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Mark Wiesel

Mr. Wiesel has over 25 years experience in management development, business management and project development in both commercial and not-for-profit arenas. His skills include improving organization structure and communications to enhance quality of care and daily operations. He also has over 20 years of personal experience with genetic movement, behavioral and cognitive disorders including 15 fifteen years as an advocate in the non-profit health care arena. Mr. Wiesel headed the team that successfully wrote and backed California SB 472 (Petris, 1995) Neurological Degenerative Disorders Training and obtained annual State funding to implement programs for individuals and families affected by Huntington's Disease.

Mr. Wiesel's experience in developing training curricula includes front-line staff development, management and supervisory skills, non-profit board development, leadership training, fund-raising seminars, advocacy and time and resource management for volunteers and non-profit agency staff. Mr. Wiesel served as the Advisory Committee Chair and project manager for the development of "A Comprehensive Curriculum for Care Providers to the Huntington's Disease Affected Community" for the California Department of Mental Health.

For California Foundation of Independent Living Centers (CFILC), Mr. Wiesel served as the principal developer and training coordinator for the "Statewide Systems Change and Community Education Grant" program and their Assistive Technology (AT) Network grant. These projects involved assessing the training needs of a diverse staff across the State, developing curricula to meet these needs, identifying qualified trainers to develop and deliver this curriculum and writing Requests for Quotes for contracting the effort. As part of this program, he also delivered the management skills training for the CFILC staff, Empowerment Team Leaders and AT Advocates.

Training for Family and Professional caregivers is another of Mr. Wiesel's areas of expertise. He has delivered in-service presentations on behavioral management, stress management, movement disorders, family and financial issues and genetic testing for several residential facilities and caregiver groups. Speaking engagements include those for the California Caregiver Resource Centers, Veterans Administration Hospital, Hereditary Disease Foundation, University of Southern California and University of California at Los Angeles, National Association of QMRPs, Private Providers' Association of Texas, Developmental Services Network and California Association of Adult Day Services.

Mr. Wiesel has testified before both California Senate and Assembly committees in support of health care initiatives involving the disability community and family caregivers.