
Debra Grabill

Education

D.A. Studies	2006-2008 Franklin Pierce University, Doctor of Arts in Leadership
C.A.G.S.	1981, University of New Hampshire, Field Concentration: Education Administration and Supervision
M.Ed.	1977, University of New Hampshire, Field Concentration: Secondary Education
B.A.	1975, University of New Hampshire, Major: Spanish

Present Position

Technical Assistance Specialist, American Institutes for Research (AIR)

Serves as education content specialist, providing technical assistance on role of education and schools in interagency and cross-stakeholder collaboration. Specializes in interagency initiative alignment and development of communities of practice as a strategy to advance priorities of state and local agencies to improve youth outcomes. Facilitates peer-to-peer networking, coordinates conference presentations and webinars, and provides technical assistance and training. Areas of focus include development of systems of care, addressing non-academic barriers to achievement, school mental health, special education and effective post-secondary planning.

Professional Experience

Consultant, National Association of State Directors of Special Education, Washington, DC, IDEA Partnership (2008-Present)

Provide consultation and technical assistance on interagency collaboration to state agencies and stakeholders in the National Community of Practice on School Behavioral Health and the National Community of Practice on Transition.

Consultant, University of New Hampshire, Institute on Disability/UCED, Children's Mental Health Core Competencies Project (2010-Present), APEX II, APEX III Project (2009-2011)

Core Competencies Project: Consultation to project on workforce development for community mental health centers involving establishing competency-based hiring and professional development for all staff who provide mental health services to children and families.

APEX Projects: Consultation on program development and professional development activities related to dropout prevention and effective post-secondary education planning for students.

Consultant, NH Center for Effective Behavioral Interventions and Supports at SERESC, Bedford, NH, Mental Health and Schools Together Projects (2009 – 2011), (2006-2008)

Consultation on project funded by the US Department of Education Office of Safe and Drug-Free Schools. Focus: Improving student access to high quality mental health services through infrastructure development and establishing programmatic connections between schools, families, mental health and juvenile justice systems.

Consultant, Facilitator, NH Department of Health and Human Services, Bureau of Developmental Services, Community of Practice on Employment (2011)

Provided consultation and facilitation of development of NH Community of Practice on Employment as sustainability strategy for Medicaid Infrastructure Grant.

Consultant, NH Center for Public Policy Studies (2008-2009)

Consultation to Project Team on development, administration and analysis survey on student mental health services in NH schools.

Interagency Consultant, Transition Coordinator, NH Department of Education, Special Education State Improvement Grants (SIG I, II) (2001-2007)

SIG II: Convened and coordinated work of NH Transition Community of Practice, an interagency/cross-partnership effort focused on high school re-design, school-business partnerships, professional development and youth leadership to enhance collaboration and improve post-high school outcomes for youth. **SIG I:** Alignment and coordination of statewide and community-level programs and systems of care and education to improve services and student outcomes. Examples: Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS), improving post-high school planning (secondary transition), professional development, program improvement.

State Site Coordinator, Learning Innovations at WestEd, NH Cornerstone Project (2004-2006)

Coordination of subcontractor work on development and measurement of early childhood and family outcomes for collection and reporting of data on statewide service delivery to meet federal compliance requirements.

Project Coordinator, Learning Innovations at WestEd, NH Quality Improvement Linking Together (QUILT) Project (2003-2004)

Coordination of Interagency Improvement-Planning Project: NH Department

of Education, Preschool Special Education Services with NH Department of Health and Human Services Family-Centered Early Supports and Services.

State Director of Special Education, Administrator, Consultant, Bureau of Special Education. NH State Director of Special Education, Special Education Consultant, NH Department of Education (1997-2000)

Responsible for oversight of public and non-public special education programs for NH students with disabilities ages 3-21; development and implementation of state policies and programs related to programs for students with disabilities; oversight of state and federal fiscal resources for special education; legislative testimony and responses; management of Bureau of Special Education: budget development, hiring, supervision, program oversight and development; oversight of federal special education State Improvement Grant; federal reporting; coordination of Bureau participation in department-wide programs and initiatives.

