

## Bio for Elke Wolf Davidson

Elke Wolf Davidson, M.C.P./M.P.H. is a consultant working with organizations to enhance capacity, respond strategically to changing environments, and achieve measurable results. Elke's main areas of consulting focus include strategic planning, board development, group facilitation, program/outcome evaluation, and training. Recent clients include the Enterprise Foundation, United Way of Metro Atlanta, Gwinnett Housing Resource Partnership, SouthStar Community Development Corporation, Atlanta Housing Association of Neighborhood-Based Developers, Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership, Urban Collage, Global Green USA, and the City of Atlanta.

Before founding Davidson Consulting in 2000, Elke worked in the field of community economic development (CED) for over seven years. Most recently, she was employed as the Coordinator for Technical Assistance for the Atlanta Neighborhood Development Partnership (ANDP). In this position, she was responsible for providing support to nonprofit organizations in the areas of strategic planning, board development, evaluation, neighborhood planning, resource development and other project-specific issues. While at ANDP, she was also lead staff for public policy initiatives, and developed educational forums exploring local, regional and national responses to the issue of gentrification.

Prior to her tenure at ANDP, she worked in the nonprofit, public and philanthropic sectors in California and Mississippi. In the area of CED, highlights include the development of the Affordable Housing Auction, the City of Jackson, Mississippi's first home-ownership program that was selected for a "Best Practices Award" from HUD in 1997. In addition, Elke provided technical assistance to nonprofits in Arkansas, Louisiana and Mississippi with the Faculty Fellows program of the Foundation for the Mid-South.

Elke also has experience and training in public health, and worked for several years in health education, policy analysis and administration. She has worked with the City of Berkeley, California, Kaiser Permanente, the California Public Hospital Association, and Jackson State University with a focus on community health, teen pregnancy prevention, and Medicaid reform.

Elke has a strong background in planning, facilitation, training and evaluation. She has worked on a variety of grants from both the public and private sectors, including Housing and Urban Development, Department of the Treasury, Department of Social Services (Mississippi), Alameda County (California), the Fannie Mae Foundation, the Woodruff Foundation, the Annie Casey Foundation, the Annenberg Foundation, the Foundation for the Mid-South, the Healthy Cities Foundation, and the Kaiser Family Foundation.

Elke graduated with Honors from the University of California at Berkeley, where she also received Masters Degrees in both City Planning and Public Health.

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