

Denise Bissonnette – Summary Vitae



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Education

Master's Degree, *Multicultural Education*,
University of San Francisco, 1982

Bachelor of Arts Degree, *Linguistics*, University of
California, Santa Cruz, 1980

Training Experience

2000 – Present: Partner, Diversity World

1984 – Present: Senior Partner, Milt Wright & Associates, Northridge, CA

Design and delivery of workshops, train the trainer programs, keynote presentations and teleconferencing for government programs, social service agencies, community colleges, private corporations and international conferences. Denise's training primarily revolves around equipping employment professionals to assist people with barriers to find their place in the work world, whether it be through changing employer attitudes, client assessment, client motivation, job development or job retention. Speaking primarily to professionals who work with such diverse client groups as disabilities, welfare recipients, youth, older works, immigrants, ex-offenders, dislocated workers, and veterans, Denise has enhanced the work of thousands of job developers, career counselors, vocational rehabilitation counselors, workforce development professionals, and educators throughout North America.

Titles of Denise's most popular workshops include:

- Beyond Traditional Job Development
- The Art of Creating Opportunity: Denise's Top 12 Employment Tools
- The Art of Creating Opportunity: 15 Job Search Essentials
- 30 Ways to Shine: Job Retention and Beyond
- Creating an Inclusive Workplace: Being True to the Dream of Diversity
- Being the Change: Strategies for Everyday Leadership
- Rekindle the Flame: Renewing Purpose and Passion in Work
- Cultivating the Spirit to Work: Assisting People through Transition
- Cultivating True Livelihood
- Beyond Barriers to Passion and Possibility



Publications:

- Pathways: A Job Search Curriculum (1986)
- Crossroads: Motivation and Self- Esteem for Employment Preparation and Job Retention (1990)
- Attitudes and Protocol: Working with People with Disabilities (1992)
- Beyond Traditional Job Development: The Art of Creating Opportunity (1994)
- Cultivating True Livelihood: Work in the 21st Century (1998) (A nine volume curriculum of 140 training activities for motivation, self esteem and job search.)
- 30 Ways to Shine as a New Employee: A Guide to Success in the Workplace (2000)
- Developing the New Employee: Strategies for Managing a Diverse Workforce (2000)
- Helping the New Employee Succeed: A Supervisor Toolkit for a Diverse Workforce (2001)
- Poems for the Journey (CD) (2002)
- The Wholehearted Journey: Bringing Qualities of Soul to Everyday Life and Work (2002)
- The True Livelihood Newsletter – begun in 2003 and currently delivered electronically to over 6000 subscribers.