

# Dave Ellis

## Purpose Statement

Leading community engagement and strategic planning efforts utilizing The Art of Hosting and Harvesting Meaningful Conversations and other technologies.

## Work Experience

2017 – Present                      Dave Ellis CONSULTING                      Minnesota/National and International  
Cofounder/Freelance Guide

Community Engagement Experience Examples

2012 – 2013 Art of Hosting and Harvesting Conversations That Matter Events.

- A. June, 2013 – 6 day event, Hosting in the African Nova Scotian Community, Halifax, Nova Scotia, Canada.
- B. February, 2013 – 7 day hosting event, Hosting From a Deeper Place, Sao Paula, Brazil
- C. 2013 – Hosted multiple community conversations of the ACE Study followed by Art of Hosting conversations.
- D. April, 2012 Completed 4-day initial training in the Art of Hosting (AoH).
- E. May, 2012, Facilitated convening of 50 individuals from the African American community to discuss the latest research on adverse childhood experiences (ACEs), toxic stress and their impact on the neurobiology and brain development in children prenatal – 3.
- F. July, 2012 Facilitated a convening of 60 African American men and boys at the Science Museum of Minnesota based on The Wonder Years exhibit.
- G. August, 2012 Facilitated convening of 120 individuals from the American Indian community featuring international presenter Patrick Anderson on the topic of the impact of adverse childhood experiences on children prenatal – 3.
- H. November, 2012 Facilitated 2<sup>nd</sup> convening of the African American community to continue the creation of a community developed and implemented strategic plan to address ACEs in the African American community.
- I. November, 2012 Facilitated joint convening of the American Indian and African American communities to begin to create a joint community strategic plan.
- J. November, 2012 Facilitated convening at the joint Minnesota Council on Foundations and Council of Nonprofits with over 800 individuals.
- K. December, 2012 Co-led training of 130 individuals in the AoH

2007 - 2012                      United Way                      Minneapolis  
Community Impact Manager  
Manage \$10M budget for family violence and homelessness programming including developing additional funding opportunities through relationships with local, state and federal funding sources.  
Provide expert level consultation to all UW staff, Board of Directors, media regarding domestic/family violence and homelessness, community engagement, diversity and equity.  
Act as the liaison between UW and governmental, community– and faith-based based agencies, and the corporate and health care communities.  
Direct a statewide alliance to end violence and oppression in Minnesota.  
Creation of Minnesota's first school based on compassionate care model.

1996-Present                      youthrive                      St Paul  
Juvenile Justice Specialist (Volunteer)  
Develop and implement a holist, full wrap around service program for youth and families involved in the juvenile justice system rooted in evidence based practices that includes programming from entry to reentry.  
Develop and implement an evidence based program for youth of promise, first and repeat offenders, and those that are truant and involved in in-school suspension.

2002-2007 MN Department of Corrections St Paul  
Director  
Create, implement and manage a community developed family violence program at the MN Correctional Facilities-Red Wing and Faribault in partnership with the Institute on Domestic Violence in The African American Community-University of Minnesota.  
Create, implement and manage a community- and faith-based reentry best practice program for MN's most serious and violent offenders.

2001-2002 Council on Crime and Justice Minneapolis  
Director  
Direct the Racial Disparity Initiative, a multi-million dollar research project examining the impact of and collateral affects of racial disparities in Minnesota's criminal justice system on the community.  
Direct the legislatively mandated statewide racial profiling study to look at multiple law enforcement jurisdictions to determine if racial profiling exists within those areas and make recommendations for corrective actions.