Employment History

- 2011–Present** Technical Assistance Specialist, American Institutes for Research, Washington, DC
- 2001–Present** Consultant, DDG Consulting, LLC, Hanover, NH
- 1997–2000** State Director of Special Education, Administrator, Consultant, Bureau of Special Education, NH Department of Education, Concord, NH
- 1995 – 1996** Instructor in Education, Teaching Internship Supervisor, Department of Education, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- 1992 – 1996** Teaching Internship Supervisor, Consultant on Inclusion of Students with Disabilities, Upper Valley Educator Institute, Lebanon, NH
- 1978-1988** Interim Coordinator of Teacher Education, Acting Director of Field Experiences, Instructor in Education, Supervisor of Interns, Graduate Assistant, Department of Education, University of New Hampshire, Durham, NH
- 1975-1978** Teacher: Spanish, Sociology, The Derryfield School, Manchester, NH

Professional Affiliations

Council for Exceptional Children: Council for Children with Behavioral Disorders,
Council for Exceptional Children: Division on Career Development and Transition



Professional Presentations

- Keenan, Sandra., & Grabill, Debra. (July 2011) Partnership with Schools and Mental Health: Win, Win for Everyone. Presented at Systems of Care Community Training, Chicago, IL.
- Grabill, Debra. (June 2011) Keynote Remarks. Presented at Annual Meeting of West Central Behavioral Health, Lebanon, NH.
- Grabill, Debra. (May 2011) Building Communities of Practice: Making Connections – National, State, Local. Presented at meeting of South Central (NH) Transition Community of Practice, Londonderry, NH
- Grabill, Debra., Abate, Kathleen., Jensen, Egon., Murphy, Kathleen., Van Loon, Carol. (January 2011) Live CoP or Die: NH's Communities of Practice. Presented at meeting of IDEA Partnership, Alexandria, VA
- Grabill, Debra. (January 2011) Building the NH Employment Community of Practice: Sustaining and Growing the Work of the Granite State Employment Project (NH Medicaid Infrastructure Grant). Presented at meeting of State Steering Committee. Concord, NH
- Grabill, Debra. (August 2010) Do Try This At Home, School and Work! Connecting with the NH Communities of Practice. Presented at APEX Institute, UNH Institute on Disability, UCED, Bartlett, NH
- Grabill, Debra., Amundson, Ed., Bigaj, Steve., Burzio, Catherine., Cort, Rebecca., Dojonovic, Stacie., Shapiro, Matthew., Warner, Jane. (March 2010) Summary of Performance: Can it Really Improve Student Outcomes? Webinar. National Secondary Transition Technical Assistance Center, Charlotte, NC
- Grabill, Debra. (March 2010) Dialogue Guide Development. Meeting of New Mexico Mental Health Community of Practice, Albuquerque, NM
- Grabill, Debra., Romett, Ellen., Schultz, Sharon. (October 2009) IDEA Partnership Dialogue Guides. Presented at meeting of National Community of Practice on School Behavioral Health, Minneapolis, MN
- Geller, Barbara., Grabill, Debra., Matteuchi, Deb. (September 2009) Systems in Sync. Presented at Olmstead Conference. Bazelon Center for Mental Health Law, Washington, DC
- Grabill, Debra., Burzio, Catherine., Stoehr, Michael., Dojonovic, Stacie. (September 2009) Making Connections – National, State and Local. Wisconsin Transition Network Coordinator Meeting, Wisconsin Statewide Transition Initiative, Madison, WI.
- Grabill, Debra., & Guthrie, Pat. (July 2009) Autism Spectrum Disorders Community of Practice. Presented at pre-conference of Autism Society of America, Chicago, IL
- Grabill, Debra., Chambers, Christie., Schefkind, Sandra. (January 2009) Intersection of Mental Health and Education. Presented at IDEA Partnership Meeting, Arlington, VA

Grabill, Debra. (June 2008) Building Communities of Practice: New Opportunities, Better Outcomes. Presented at Fiesta Educativa Conference, Los Angeles, CA

Grabill, Debra., & Romett, Ellen. (February 2008) Sharing in IEP Development and Implementation: Communities of Practice as Partners in the Process. Presented at Oklahoma Regional Transition Training Sessions, Atoka and Oklahoma City, OK

Grabill, Debra., Perry, Joe., Irwin, Virginia., Whelley, Peter. (September 2007) The Critical Roles of State Agency Leadership and Local Community Partnerships in Improving Youth Outcomes. Presented at CSMHA Conference, Orlando, FL.,

Grabill, Debra., Irwin, Virginia., Mann, Eric., Perry, Joe. (September 2006) Interagency Partnerships Can Improve Outcomes for Youth! Strategies and Challenges in Aligning Agency Priorities and Initiatives. Presented at CSMHA Conference, Baltimore, MD