

Resume/Narrative - Shari Wolfe

My professional background:

*Special Education/Learning Disabilities and Autism, all grade levels

*Administration and Supervision/Learning Coordinator in Special Education

*Case Manager/Special Education, all areas, including developing, managing and initiating Individual Educational Plans (IEPs) for students

*School Psychology, including evaluation, supervision, therapy, private tutoring, planning, and advocacy, all grade levels

*District and school building mentor, plus supervising teacher of many student teachers/interns

District Supervisory Boards

-State certification

-Special Education legislation for learning disabilities and autism reform

-District Superintendent Board of Directors leading to state reform in Special and General Education

Combined 35 years' experience, all above areas. Kindergarten, middle school, high school and college

I am retired from the School Districts, still on consult, and currently in private practice.

Narrative: I assumed a leadership role in every area mentioned. My main focus and goals were to educate and mentor general and special education teachers, specialists and other professional in the field of special education. I sat on several boards and committees, was chair for many, pertaining to driving legislation and reform in our field to the state level, in which we had proven success. I am a hard worker, productive, tenacious, deeply passionate, very driven toward improvement, focused, organized, persistent, and realistic, particularly, concerning the time involved in planning and carrying out a task, successfully, to its conclusion. I always like colleagues, with whom I am working, to have a similar passion, drive, focus, and hopefully, goals. I place high priority on achieving whatever the goal set, or the mission to be accomplished is, within a reasonable and mutually agreed upon time frame. I love and thrive on team work. Cooperation and responsibility are key ingredients for a team to work well together. I work and communicate very well, and am good at refocusing a group, if needed. This comes with experience, which I have, and feel is an asset. I'm diplomatic. I like competence, and cannot work well with those who do not aspire to achieve a common goal. It is a team effort, I believe. This will lead to a successful outcome.

I have excellent communication skills, am very energetic, with a positive attitude, articulate - have written a complete book of IEP Goals and Documents for Special Education, which was used in my school district - and am computer savvy. Above all, I am patient, a good listener and collaborator.

Having said this, I believe that an important and critical part of this a Group will be education first, which leads to legislation. It will take time, focus and dedication. To establish a mission, and remain focused on the mission, is so important, and should be accomplished immediately. Goals, and a realistic, but reasonable time frame for accomplishing these goals should follow. They will undoubtedly change, as the group develops and grows together, and begins to really become collaboration. Change inevitably occurs, which is normal group dynamics. We need to be very astute. Clarity is essential.

I believe the success of this Group will depend on good leadership, along with the ability to remain educated, focused on the Group's purpose, positive, realistic, knowledgeable and passionate, but not emotionally charged. Revising, or revamping legislation is going to require all this, plus continued awareness, and ongoing communication with each other. We are collectively, a very passionate group of dog lovers, who want positive changes to happen. This is going to take time, and we may not have the support of many large organizations. Therefore, being educated, smart and diligent is crucial. We need to also be positive and supportive of one another, because I believe we are in for a rough journey. If change is to occur, irrational or impulsive action will only hinder the outcome. If we work well together, I believe we can be successful, and would like to assist in this endeavor.

Thank you for considering me for your Board of Directors.

Regards,

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