

EDELUISA M. BAGUIO-LARENA, M.A.

**MISSION**

To be an effective and collaborative partner with public and private entities in improving the well-being of children and their families in Maui County and the State.

**EDUCATION**

Master of International and Intercultural Management, [REDACTED], School for International Training-World Learning, Brattleboro, Vermont, USA.

Bachelor of Science in Social Work, [REDACTED], University of the Philippines, Quezon City, Philippines.

14<sup>th</sup> Place (out of over 1,200+ examiners), [REDACTED] Philippine Social Work Board Exam.

**PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE**

**Chief Executive Officer**

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (Acting/Interim CEO from August 2014-March 18, 2014; regular CEO from March 18, 2015-present)

Under the direction of the Board of Directors, I ensure that the mission and goals of MFSS are upheld and carried out by monitoring the strategic plan and program outcomes. I am responsible for the overall programmatic, administrative, and fiscal management of MFSS in accordance with federal, state, and local regulations and standards. I ensure the sustainability of the agency through resource development, by practicing personnel and legal accountability, and by maintaining positive community relations.

**Director of Early Childhood Education and Services**

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (May 2008-present)

I was responsible for the program management of Early Head Start and other early child development services of the agency. I managed program planning activities, performance quality improvement, and implementation of services and program components. I actively participated in the Executive Leadership Team of the agency to promote integration of all programs and services. I represented the agency in various groups for the purpose of collaboration and coordination of services.

**Program Supervisor, Early Head Start**

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (August 2003-June 2008)

I supervised Parent-Child Educators in providing home-based services to income and categorically-eligible pregnant women and families with young children. I developed and implemented procedures in line with the Head Start Act and the Head Start Program Performance Standards and Other Regulations, with the overall purpose of promoting school readiness. I served as the Disabilities Coordinator of the program and worked with other agencies in providing services to children with special needs.

**Clinical Supervisor, Healthy Start Program**

Maui Family Support Services, Inc., Wailuku, Hawaii, USA. (October 2001-August 2003)

I supervised Family Support Workers in providing home-based services to expecting families and families with children 0-5 years old, in promoting a nurturing environment for the children, and in facilitating healthy child development. I represented the agency in various State meetings in relation to Healthy Start implementation.

### **Ombudsperson**

School for International Training (SIT), Brattleboro, Vermont, USA. (July 2000-May 2001)

I carried out the mission of enhancing the quality of life of a diverse student population of SIT through advocacy, integration in the school systems, and community-building. I regularly attended the school's administration meetings to present students' concerns and recommendations. I assisted the student body in identifying and accessing resources to meet their academic goals.

### **Social Worker**

Department of Human Services-Child Welfare Services, Maui, HI, USA. (Nov. 1998-May 1999)

I coordinated and prepared service plans with other service providers for families of children who were referred to the agency for child abuse and/or neglect. I conducted regular visits with assigned parents and caregivers and supported them in achieving their goals including reunification with their children.

### **Planning Officer**

Bondoc Development Program (BDP), bilateral program between the Philippine Government and the Federal Republic of Germany, Quezon Province, Philippines. (March 1995-June 1998)

I ensured formulation and supervision of medium term and annual plans of operations of the program based on community needs assessment and progress reports. I facilitated strategic planning and coordinated with content-area specialists and program management to ensure program goals and outcomes were being met.

### **Social Worker**

Philippine Refugee Transit Center (PRTC), Pasay City, Philippines. (March-August 1992)

I was responsible for coordinating prompt delivery of basic social services for Vietnamese refugees under the supervision of PRTC and the United Nations High Commission for Refugees (UNHCR). I advocated for additional support and resources for the refugees to alleviate their living conditions in the transit center.

### **Training Officer**

*KAISAHAN Tunga sa Kamnlaran ng Kanayunan at Repormang Pansakaban* (Solidarity towards Agrarian Reform and Rural Development), Quezon City, Philippines. (December 1993-March 1995)

I conducted training and needs assessment of partner groups including non-government organizations; developed corresponding training modules with focus on agrarian reform and rural development; and served as facilitator and speaker based on community needs.

### **Community Organizing, Training Specialist, Planning and Monitoring Officer**

PROCESS (Participatory Research, Organization of Communities and Education towards Struggle for Self-Reliance), Inc., Northern Luzon, Santiago, Isabela, Philippines. (January 1991-December 1993). I conducted training needs assessments for the staff and partner organizations and served as facilitator and speaker based on training needs. I monitored programs and projects by conducting on site visits in the field areas. I updated and consolidated progress reports from partner local organizations necessary for future strategic planning of the organization. I met with potential national and international donors and presented the agency's accomplishments.

### **Other Affiliations:**

- Member, Early Childhood Comprehensive Systems Collaborative Improvement and Innovation Network (ECCS CoIIN), Maui Impact Community Team and Strategic Management Team, October 2016 to present
- Core Member, Ho'ouikaika Partnership, July 2014 to present
- Member, Child Welfare Services-Maui County Advisory Council, October 2015 to present
- Member, Early Childhood Education Advisory Council, University of Hawaii-Maui College, July 2008 to present
- Secretary, Head Start Association of Hawaii/Outer Pacific, October 2011-March 2015
- Board Member, Iao Preschool, Maui, August 2008-July 2010