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Extensive experience creating opportunities for youth success through quality programming. Skilled in designing, managing, implementing and evaluating English language, education and training programs that are practical, effective and sustainable. Available for short term assignment worldwide.

Program Administration

- **Interim Education Specialist**, USAID/Tanzania. Developed a project aligned with the new education assistance objective (AO) focused on excellence in reading mathematics and science in primary schools. July - October, 2009.
- **Associate Director, Center for Equity and Excellence in Education, The George Washington University, Arlington, VA. 1999-2002**
- **Director of Courses, American Language Center/USIS, Amman, Jordan. 1992-1994**
- **ESL Coordinator, Fairfax County Public Schools, Fairfax, VA.** Provided leadership for the grade 1-12 ESL program in over 100 schools. **1989-1992**

Program Evaluation

- **Iraq-PERFORM**, served as the youth specialist on the mid-term evaluation of the Tijara Project conducted by The QED Group, May 2011.
- **Review of the English Language Program offered at the US Embassy, Bangui, Central African Republic.** December 2010.
- **Assessment of the Immigrant Grant Portfolio** of Deutsche Bank Americas Foundation, by CEEE at the George Washington University. 2008-09
- **Jobs for the 21st Century: Sri Lanka Assessment** of youth workforce readiness, USAID. 2006.
- **Program Reviewer, ACCESS Micro-scholarship Program** for Moslem Youth, **Morocco and Turkey.** U.S. Department of State, 2005.
- **Mini-Assessment in Education, USAID/Tanzania.** July - August 2003.
- **The Descriptive Study of Services for K-12th Limited English Proficient Students, US** Department of Education, Lead Evaluator for Case Studies, 2002.
- **Promoting Excellence for English Language Learners: An Evaluation of the Montgomery County Public Schools English for Speakers of Other Languages Program.** 2002.
- **Evaluation of the Summer STARS Program and Preliminary Formative Evaluation Report,** District of Columbia Public Schools, 2000 /01.

Youth focused Workforce Development

- Co-compiler of an **American Themes Anthology** for U.S. State Department's ACCESS Program for high school youth, 2008-2011.
- **Education Specialist, US Agency for International Development (USAID), Office of Economic Growth, Colombo, Sri Lanka.** Contracting Officer's Technical Representative (COTR) Workforce and Education. 2006-2007
 - **Accelerated Skills Acquisition Program.** Give youth critical skills they need to gain employment. (CO-COTR)
 - **English Computer Based Learning (E-CBL)** Public-Private Partnership to link commercial computer based learning program (DYN-ED) with learning centers in conflict and tsunami areas. (AOTR)

- **Young Entrepreneurs of Sri Lanka (Junior Achievement)**, Grant administrator to expand program into conflict and former conflict zones.
 - Education advisor on **Post Tsunami Construction** of nine vocational training centers.
- Developed and administered **Transitional ESOL High School Program and FAST Math Program**, Fairfax County Public Schools, VA for out of school youth 16-22 years old to complete a high school diploma. 1991.

Teacher Education

- **Fulbright English Teaching Assistant Orientation** for Sub-Saharan Africa. June 2011.
- **University of Baghdad ESL Initiative: Team-Teaching Workshop**. Mentor university professors' use of effective instructional strategies. Academy for Educational Development/US Department of State, February 2011.
- **Instructional Strategies** workshops for Palestinian English public school teachers and ACCESS program teachers. August 2010.
- Conducted English teacher training and produced **sample lessons for generalist elementary teachers** in Japan, May 2010.
- **What's Different about Teaching Reading to Students Learning English**, Center for Applied Linguistics, November 2008 and March 2009.
- English Language **Primary English Teacher Training**, Serbia and Poland, January 2006.
- Project Director for Using English in **Subject Classes Workshops**, Tanzania, 2005.
- Workshop on **Critical Thinking and Instructional Strategies in Curriculum Development** for Ethiopia's Institute of Curriculum Development and Research. 2004.
- **Project Director for English Language Workshops for Teacher Training College Tutors** conducted throughout Tanzania. 2004.

Professional Responsibilities and Publications

Elected to serve as a Director of the Board, 2010-2013, **Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL)**, member 1975 to present.

McCloskey, M.L., Orr, J.K., Stack, L. and Kleckov, G. (forthcoming 2012). *American Themes* (working title). Washington DC: U.S. Department of State.

Orr, J.K., McCloskey, M.L. and Dolitsky, M. (Eds.). (2006.) *EFL in Primary Schools, Case Studies in TESOL Practice*. Arlington, VA: TESOL.

Orr, J.K. (2005). Kids Engaged in Learning: Curricular Trends. *Proceedings of the 10th TESOL Arabia Conference: Standards in English Language Teaching & Assessment, Volume 9*. Dubai, United Arab Emirates: TESOL Arabia.

National Study of School Evaluation. (2002). *Program Evaluation: English as a Second Language*. Schaumburg, IL: Author. (contributor).

Orr, J.K. (2001) Standards for bilingual and ESL classrooms. *NABE News*, 24, (6), 4.

Orr, J.K. (1999). *Growing Up with English*. Washington DC: USIA.

Education

M.Ed., Teaching English as a Second Language and Reading, University of Illinois, Champaign-Urbana, IL

B.S., Elementary Education, University of Colorado, Boulder, CO

Certification: Elementary School Principal Provisional Certificate, K-8 Instruction, ESL and Reading.