1983-2002 MN Departments of Corrections and Public Safety St Paul  
Multiple positions from Correctional Counselor to Director of Diversity and Equity

### Education

1970 - 1972, Southeastern Illinois Community College  
1972 - 1974, McKendree College - BS Psychology  
2009 - 2013 Humphrey School of Public Affairs  
2012 - 2013 Facilitator/Trainer, Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter  
2012 - World Café Practicum - Art of Hosting Conversations That Matter  
2013 - Brazil, Hosting From a Deeper Place & day practicum  
2013 - 2014, Bush Foundation Fellowship

### Program Development

**Safety, Offender Accountability Restoration (SOAR) Project** 2002 Project SOAR, a federally funded prisoner reentry program, was conceptually unique as it endeavored to provide a comprehensive range of services to high risk offenders. Services included housing assistance, employment opportunities, assistance with basic needs, counseling, community driven support, faith-based mentorship opportunities, individualized pre-release planning and other services seen as necessary to successful reentry.

**Day of Peace** 2004 Day of Peace is part of a larger program called PeaceJam that brings Nobel Peace Prize recipients to the metropolitan area to work with young adults on leadership, peace building and service learning. Day of Peace is the part of the larger restorative justice program that is at the MN Correctional Facility-Red Wing. To date, 5 Nobels have been to MCF-RW including Archbishop Desmond Tutu, Rigoberta Menchu Tum, Betty Williams and Adolfo Perez Esquivel. Data collected over the 6 year history has shown that disciplinary infractions at the prison are great curtailed for the month of planning prior to and 3 months after the Nobel is at the institution.

**Adult and Juvenile Reentry Program Models** 2000 Developed and implemented a new community-based reentry model for the MN Department of Corrections at the MCF—Red Wing. This model was later implemented as the model for both the adult and juvenile facility programs. This model is still in use at DOC facilities.

**Minnesota Alliance Against Violence** 2009 Created a first of its kind statewide anti violence initiative that includes over 400 individuals and over 250 agencies that targets 8 different forms of violence.

### Areas of Specialization

Community engagement  
Strategic planning for Non-Profit and Corporate organizations  
Chaos management  
Effective Communication  
Values Clarification  
Working with diverse communities  
Staff engagement

### **Research/ Publications**

2001—Racial Disparity Initiative—Council on Crime and Justice  
2001—Statewide Racial Profiling Study—Council on Crime and Justice  
2007—Statewide Crime Victim Survey—United Way  
2010—Statewide Crime Victim Survey—United Way  
2011 – State of Women and Girls Report – Women’s Foundation of Minnesota

### **Community Engagement**

2013 North Minneapolis Open Space Technology – Host  
2013 World Café St Cloud State University Global Literacy - Host  
2012 & 13 – World Café – African American & American Indian Communities  
2012 & 13 – World Café – Haitian Diaspora  
2012 – World Café – MN Council of Non Profits and Council on Foundations - Co-Facilitator  
2012 & 13 — Proactive Café—African American Community—Host  
2012—Proactive Café — Native American Community — Host  
2012 & 13 — Community Café — African American Men — Host  
2010—United Against Violence Summit—Convener  
2006—N MPLS End the Violence Service Project featuring Archbishop Desmond Tutu—Community Co-Chair

### **Media Publications**

2012 – Consulting Producer – *With Impunity – A History of Gender Violence and Men*  
2010 - United Against Violence Summit – Overview DVD - Producer

### **Presentations**

2012 – youthrive Keynote Address - Presenter  
2012 – Parkway United Church of Christ - Presenter  
2012 - Penn Club of MN— Adverse Childhood Experiences - Presenter  
2010 - United Against Violence Summit—Presenter  
2010 – Ramsey County Community Health – Domestic Violence Continuum - Presenter

### **Honors, Awards, Fellowships, Grants**

Sales Achievement Recognition Award—1981  
National Governor’s Council Best Practice Award—1998  
Induction into Southeastern Illinois Community College Athletic Hall of Fame—2004  
Bush Foundation Fellowship – 2013/2014  
Named Global Steward of Art of Hosting - 2013

### **Positions Held**

2009/11—MPLS—Neighborhood Revitalization Program Board—Vice Chair and Secretary  
1997/99—Member and Chair—Hawthorne Area Community Council  
1998/00 – Hamline University – Center for Excellence in Urban Teaching – Founding Board Member

### **References**

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