

Mr. Gerald E. Root (Gerry) joined the California Coalition For Children's Safety and Health (CCCSH) in 2013. Gerry brings strategic planning, resource development, and communications experience to the coalition.

Gerry graduated from Gridley Union High School and Yuba Community College with an Associate of Arts Degree. Mr. Root enlisted in the U.S. Army and served in South Korea as an Administrative Specialist.

He received a Bachelor of Arts in Psychology from California State University, Sonoma and a Master of Arts in Social Science from CSU, Chico. Post-graduate studies were completed at the University of Oregon in the Wallace School of Human Services Management focusing on Primary Prevention, and with the doctoral program in the University of San Francisco's, School of Education, Organization and Leadership Department.

Grants resource development experience began while completing graduate work as an administrative intern at the Northeastern CA Higher Education Council, a consortium of community colleges, California State University, Chico and the University of California, Davis. Gerry conducted an evaluation of The Rural Adult Education Outreach Project for the State of California. Mr. Root subsequently provided grant proposal writing services through the Graduate School, Office of Research at CSU, Chico.

Gerry was founding General Manager of Do-It Leisure Cooperative, a non-profit agency providing therapeutic recreation, normalization and socialization programs for the disabled of all ages in Butte County, California.

Mr. Root served as Executive Director of the Voluntary Action Center of South Lake Tahoe. Programs included Meals-on-Wheels, Free Legal Clinic, Lawyer Referral Service and Court Alternative Sentencing, Emergency Food Bank, and Information & Referral Services for the City of South Lake Tahoe.

Gerry was a psychology instructor for South Lake Tahoe Community College and Crisis Counselor for El Dorado County Mental Health Department. He taught independent living skills to adults with disabilities for the Butte Community College District.

As the Development Director for the Work Training Center for the Handicapped, Inc., Gerry was project manager for construction of the Creative Learning Center in Paradise, CA. Mr. Root was founding Executive Director of the North Valley Rehabilitation Foundation.

The Sacramento Juvenile Court hired Gerry as its Community Liaison/Grants Writer. He led outreach and resource development collaboratives for the prevention of delinquency and family violence. Mr. Root was lead staff for the Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative grant funded by The Annie E. Casey Foundation. Gerry facilitated the Disproportionate Minority Confinement Research Committee for Sacramento County's Criminal Justice Cabinet and the Annual Multi-Cultural Family Violence Prevention Conference. Gerry was awarded The Ralph N. Kleps - Excellence in Court Administration Award by California's Judicial Council and the Administrative Office of the Courts.

The Superior Court of California, County of Sacramento promoted Mr. Root to Director of Planning & Operational Support where he coordinated Community-Focused Court Strategic Planning, Self-Represented Litigants Planning, Drug Court Planning, and other community collaborative efforts to improve access to justice for all.

Gerry Root volunteered on the Board of Directors for the Community Action Agency of Butte County, was appointed to the Advisory Board of Directors for the Sunrise Parks and Recreation District of Sacramento County, and graduated from the Natural Resources Volunteer Academy of the California Department of Fish and Wildlife.

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