



Ethel Taft

ESC Consultant Since: 1996

Education:

M.S.W., Columbia University

B.A., Sociology/Anthropology with Minor in History, New York University

AREAS OF EXPERTISE: Coaching, volunteer program development and management, board development, fund development, resource development, succession planning, team building, employee relations

NONPROFIT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE: Ethel had a long-standing involvement with Jewish Family Service. As Director of Immigrant Resettlement at a regional office, she played an instrumental role in expanding its programming and reach. She then became the Director for a major regional office, moved to Assistant Executive Director and then finally became Associate Executive Director. There she was responsible for oversight of the agency's regional offices, ensuring that they delivered services to the community that were programmatically responsive to the needs of the population while maintaining alignment with the mission of the agency.

Following her career with Jewish Family Service, Ethel was asked to become the Executive Director of Jewish Vocational Service of Los Angeles. At the time she started, the agency was beginning to broaden its scope and services. There she strengthened its infrastructure and operating processes, remaining at its helm until her retirement.

NONPROFIT VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE: Ethel was heavily involved in the Conference of Jewish Communal Service, a national organization. She participated in local and national leadership, culminating in her tenure as National President for 2 years. She has also been a 45-year local and national volunteer with Ameinu, an organization dedicated to supporting progressive values in the United States and Israel.

Ethel is on the Boards of the Institute of Jewish Education in Los Angeles, Habonim-Dror Camp Gilboa, a Jewish camp for youth and Jewish Vocational Service.

EXAMPLES OF ESC CLIENTS: Karsh Center of Wilshire Boulevard Temple, SHARE!, Prevention Institute, Food Forward, Etta Israel Center, Virginia Avenue Project, Family Matters, ECO-Home Network

INTERESTS: Travel, reading, political news, volunteering, spending time with her five grandchildren