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SKILLS

Writer (Publications Below)/Editor/Healthcare Advocate/Interviewer

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Creator/Developer/Co-Host - Podcast - *Who Lives Like This?!*, a weekly podcast about the grit and grace of caregiving (Ongoing)

Creator/Facilitator of Books & Bakes, a literary food salon (Ongoing)

- Facilitate monthly discussions of contemporary and classic novels
- Plan, prepare and serve related dinner to paying guests

Consultant - Michelle Wolf (Ongoing)

- Assist in grant writing
- Provide advocacy efforts for caregiver initiatives for the developmentally disabled
- Research on special needs healthcare issues and advocacy

Writer - Marijuana.com (2015-2017)

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

Consultant - United States Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration (2007-2017) and Committee Member for the Review of Grant Applications

Researcher/Editor/Ghost Writer - Physicians (2014-2017)

Consultant - The Alliance for Children's Rights (2012-2013)

Consultant/Advisory Council Member/Parent Leadership/Mentoring - Project Access Learning Collaborative (2011-2013)

Founder/Advisor/Board Member - People Against Childhood Epilepsy (1996-2012)

Parent Co-Chair for improving the system of care for children and youth with special healthcare and learning needs – Learning Collaborative, Project Access, National Initiative for Children’s Healthcare Quality (2006-2011)

Secretary and Member At-Large, Board of Directors, Executive, Development and PR Committee - Epilepsy Foundation of Greater Los Angeles (2009-2011)

Parent Editor of *Insights and Strategies* - Epilepsy Therapy Project (2009-2011)

EDUCATION

University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill (2015) – Bachelor of Arts in English and French Literature

Awards

Fellowship, Writing by Writers at Tomales Bay, California (2015)

Writer In Residence, Hedgebrook, Whidbey Island, Washington (2015)

PUBLICATIONS

Hope for a Sea Change, SheBooks

The Los Angeles Times

LA Weekly

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