachusetts, Amherst, Massachusetts.
- May 1989 – July 2002: Associate in Family Medicine and Community Health, the University of Massachusetts Medical School, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Jan. 1984 - 1988

Visiting Scholar, Stone Center, Wellesley College, Wellesley, Massachusetts.

Publications:

Wolff, T., Undergraduates as campus mental health workers. Personnel and Guidance Journal, 48, 294-304, 1969.

Pierce, R. and Wolff, T., Modification of group therapy for use on the college campus, Journal of the American College Health Association, 18, 234-237, 1970.

Wolff, T., Consumer participation course, WAKE Newsletter, January, 1974

Wolff, T., Reflections of a campus social change agent, WAKE Newsletter, February, 1974.

Wolff, T., Helping students change their environments. Personnel and Guidance Journal, April, 1974

Wolff, T., and Levine, J., Peer intervention in a married student community. Personnel and Guidance Journal, April, 1977.

Wolff, T., and Davis, J., The resource network: an experiment in collaboration. November, 1975, manuscript.

Wolff, T., and Brennan, G.; Greenbaum, A.; Slovin, T.; Todd, D.; Practice where you preach: promoting ecological competence through university courses. September, 1975, manuscript.

Wolff, T., Consultation and Education in community mental health centers: a setting for applied community psychology, Division of Community Psychology Newsletter, Summer, 1982.

Snow, D., and Wolff, T., Developing guidelines and standards for the delivery of consultation and education services, Consultation, 1983, vol. 3, no. 1, 38-46.

Wolff, T., The community and deinstitutionalization: A model for working with municipalities, Journal of Community Psychology, Vol. 14, 228-233, 1986.

Gallant, R., Cohen, C. and Wolff, T., Change of older persons' image, impact on public policy result from Highland Valley empowerment plan, Perspective on Aging, Sept/Oct, 1985, p.9-13.

Wolff, T. Community psychology and empowerment: An activist's insights. American Journal of Community Psychology, Vol. 15, No. 2, April 1987, 149-166.

Wolff, T., and Huppert, M., Community Coalition Development: community empowerment in areas of high unemployment, 1987 (manuscript).

Wolff, T. Coalition Building: One Path to Empowered Communities, (self-published manuscript).

Wolff, T., (Ed.) Coalition Sampler, 1992, rev. 1995

Wolff, T. "Coalition Building Tip Sheets," Inserts in Community Catalyst, bi-monthly newsletter of AHEC Community Partners, 1992-1998. Published as separate compilation. 1998.

Wolff, T., (Ed.) "Working in Communities" Special Issue of the Community Psychologist, June, 1993.

Wolff, T., "Communities and Prevention: A Cause for Celebration or Worry." National Mental Health Association Quarterly Prevention Newsletter, Fall/Winter, V.5, n.3 (1994)

Wolff, T., and Kaye, G. (eds). From the Ground Up: A Workbook on Coalition Building and Community Development published by AHEC Community Partners, Spring 1995.

