

AHEC-SSW Training Partnership
Faculty Information Sheet

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Education/Degrees: MSW, Ph.D., University of Michigan, (1994, 1999); BA, Smith College (1992)

Professional Certifications: Nonprofit Management, Duke University (2016)

Academic Experience:

University of North Carolina School of Social Work, Chapel Hill, NC (2016-present)

Community Engagement Specialist, UNC Cares (2021-present)

Independent Contractor, Jordan Institute for Families/Cares (2016-2021)

Warren Wilson College, Asheville NC (1999-2016)

Director of Institutional Effectiveness (2011-2016)

Social Work Faculty and Field Education Director (1999-2001) and Program Director (2001-09)

Brief Summary of Work Experience (last two years):

- Developing, implementing, and evaluating education and training materials for North Carolina's vulnerable adults, their families, and professionals. Current work includes:
 - Developing online, on-demand trainings for the NC Division of Aging and Adult Services for the DSS adult social work workforce across the state.
 - Developing print, in-person, and interactive, self-paced and online educational materials for self-advocates, families and professionals on supporting choice and self-determination and the use of supported decision-making and other less restrictive alternatives to guardianship.
- Applying the Collective Impact framework for long-term social change with the Rethinking Guardianship Statewide Initiative, Work Together NC, and projects associated with Age-Friendly Buncombe County (see below).

Coordinator, Age-friendly Buncombe County, 2016-2022

- Leading community-wide needs assessment and planning processes to identify goals and strategies for Age-friendly Buncombe.

- Identifying, establishing, facilitating, and coordinating working groups and initiatives associated with Age-friendly Buncombe.

Specialization/Research Areas:

Adult Development, Aging, Age-Friendly Communities, Aging in Community and Aging in Place, Aging Services Network, Alternatives to Adult Guardianship, Experienced Workforce, Collective Impact

Available for presentations on the following topics:

Working with LGBTQ+ Older Adults

COVID-19 and Older Adults

WHO/AARP Network of Age Friendly Communities

Age-Friendly Communities in North Carolina

Experienced Workforce: Issues and Considerations

Supporting Choice and Self-Determination: Less Restrictive Options to Adult Guardianship

Community Health Workers: A Model for Aging in Place

Aging in Community/Aging in Place