



## Elizabeth Aquino

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### Experience

#### **WRITER, LOS ANGELES, CA LIST OF PUBLICATIONS AT END**

#### **WRITER/EDITOR, [MARIJUANA.COM](http://MARIJUANA.COM), LOS ANGELES, CA – 2015-PRESENT**

Assist in all editorial activities for website, including original articles and features

#### **GHOSTWRITER, GHOST GROUP – 2015-2016**

Assisted physician in editing and writing a full-length manuscript for publication

#### **GHOSTWRITER JANUARY 2015-JUNE 2015**

Assisted physician in researching, editing and writing a full-length manuscript for publication.

#### **CONSULTANT, MICHELLE WOLF, ONGOING**

Assist in grant-writing, advocacy efforts for caregiver initiatives for the developmentally disabled and research work for special needs healthcare issues and advocacy, writing

#### **CONSULTANT, THE ALLIANCE FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS, LOS ANGELES CA 2012-2013**

- Assist advocacy efforts of The Alliance whose clients include 7,000 children in the foster care system.
- Field work locating, interviewing and committing mental health professionals, speech/language pathologists, occupational therapists and physical therapists to assist in organization's advocacy work.
- Compiled database of professionals for ongoing resource bank at Alliance.
- Wrote brochures to be utilized in advocacy work and interviewed caregivers and assisted in caregiver trainings.

#### **CONSULTANT AND ADVISORY COUNCIL/PARENT LEADERSHIP AND MENTORING, PROJECT ACCESS LEARNING COLLABORATIVE, AUGUST 2011-AUGUST 2013**

- Coordinated and collaborated to ensure smooth delivery of services across parent/family teams and between parent/family teams and URM team.

- Facilitated family groups from several grantee states
- Supported continuous engagement of family team members
- Developed and participated in relevant webinars related to improving quality of healthcare for children and youth with epilepsy
- Presented at national grantee meetings

**COMMITTEE MEMBER FOR THE REVIEW OF GRANT APPLICATIONS, UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES, HEALTH RESOURCES AND SERVICES ADMINISTRATION**

- Reviewed grant applications for the National Center for Community Based Services for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
- Reviewed grant applications for the National Center on Transition to Adult Health Care for Youth with Special Healthcare Needs
- Reviewed grant applications for National Epilepsy Center
- Reviewed grant applications for State Implementation Grants for Systems of Services for Children and Youth with Special Healthcare Needs

**PARENT CO-CHAIR FOR IMPROVING THE SYSTEM OF CARE FOR CHILDREN AND YOUTH WITH SPECIAL HEALTHCARE NEEDS LEARNING COLLABORATIVE, PROJECT ACCESS, NATIONAL INITIATIVE FOR CHILDREN'S HEALTHCARE QUALITY, BOSTON, MA 2006-2011**

- Assisted in leadership of faculty planning group
- Played active role in connecting parent/family team members during learning sessions
- Assisted in the ongoing implementation of data strategy, addressing issues related to measurement and reporting
- Presented at learning sessions
- Reviewed reports and continually assessed the progress of teams
- Recommended interventions to achieve Family goals
- Played active role in mentoring and teaching faculty, collaborative participants and organizations about the clinical perspective and achieving family aims
- Assisted with content development for final reports

**SECRETARY AND MEMBER-AT-LARGE, BOARD OF DIRECTORS, EPILEPSY FOUNDATION OF GREATER LOS ANGELES, 2009-2011**

- Acted as Trustee of the organization on behalf of the donors and funding sources
- Member of Executive Committee
- Member of Development and PR Committee
- Developed and helped to procure a grant from Women in Film for a nationally aired Public Service Announcement
- Helped to plan and run fundraising events, including gala, Epilepsy Walk, etc.

**PARENT EDITOR OF *INSIGHTS AND STRATEGIES*, EPILEPSY THERAPY PROJECT, 2009-2011**

- Edited parent articles for inclusion in online journal
- Wrote articles for inclusion in quarterly journal

**FOUNDER AND ADVISOR, PEOPLE AGAINST CHILDHOOD EPILEPSY (PACE), 1996-2012**

- Founded a 501 (c)3 not-for-profit corporation in 1996 to battle epilepsy and provide funds for medical research, as well as outreach for those affected and their families
- Helped to raise over 4 million dollars
- Serviced on board for ten years, reviewing and voting on research grants
- Served as advisor

## Education

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill

Bachelor of Arts in English and French Literature

## Awards

Fellowship, Writing by Writers at Tomales Bay, October 2015

Writer In Residence, Hedgebrook, Whidbey Island, Washington, June-July 2015

## PUBLICATIONS

[marijuana.com](http://marijuana.com)

*Hope for a Sea Change*, published by Shebooks, June 2014

*The Los Angeles Times*

*Epilepsy and My Child Newsletter (Epilepsy Foundation of America)*

*Powerful Partnerships: A Handbook for Families and Providers Working Together to Provide Care*

*Faraway Literary Magazine*

*Mothers of Intention: How Women and Social Media are Revolutionizing Social Media in America*

*Spirituality and Health Magazine*

*Exceptional Parent Magazine*

*A Cup of Comfort for Parents of Special Needs Children*

*My Baby Rides the Short Bus*

*Slow Trains*

*The Mom Egg*

*Wit and Wisdom from the Parents of Special Needs Kids*

### **PERSONAL BLOGGER:**

[a moon worn as if it had been a shell](#)

A blog where parenting, disability, poetry and politics intersect. Receives 50,000+ views a day.