- Wolff, T., "Healthy Communities Massachusetts: One Vision of Civic Democracy, Municipal Advocate, p. 22-24, Spring 1995. (reprinted in the Michigan Municipal Review, March 1996; and Western City, League of California Cities, August, 1996)
- Wolff, T., "An Assets-Based Approach to Building Communities," The National AHEC Bulletin, Volume XIII, Number 1, Winter 1995/1996.
- Wolff, T., and Bashevkin, A. "Community Coalition Building: A Case Study of Transformative Social Change" in L. Diamond and D.C. Klein (Eds.), Transformative Social Change, Alexandria, VA. NTL Institute. (manuscript)
- Berkowitz, B., and Wolff, T. "Rethinking Social Action and Community Empowerment: A Dialogue," chapter in Unmasking Social Inequalities: Victims, Voice and Resistance, Temple University Press (1998).
- Wolff, T., and Kaye, G. The Boston Community Building Curriculum Principle V. Ensuring access to fundamental opportunities and removing obstacles to equal opportunity. 1999.
- Wolff, T. "Practitioners Perspectives." Chapter in Handbook of Community Psychology, Ed. Rappaport, J. and Seidman, E. (1999).
- Berkowitz, B., and Wolff, T. The Spirit of the Coalition. American Public Health Association. 2000.
- Shultz, J., Fawcett, S., Francisco, V., Wolff, T., Berkowitz, B., and Nagy, G. "The Community Tool Box: Using the Internet to Support the Work of Community Health and Development." Journal of Technology in Human Services. Vol 17,Nos 2/3, p193-216. 2000
- Francisco V., Fawcett S., Wolff, T., and Foster D. "Using Quantitative And Qualitative Information To Form An Emerging Typology Of Health And Human Service Coalitions." (manuscript)
- DeChiara,M., Unruh,E., Wolff,T., and Rosen,A. Outreach Works:Strategis for Expanding Health Access in Communities, AHEC Community Partners,2001.
- Lee,.P., Fuccillo,R., Wolff,T. Key components of a statewide healthy community effort. Public Health Reports Vol.115 #2/3, p 134-138 2000.
- Fawcett,S., Francisco,V., Schultz,J., Berkowitz,B., Wolff,T., Nagy,G. The Community Tool Box A web based resource for building healthy communities. Public Health Reports Vol.115, #2/3,p.274-278, 2000.
- Wolff,T. Special Section Editor Community Coalition Building – Contemporary Practice and Research ,American Journal of Community Psychology Vol. 29, no.2, p163-329, 2001
- Wolff, T. Community Coalition Building – Contemporary Practice and Research :An Introduction American Journal of Community Psychology Vol. 29, no.2, p 165-191,2001
- Wolff,T. A Practitioner's Guide to Successful Coalitions American Journal of Community Psychology Vol. 29, no.2, p173-191, 2001
- Wolff,T. The Future of Community Coalition Building American Journal of Community Psychology Vol. 29, no.2, p263-268, 2001
- DeChiara,M., Wolff,T., Unruh,E. Health Access Networks: Advocating social justice from the ground up. AHEC Bulletin Vol XVIII,No 2, p6-7 2001
- Wolff,T. A practical approach to evaluating coalitions. In T.Backer(Ed.) Evaluating Community Collaborations. Springer Publishing(to be published in 2003)
- Cancela,V,Alpert,J.,Wolff,T., & Dachs,S. Psychological approaches to community health:community health psychology in new volume to be published by American Psychological Association in 2003

Wolff, T. The Healthy Communities Movement: A Time for Transformation. National Civic Review. (to be published in 2003)

Recent Presentations:

- “Sustaining Community-Based Initiatives for Coalition Building.” U.S. Healthy Communities Conference. National Civic League. November 1994.
- “Building Healthy Communities.” People for Addison County. Middlebury, VT. March 1996.
- “Building Citizen Leadership.” Training for the Massachusetts Prevention Centers. April 1996
- “A Community Working Together Creating Solutions to Neighborhood and Citywide Concerns.” Leominster Community Coalitions. May 1996.
- “Intersections: Arts and Health Education Collaborations.” Arts for Change, Arts Extension Service. Amherst, Massachusetts. June 1996.
- “Coalition Building,” training workshop. Management of Community Development Institute. Tufts University. June 1996.
- “Sustaining Tobacco Control Coalitions.” Florence, Massachusetts. July 1996.
- “Spirituality in Coalition Building.” Keynote at workshop, Aligning the Planets. Maine Department of Public Health. September 1996.
- “Coalition building: Effectively Organizing Your Community.” Connecticut Hospital Association. Wallingford, Connecticut. December 1996.
- “Working with Communities.” Partnerships for Training. Robert Wood Johnson Foundation. Florida. January 1997.
- “Healthy Communities Massachusetts How to Build a Statewide Movement,” workshop. Building the Voice for Prevention, Massachusetts Prevention Conference. March 1997.
- “Building Coalitions For Family Support.” Massachusetts Children’s Trust Fund Conference. May 1997.
- “Spirituality and Spiritual Principles in Coalition Building Work.” Symposium Society for Community Research and Action. Columbia, South Carolina. May 1997.
- “Building Healthy Communities From the Ground Up.” Keynote Address. Massachusetts Immunization Action Partnership. Marlborough, MA. May 1997.
- “Healthy Communities” workshop. Society for Community Research and Action Biennial. Columbia, South Carolina. May 1997.
- “Building Healthy Communities And Coalition Building.” Keynote address. Food Bank of Western Massachusetts Annual Meeting. November 1997.
- “The Community Toolbox in Grassroots Community Development,” paper with Bill Berkowitz. Presented to the American Public Health Association. Indianapolis, Indiana. November 1997.
- “Community Partnerships: Building Coalitions for Family Support.” New England Kindergarten Conference. November 1997.
- “Community-Based Public Health and Asthma.” Keynote address, Asthma Summit. American Lung Association of Maine. December 1997.
- “Creating Healthier Communities From The Ground Up.” Healthcare Forum Leadership Retreat. Colorado Springs, Colorado. July 1998.
- “Collaboration of Partnerships.” Department of Mental Retardation Leadership Training. September 1998.

