


Betty (BJ) Levis



Education

Master of Science, Parks and Recreation Administration Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY	May, 1990
Bachelor of Science, Parks and Recreation Administration Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, KY	May, 1985
High School Diploma Warren Central High School, Bowling Green, KY	May, 1981

Experience

Recreation Administrator Metro Parks and Recreation, Louisville, KY	2006-2020
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oversee day to day operations of Specialized Recreation including Adapted Leisure Activities, Douglass Community Center, Arts and Cultural Programming, Aquatics, Seniors Division and Americans with Disabilities Compliance.• Oversee payroll, hiring and dismissals, disciplinary action, scheduling, supplies, programming, evaluations and all tasks for day to day operation of 10 sites.• Direct report of three Managers.• Plan and implement programs with rehabilitation facilities and organizations to assist people with disabilities in their path or rehabilitation.• Plan and implement programs through the USParalympics that offer training and athletics opportunities through rehab and competition for person with physical and/or intellectual disabilities.• Seek and secure sponsorships for various programs.• Seek, secure and implement new and innovative programming.• Serve on various committees to help promote and assist the field of recreation and our department and also people with disabilities.• Assist other centers and departments with compliance under the ADA and ability awareness trainings to train staff on working with people with disabilities.• Internship supervisor for 2-8 interns each semester from University of Louisville.	
Professor University of Louisville, Health Sports Science Department	2004 – Present
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Part-time professor teaching over 240 students a year in a class that teaches about various disabilities, laws that support people with disabilities and adapting activities and sports.	

Manager of Recreation Programs 1991 -- 2006

Metro Parks and Recreation, Louisville, KY

- Oversaw the day to day operations of Adapted Leisure Activities and Douglass Community Center.
- Oversaw payroll, hiring and dismissals, disciplinary action, scheduling, supplies, programming, evaluation and all tasks for day to day operations.

Director of Outreach 1987 – 1991

Tennessee Special Olympics, Nashville, TN

- Oversaw the coordination of all volunteers for state. Recruitment, training, database and scheduling.
- Worked with all areas volunteer coordinators. (11 total throughout the state)
- Director of state conferences which consisted of over 250 people in attendance each year

Youth Sports Director 1986-1987

Green Hill YMCA, Nashville, TN

- Planned, implemented and oversaw the day to day operations of youth sports programs consisting of year round sports with anywhere from 15 – 80 teams depending on sports.
- Implemented all programming, scheduling, and officials, ordering of supplies, uniforms and field maintenance.

Secretary 1985-1986

Student Support Services, Western Kentucky University

- Managed office and conducted all clerical supports for Student Support Services as well as tutoring of at risk students.

Honors and Activities

- Certified Parks and Recreation Professional, 1990 – Present
- Kentucky Recreation and Park Society President, 1999
- Kentucky Recreation and Park Society Conference Committee Chair, 6 years
- Kentucky Recreation and Park Society Professional of the Year, 1997
- Kentucky Recreation and Park Society Fellow Award, 2001
- Member Kentucky Recreation and Park Society, 1981-Present
- Member, National Recreation and Park Society, 1981-Present
- Kentucky Colonel, 1990
- Certified Disability Specialist, 2011 – present
- Speaker at Kentucky Recreation and Park Society conferences – 11 years
- Speaker at National Recreation and Park Association – 4 years

- Favorite Professor, voted by students, 12 years
- Breaking Barriers Award – Metro Disabilities Coalition, March, 2017
- Faculty Mentor of the Year, University of Louisville, May, 2017