

CELENA TURNEY

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COORDINATOR OF K-8 ARTS CURRICULUM

Known for creative and collaborative work with comprehensive background writing curriculum, developing creative concepts, and designing tools for project teams in education and non-profit sectors. Leverage exceptional communication, interpersonal, and organizational skills, ensuring measurable program-aligned results. Key strengths include:

- Arts Integration Content & Pedagogy
- Collaborative Teamwork
- Curriculum Design
- Community Outreach & Engagement
- Strategic Planning
- Professional Development
- Program Design & Management
- Fundraising

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

[CELENA TURNEY CONSULTING](#), Santa Monica, CA

2005 to Present

Executive Consultant and Senior Strategic Planning Coach

Lead, facilitate, and advise managers and executive teams through strategic planning process to align programs, budgets, and action plans with organizational mission, philosophy, and culture.

- Facilitated Arts Education Task Force Teams in 17 school districts through customized planning process (visioning, inventorying, analyses, goal setting), creating multi-phase targeted action plans impacting 1M students.
- Designed and implemented experiential leadership retreat for inductees, communicating program philosophy and goals, tools and techniques, and group facilitation methods, preparing teams to work on county-wide initiative.
- Created elementary arts-integrated curriculum that deepened content learning, fostered creative problem-solving, and introduced artistic learning processes, resulting in increased student engagement, subject matter retention, and creative risk-taking.
- Coached senior district administrators on fundraising strategies to align arts education goals with district vision and funder initiatives, boosting program awards by 50%.

CRAYOLA, Easton, PA

2015 to 2016

Western Regional Manager, Educational Leadership (Innovative Teaching and Learning)

Worked with educational leaders throughout Western States infusing creativity, critical-thinking, and collaboration into teaching techniques. Shared national instructional trends and emerging legislation in education sector with contacts.

- Presented proprietary workshops for leadership teams and school staff at TurnAround Arts Hawaii, building capacity for arts-integrated teaching and learning in high-poverty, low-performing schools.
- Designed instructional content and co-curated National Student Exhibition at the White House for the President's Committee on the Arts and Humanities, demonstrating arts education benefits towards encouraging self-expression and building school community. Cultivated project idea from beginning to end, working closely with virtual project team.
- Authored website copy for Crayola Champions™ online Professional Learning Community, providing teachers with basic fundraising content for arts education projects.

LOS ANGELES UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT, Los Angeles, CA

2001 to 2008

Classroom Teacher, Arts Specialist, Instructional Coach

Provided standards-based instruction to English Language Learners, students with special needs, and students needing academic intervention at inner-city schools. Designed and presented professional development in Language Arts and Arts education to support teachers, staff, and parents.

- Authored elementary course of study for dance by collaborating with coaching team in Arts Education Branch, producing national model for standards-based arts instruction.
- Established multi-day arts education training for district interns, developing new teachers by deepening content knowledge through experiential learning.
- Delivered K-6 multiple-subject and arts instruction to 3,000 students in 21 inner-city schools, leveraging visual thinking tools, and hands-on exploration, improving academic achievement and increasing school attendance for struggling learners.
- Presented workshops for Spanish-speaking parents, boosting parents' understanding of educational expectations, building home-school connection, and increasing parent engagement in school learning activities.

EDUCATION

Master of Public Administration (MPA), Entrepreneurial Government, CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY, San Bernardino, CA

Bachelor of Arts (BA), Cum Laude, Political Science, UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, Riverside, CA

CREDENTIALS

Preliminary Administrative Services Credential

Professional Clear Multiple Subject CLAD Teaching Credential

Professional Clear Single Subject Physical Education Teaching Credential