

Robert Battles

Independent Consultant



EXPERIENCE

R. Battles Consulting, Los Angeles — Founder

December 2007 - PRESENT

Principle consultant for grant management, capacity building, facilitation/training, and community engagement. Recent clients include;

- Los Angeles County - Probation Dept.: Ready To Rise Grant Coach *Aug. 2019 - present*
- Los Angeles County- Executive Office: Public Information Officer (PRIT) *Sep. 2018 - June 2019*
- Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust: Measure "A" Parks Assessment *March 2018 - July 2018*
- Los Angeles Black Worker Center: Leadership development retreat *Jan. 2018 - March 2018*
- The California Endowment- Facilitation Team (BHC Initiative) *Dec. 2016 - Feb. 2018*
- CADRE/Dignity In Schools Campaign CA: Statewide Connector/Organizer *Aug. 2015 - Jan. 2018*
- Center for the Study of Social Policy - First5LA Best Start Capacity Builder *Mar. 2011 - June 2014*

Core Capacities

- *Statewide and Local Community Engagement Strategies*
- *Communications: Strategic Outcomes and Online Content Development*
- *Communications: Community/Press/Social Media Engagement (Campaign and/or On-Going)*
- *Leadership Development and Capacity Building Training*
- *Workshop/Meeting Facilitation (Process and/or Presentation)*
- *Retreat Facilitation (Process and/or Product)*

Previous Clients (2008 - 2014)

- UCLA - Community Programs Office*
- The Harriet Tubman Center - Detroit Mi.*
- Los Angeles Parent Organization Network*
- Boyle Heights Learning Collaborative*
- Los Angeles Parents Union*
- LAUSD*
- Pitzer College*
- African American Parents Community Coalition for Educational Equity*

Additional Experience

- *Youth and Adult Community Organizing*
- *Campaign Management*
- *Social Justice Non-Profit Programming and Evaluation*
- *Website and Social Media Account Administration*
- *Online Campaigns and Community Engagement*

CDTech, Los Angeles — Sr. Program Manager

December 2012 - February 2015

Executive team member responsible for carrying out leadership training consulting contract with First5LA and produced trainings for 3 South Los Angeles community leaders, supervise

SKILLS

- Facilitation/Training
- Community Engagement
- Campaign Development
- Strategic Planning
- Coaching

AWARDS

N/A

LANGUAGES

Proficient in English, and conversational Spanish

a community engagement staff focused on voter registration and workforce development recruitment, and designing youth internship programs.

Community Coalition, Los Angeles — Co-Director of Youth Programs

February 2003 - February 2007

Organizer responsible for engaging LAUSD schools through direct outreach, youth leadership recruitment, and coalition-building. Lead organizer for the “A-G for All College Access Campaign”, successfully passing policy that paved the way for all LAUSD students to have access to college prep options.

EDUCATION

University of California, Los Angeles — Degree in African-American Studies/History

Sept. 1997 - June 2007

PROJECTS

Probation Reform Implementation Team

The PRIT was a historic effort by the Los Angeles County Supervisors to respond to the growing concerns around the lack of oversight regarding the nation’s largest probation system. The PRIT was an intense 9-month long effort to engage stakeholders at all levels from policy development, to powers and staffing of a new Probation Oversight Commission. As Public Information Officer (PIO), I was able to utilize a multitude of in person and online methods to engage LA County residents across all five supervisorial districts.

Ready To Rise Grant

The Ready to Rise grant is a unique effort by 3 entities; The LA County Department of Probation, the California Community Foundation, and the Liberty Hill Foundation to pilot a “public-private partnership” that would streamline the access to Juvenile Justice Crime Prevention Act money that is allocated annually to be distributed by the LA County Probation Dept. Currently I am coaching executive leadership from 7 nonprofit organizations throughout LA County to implement capacity building plans and enhanced outcomes in youth engagement.

Building Healthy Communities South Los Angeles

Building and sustaining a network of over two dozen community organizations, city, and county agencies to collectively strengthen healthy community outcomes in Los Angeles through the funding from The California Endowment

Dignity In Schools Campaign California

Building and sustaining a network of over two dozen community organizations, city, and county agencies to collectively strengthen the school discipline movement building work throughout the state of California.