

Merri Katherine Davis, M.A., M.S., PhD (ABD)

Executive Director – January 2017 to Present.

Founder/Executive Director of The Center for Well-Being and Resilience (CWBR), a 501 (c) (3) Foundation focused on advocacy and support for survivors of trauma. Provide trauma care including teaching cognitive, holistic, art-centered and spiritual coping mechanisms to groups and individuals following traumatic exposure. Conduct trauma-informed care presentations for interested community/faith groups and university classes. Supported incarcerated individuals at hearings/trials with trauma-informed testimony, housing and advocacy with probation and parole. Through CWBR provide scholarships for students with experiences of traumatization and funding for research in areas supporting trauma healing and resiliency. Providing healing through art to couples, individuals and seniors through art, music, meditation and story-telling as Founder/Executive Director of The Center for Well-Being and Resiliency, LLC, founded by .

Spiritual Leader/Ordained Minister – January 2008 to July 2014.

Responsible for mission and strategic planning, administration, worship, community outreach, counseling, preaching and teaching for a redeveloping church in Danville, Virginia. Led homeless and mental illness advocacy ministries, feeding, domestic violence prevention and substance abuse/trauma treatment. Taught conflict resolution and parenting skills at Danville Community College through the Training, Assessment Retention and Employment Program assisting economically disadvantaged parents with employment skills. Served as Board of Directors member for VA Cares, a non-profit ex-offender re-entry program. Implemented Celebrate Recovery ministry for addiction recovery including facilitating small group and weekly services/large group meetings. Conducted Sunday morning church services on the Behavioral Health Services floor of Danville Regional Medical Center. Established support group for women recovering from Childhood Sexual Assault (CSA). As a staff pastor at Woodbridge Church of the Nazarene from January 2008 to June 2009 responsible for curriculum

development for Christian education, preaching, counseling and overseeing the Morningstar Child Development Center ages 3 months to 5th grade. As ministry coordinator assisted pastor of Hatcher's Memorial Baptist Church in Bristow from 2007-2008 in developing and implementing a strategic vision for the church, conceived and implemented new ministry areas, mentored ministry leaders in the development of annual goals and plans, wrote regular column for church news-letter, chaired church council meetings, contacted press and developed press releases, co-chaired building committee.

Sr. Vice President and Chief Financial Officer – As a co-owner of a government contracting company, SENTEL Corporation, served as Senior Vice President and CFO from 1987-2004. Responsible for all aspects of human resources, accounting, flight services operations, and contracting. Prepared strategic plans, supported CEO in business development decisions, marketing, proposal development and management of technical staff. Company reached over \$40m in sales and 350 employees before selling. From 1982-1987 responsible for profit/loss center of Evaluation Research Corporation, government contractor headquartered in Vienna, VA. Managed technical staff, budgeting, marketing efforts for Crystal City office.

Training Material Developer – Designed and developed multi-media training materials for IRS, Army, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Surface Mining using Instructional Systems Design (ISD) protocol. Conducted Job Task Analysis, developed Learning Objectives, Tests, and training modules. Conducted on-site validation of effectiveness of training. Managed projects and assisted in preparation of proposals. 1980 – 1982, Kinton, Inc., Alexandria, VA.

Education:

B.A. in Fine Arts, George Mason University, 1980

M.A. in Pastoral Ministry, Northwest Nazarene, University, 2010

M. S. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University, 2016

Ph.D. in Conflict Analysis and Resolution, George Mason University (ABD), 2018 (4.0 GPA)

Ph.D. Classes - Foundations of Counseling; Org. Mgmt and Leadership; and Marriage and Couples Therapy, Walden University, 2011

Training:

Certificate in *Seeking Safety* Manualized Treatment for PTSD and Substance Abuse, Summer 2017

Certificate in Trauma Counseling from University of Wisconsin/Milwaukee, Spring 2017

Certificate in Tantric Massage, Escola da Nova Sexualidade Humana, August, 2017

Certificate of Completion, Tantra Intensive Workshop, August, 2017

Court Certified Family Mediator Classes; Northern Virginia Mediation Service

Honors:

Faculty Scholarship – Fall of 2017, George Mason University School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution

Scholarship to Support Doctoral Research – 2018, George Mason University School of Conflict Analysis and Resolution