“Coalition Building,” keynote address at annual meeting. Community Foods Security Coalition. Pittsburgh, PA. October 1998.
 “Working in Collaboratives.” Celebrating Youth and Families Conference. Pro-Youth Coalition. Santa Barbara, CA. October 1998.
 “Learning About Coalition Effectiveness.” Workshop at the Building With Communities Towards The New Millennium CDC Prevention Of Teen Pregnancy Conference. March 1999.
 “Building Hope and Inspiration Through Community Coalitions.” Rural Poverty Conference. Gill, MA. March 1999.
 “Healthy Cape Cod,” keynote address. Annual meeting of Barnstable County Department of Health & Human Services. April 1999.
 “The AHEC Role In Building Community Capacity To Improve Health.” National AHEC Conference workshop. Louisville, Kentucky. August 1999.
 “Building Healthy Communities, A New Opportunity for the Medical School and Clinicians.” Grand rounds, Department of Family Medicine and Community Health. University of Massachusetts Medical School. October 1999.
 “Building Structures For Success.” Community building workshop. Catamount Partnership, Bennington, VT. October 1999.
 “Collaboration Clinic.” New Ventures in Philanthropy. Washington D.C. April 2000.
 Coalition Building : Models, methods, tools and resources Annual training institute State Mental Health Olmstead Coordinators, Washington DC 2001
 Healthy Communities: Building Communities from the Ground Up, American Psychological Association Annual Meeting, San Francisco, 2001
 Community Development Workshop , American Cancer Society, Alexandria, VA 2001
 Creating Social Capital through Healthy Communities NECON Conference, Waltham Mass. 2001
 Moving the American Cancer Society to a Community Development Model, Framingham MA 2002
 Coalition Building for Olmstead, Wyoming Dept. Mental Health, Caspar Wyoming 2002

Organizational Consultation and Training (selective listing):

Local

Chicopee Public School System
 Department of Social Services, Hampshire County
 Northfield School System
 Highland Valley Elder Services, Inc. - Special Consultant
 Hillary O'Shea, Management Consultant to business, New York, Massachusetts.
 Department of Mental Health-supervision, prevention.
 Founder, Stress Management Associates, Amherst/Northampton
 Department of Public Health - early childhood programs
 Western Massachusetts Regional Libraries
 Berkshire AHEC
 Franklin County Commissioners
 Multi Service Health

Early Intervention Task Force, City of Northampton, Consultant
 Veterans Administration Medical Center, Leeds
 Western Massachusetts Regional Libraries
 Massachusetts Library Association
 Lawrence Teen Pregnancy Coalition
 Greater Lowell Alliance for People
 Lutheran Children and Family Services
 Highland Valley Elder Services - coalition building
 Tri-County Partnership (Hampshire, Franklin, Berkshire Counties)
 Healthy Boston - Boston Department of Health and Hospitals
 Governor's Highway Safety Bureau - Saving Lives Program
 University of Massachusetts School of Public Health - development of community
 based Public Health Initiative (funded by W.K. Kellogg Foundation \$2.2 million)
 Holyoke Community Partnership
 Elder Services of Berkshire County
 Merrimack Valley Elder Services
 Chicopee Community Partnership
 Valuing Our Children, Boynton Fund
 Massachusetts Secretary of Administration and Finance Consultation on Prevention
 Baystate Medical Center Community Medicine Residency Program
 Stavros
 Massachusetts Department of Social Services, Family Preservation Project, Community
 Connections
 Health Care For All
 The Boston Foundation
 Southern Berkshire Partnership
 Berkshire Prevention Alliances
 Department of Mental Retardation
 Western Mass. Training Consortium
 Stavros
 Toxics Use Reduction Institute

