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Eric is a nationally recognized trainer, speaker, and consultant whom has worked with over 150,000 youth, adults, administrators, professionals, and policy makers within the past 15 years. His presentations are legendary - by combining the energy and innovation of a master trainer, while at the same time reaching each of us through his stories, research, and on-the-ground strategies. One part motivational speaker, one part DJ, and two parts community organizer and parent of 2 daughters, Eric runs a customized consulting and facilitation practice that, through a network of over 20 dynamic and diversely talented trainers, works with for profit and non-profit organizations to achieve progressive and dynamic change. Eric's previous experience includes his work as Senior Director of Training with the Youth Leadership Institute (CA), Director of Leadership Development at Rutgers University (NJ), Director of International Youth Summer Abroad programs (CA), Substance Abuse Prevention Coordinator with Riverside County Friday Night Live (CA), and ran a traveling theater company that toured for over 10 years. Additionally, Eric has been a volunteer trainer for the National Conference on Community and Justice Anytown Program, New Jersey College Leadership Diversity Conference, Teaching Tolerance Curriculum Instruction, has been a faculty member at the University of North Carolina, Charlotte as well as Rutgers University (NJ), and has over a decade of innovative and cutting edge classroom instruction and facilitation experience, including extensive use of experiential and "low-ropes" techniques and methodologies in his presentation and training approaches.

Eric holds a double Bachelors of Arts degree from the University of California (Riverside) - one in Ethnic & Cultural Studies, and a second in Sociology/Psychology/Anthropology/Philosophy. In addition, he also holds a Masters of Science degree from Central Connecticut State University in Educational Leadership & Design.

Eric lives in Charlotte (NC) with his wife and two daughters.

HIGHLIGHTED TRAININGS

- "Bridging The Gap" Multi-Cultural Leadership Retreat (New Brunswick, NJ)
- "Mosaic" Multi-Cultural Curriculum Development (New Britain, CT-Wilkesboro, NC-Concord, NC)
- "Black-Latino-Asian Student Orientation" (New Brunswick, NJ)
- "Gay/Lesbian/Bi-Sexual/Transgender/Allies Network" (New Brunswick, NJ)
- "Cinco De Mayo Con Orgullo Campaign" (Los Angeles, CA)
- "TRIBES Cultural Competence Training" (San Francisco, CA)
- "Generational Crossroads in the Workforce" (Boston, MA - Princeton, NJ - Minneapolis, MN)
- "National 21st Century Youth Culture & Media Training" (Indianapolis, IN & Washington, DC)
- "National Generational Workforce Values Training" (Destin, FL & Raleigh, NC)
- "North Carolina Native American Youth Organization Unity Conference" (Fayetteville, NC)

HIGHLIGHTED PUBLICATIONS

- Over 300 examples of comprehensive educational training curricula, including Diversity, Social Justice, Race/Class/Gender/Orientation Identities, Communication Styles, Environmental Prevention, Organizational Development, Media & Marketing, Organizational Development, Work Readiness.
- Now More Than Ever -The Critical Need for Youth Engagement - *Philanthropy Journal* (2009)



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