

Meredith Butler

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QUALIFICATIONS SUMMARY

Highly motivated, results-driven professional of unquestionable integrity with a passion for the mission of the organization. Skilled in effective leadership, strategic planning, forecasting, SWOT analysis, and gap assessments. Strong ability to demonstrate management strategies proven to be effective in exceeding goals set forth by upper management. Outstanding listening skills, focus, energy, adaptability and a healthy sense of humor.

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

KANSAS STATE UNIVERSITY, MANHATTAN, KS

Project Director, 4-H Military Partnership Project

January 2018 – present

- Lead and facilitate all aspects of the 4-H Military Partnership Project.
- Collaborates with USDA program leaders and Military Services Headquarters staff to provide 4-H programming for military connected youth.
- Responsible for writing grant proposals, developing requests for application (RFA), managing sub-awards, and developing and managing evaluation and reporting components for the project.
- Supports the scholarly development of curriculum and coordinates appropriate professional development for military child and youth program staff and Extension 4-H staff.
- Facilitates special projects for the military in collaboration with university faculty in other disciplines.

COUNTY OF GEARY COUNTY, JUNCTION CITY, KS

Director, 8th Judicial District Community Corrections

March 2006 – December 2017

- Conception, oversight, implementation, direction and continuous evaluation of multiple community based court supervision programs for high risk/high need adult and juvenile felony offenders in a multicounty judicial district.
- Planned, coordinated, and created annual comprehensive/strategic plans, grant applications, annual budgets, staffing design, and program needs in accordance with state and federal laws, regulations and standards, as well as best practices and evidence based principles for the industry.
- Chief Financial Officer for the department responsible for approving all expenditures, deposits and all other elements of budget maintenance. Final decision maker for all departmental needs.
- Comprehensive knowledge and experience in group and individual facilitation while working with people from various socioeconomic, racial, ethnic, and cultural backgrounds.
- Solid understanding of the need for both qualitative and quantitative measurements to drive decision making.

Notable Accomplishments

- ✓ Effectively managed a \$1.5 million annual budget spread over 10 different funds/accounts.
 - ✓ Led a team of 35+ staff members to accomplishing a 75% or higher rate of successful supervision completion for adult offenders while focusing on bottom-up empowerment, engagement and staff commitment.
 - ✓ Secured over \$200K through donors, grants and memorandums of agreement for the establishment of specialty courts including Drug Court and Truancy Court.
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- ✓ Led the agency through major statutory changes to programming (Senate Bill 14, Senate Bill 367 (ongoing) while maintaining high morale and a sense of commitment from line-staff.
- ✓ For more than 5 years, met or exceeded the State prescribed goal of 75% successful completion rate for adult offenders on supervision with the department.
- ✓ Served as a pilot site/contributing leader for a collaborative effort between the Kansas Department of Corrections, the 8th Judicial District Community Corrections, the Kansas Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Kansas Department of Labor, United Healthcare, Central Kansas Foundation, and Pawnee Mental Health Services – “*Collaborations for Success*”.
- ✓ Received numerous awards and recognition for contributions to the community and industry.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

COUNTY OF GEARY COUNTY, KS

Assistant Director, 8 th Judicial District Community Corrections	2002 - 2006
Day Reporting Coordinator, 8 th Judicial District Community Corrections	1998 – 2002
Life Skills Instructor, 8 th Judicial District Community Corrections	1997 – 1998

EDUCATION

Master of Liberal Studies in Organizational Leadership

Fort Hays State University, Hays, Kansas (4.0 GPA)

Bachelor of Science in Criminology

Kansas State University, Manhattan, Kansas

CURRENT BOARDS

- Co-Founder/Board Member, Geary County Prevention Partnership, Inc. (2009-Present)
 - Co-Founder/Chairperson, Kansas Corrections Care Coalition (2014-2018)
 - Community Corrections Representative/Board Member, Senate Bill 123 Sub-Committee Member, House Bill 2170 Sub-Committee Member, Kansas Sentencing Commission (2016-2018)
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PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

- Certified in Individual Crisis Intervention and Peer Support and Group Crisis Intervention, International Critical Incident Stress Foundation
 - Certified Facilitator, CrossRoads Inc. and Real Colors –National Curriculum & Training Institute, Inc.
 - Certified Facilitator, Corrections Fatigue to Fulfillment, Desert Waters Correctional Outreach
 - Certified in the administration and scoring of the SASSI (Substance Abuse Subtle Screening Inventory), SASSI Institute
 - Certified Facilitator, “How Being Trauma Informed Improves Criminal Justice Systems”, SAMHSA’s GAINS Center
 - Certified in the carry and use of Pepper Spray, Aerosol Subject Restraint / OC
 - Certified, Fiscal Policy, Kansas Department of Corrections
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TECHNOLOGY ACUMEN

- Microsoft Office: Word (excellent), Excel (excellent), Publisher (above average), PowerPoint (above average)
- QuickBooks (intermediate)
- Outlook
- Lotus and Access based documenting systems – Kansas Department of Corrections
- Office equipment