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PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Augenblick, Palaich & Associates (APA), Denver, CO 2005 – present

Vice President

- Organizational lead in the area of program evaluation.
- Lead a variety of education evaluations including studies of school working conditions, family, friend and neighbor preschool, teacher induction, and a cost-effectiveness analysis of a teacher mentoring program in Aurora, Colorado.
- Conduct evaluations of education programs through the Corporation for National and Community Service's Social Innovation Fund (SIF).
- Research teacher turnover, teacher mentoring, educator effectiveness, cost effectiveness, and program evaluation strategies.
- Provide support to school districts and program leaders to identify and address teacher recruitment and retention challenges and to evaluate the impact of education program changes.

The Central Regional Education Laboratory (REL Central) 2012 – present

Deputy Associate Director.

- Co-leader of REL Central's Educator Effectiveness Research Alliance, which includes education and policy leaders from Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, North Dakota, and Wyoming.
- Leader of the Educator Effectiveness Research Alliance work group on teacher mentoring which includes state education agency leaders from six central region states and policy leaders that focus on teacher mentoring and induction.
- Lead a multiyear, randomized controlled trial of a mentoring intervention that uses retired, master educators to support new teachers in high need elementary schools.
- Led a five state study of school district mentoring programs. The study included a survey that was delivered in 2014 to all school districts in Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, and North Dakota.
- Trained in cost-benefit and cost-effectiveness analysis through Columbia University's Center for Benefit-Cost Studies of Education.
- Member of the REL Central leadership team.

Education Commission of the States, Denver, CO 2001 – 2004

Writer, Policy Analyst

- Provided analysis of a broad array of education policy topics such as No Child Left Behind, citizenship education, teaching quality, and higher education.
- Researched and wrote speeches, articles and op-ed pieces for high-ranking officials including state governors and other policy leaders.

EDUCATION & QUALIFICATIONS

J.D. 1994

University of Denver Sturm College of Law, Denver, CO

B.A. International Studies 1990

Trinity University, San Antonio, TX

SELECTED PROFESSIONAL ARTICLES AND REPORTS

“Reading Partners Colorado Year Three Implementation and Initial Impact Evaluation Report,” with Robert Reichardt, Abby McClelland, Nathan Roberson, Sarah Wool and Tracey O’Brien, Prepared for the Mile High United Way and the U.S. Social Innovation Fund Program (2015).

“A Five-State Survey: How Do Districts Mentor New Teachers?” with Simon Workman and Abby McClelland, Prepared for the Central Regional Education Laboratory (2014).

“A Review of Teacher and Principal Input Regarding the 27J Teacher Evaluation System,” Prepared for Brighton School District 27J (May 2014).

“Providers Advancing School Outcomes: Year 2 Implementation Study Report,” Prepared for the Mile High United Way and the U.S. Social Innovation Fund Program (2014).

“Implementation of the Summer Advantage Program in the Roaring Fork School District,” Prepared for the Mile High United Way and the U.S. Social Innovation Fund Program (2013).

“Final Report for the Evaluation of the Colorado Department of Education Closing the Achievement Gap Project,” prepared for the Colorado Department of Education (2011).

“An Evaluation of the Denver Preschool Program, 2009-10,” with Kathryn Rooney, Andrew Brodsky, Jennifer Kramer-Wine, Bob Palaich and Amanda Brown; prepared for the Denver Preschool Program, Denver, Colorado (2010).

“Compensating Accomplished Teachers: Design and Implementation Considerations for Alternative Teacher Compensation Programs,” with Andrew Brodsky. Theory into Practice. (June 2010).

“Third Year Evaluation Report, 2010: Mississippi Center for Education Innovation,” Prepared in Cooperation with Cascade Educational Consultants for the Mississippi Center for Education Innovation (2010).

“An Evaluation of the Denver Preschool Program, 2008-09,” with Kathryn Rooney, Andrew Brodsky, Jennifer Kramer-Wine, Bob Palaich and Amanda Brown; prepared for the Denver Preschool Program, Denver, Colorado (2009).

“Targeting School Resources Toward Activities Likely to Improve Student Performance: A Report on Research Undertaken to Identify Some of the Ways that High Performing Schools In Louisiana Use Available Resources,” Prepared for the Louisiana Department of Education (2009).

“Profiles of Success: Eight Colorado Schools that are Closing the Achievement Gap,” with Amy Berk Anderson. Prepared for the Donnell-Kay and Piton Foundations (2008).

“Examining Resource Use and Areas for Enhanced Cooperation in York County’s School Districts.” Prepared for the Center for Community Engagement at York College, Pennsylvania (2008).