Regional, National Consultations

1979	Consultation Center, Yale University School of Medicine, New Haven, Connecticut
1979	State Drug and Alcohol Providers, Vermont
1979	South Shore Community Mental Health Center, Quincy, Massachusetts.
1980	Department of Mental Health, State of North Carolina
1980	U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, NIMH Washington, DC, Special consultant on prevention in mental health
1980	U.S. Department HHS, ADAMHA, Washington, DC
1984	State of North Carolina, Community Mental Health Providers
1984	Dartmouth College, Health Service.

1985	California Wine Institute, San Francisco
1986	Yaffe Foundation, Fall River
1986	Canyon Ranch Foundation, Tucson, Arizona, Member Board
1987	Virginia Department of Mental Health, Prevention
1988	Consultation Center, Yale University
1990	Putting Community Back into Human Service Delivery Systems, Charlotte, North Carolina
1990	Newark, OSAP Conference, Rutgers University, Workshops: Community Development in the 1990's, Coalition Maintenance
1991	San Jose, California, County Health Department Keynote: Building Competent Communities
1992	Albany, New York, New York State Council on Alcohol Conference, Keynote: Coalition Building and Substance Abuse Prevention with David Chavis
1992	Kaufmann Foundation, Project Star, Kansas City, Kansas
1992	W.K. Kellogg Foundation - consultation and technical assistance
1992	Join Together, Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, Boston University Nationwide computer network column on coalition building; faculty for national Fellowship Program
1993	National Institute on Aging, Colorado
1993	W. K. Kellogg Community-Based Public Health Initiatives Presentation on Policy, Ann Arbor, Michigan
1993	Public Television Documentary, "Frontline," interviewed on the process of community involvement in de-institutionalization
1994	Department of Health and Environmental Control, South Carolina
1994	W. K. Kellogg, Technical Assistance, Kiawah, South Carolina
1994	John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation on collaboration
1995	Work Group in Health Promotion, University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
1995	Cleveland Center, Consultation on Community Collaboration, Shelby, North Carolina
1996	Addison County, Vermont
1996-1997	Robert Wood Johnson Foundation
1997	Department of Mental Health, Shelby, North Carolina
1997	American Lung Association
1998	Health Care Forum
1998-1999	Southeast New Hampshire Health Center
1999	Centers for Disease Control, Atlanta, Georgia
1999	Catamount Partnership, Vermont
2000	American Cancer Society
2001	Sierra Health Foundation
2001	Manitoba Public Health Institute
2001	Mt AHEC , Asheville North Carolina
2002	Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services
2002	Maine Dept Mental Health
2002	Wyoming Dept Mental Health
2002	Robert Wood Johnson Health Fellows Program

Professional Organizations:

American Psychological Association, Fellow, Division 27, Community Psychology. Chair-Division 27 Task Force on Community Psychologists in Applied Settings, 1979, 1989.

Licensed Psychologist in Massachusetts, 1974 - 1999

Massachusetts Psychological Association, Fellow, Member Legislative Committee 1987.

National Register of Health Services Providers in Psychology, Member 1987

Council on Prevention, National Council Community Mental Health Centers.
Member 1978-1983; Chair 1980-1982

Editorial Advisory Board - Community Mental Health Journal, 1980. Book Reviewer 1983.

Journal of Community Psychology, Consulting Editor, 1983-1986

Prevention News, a publication of the National Council of Community Mental Health Centers.
Quarterly column on Legislative Issues, 1983-1986.

Massachusetts Self-Help Clearing House, Board Member, 1989.

Leverett / Amherst School Committee 1988-1991

Community Catalyst Contributing Editor 1991 - 1998

President Board, Community Partners Inc. 2001-2003