# William J. Coughlin

## Employment and Training | Communications Leader

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Dynamic, results-oriented professional with a passion for public relations and the ability to support organizational goals and initiatives. Enthusiastic team player with critical thinking and problem-solving skills. Expert in constructing unique solutions and effective strategies/action plans, to proactively address communication challenges.

## **Development and Community Relations**

Designed, promoted, and managed unique community-oriented event resulting in 75% increase in public awareness of the organization and \$10,000 in new funding that broadened the scope of donors/potential donors.

Generated **more than \$250,000 in donations** by building and **maintaining strong partnerships** with small business owners and key corporate leaders/donors.

Initiated, developed, and **maintained collaborative relationships** with key constituents including the board of directors; government officials; local business leaders; corporate donors; chamber of commerce directors and media.

## **Educating and Training**

Developed **and implemented a training program** designed to enhance job placement of students and dislocated manufacturing workers participating in a federally funded training program. Achieved **success rate of over 50%** in placing students with Comerica Bank and other major employers in Oakland County.

Created **employability skills training program** for previously injured workers at Cascade Rehabilitation. Provided local labor market surveys and interacted with local business owners to **develop employment opportunities** for individuals able and willing to return to gainful employment.

**Taught employability skills** to dislocated workers participating in federally funded short-term retraining program at Washtenaw Community College.

Designed **and taught an employability skills training program** for workers comp clients at Travelers Medical Management. Achieved **success rate of over 60%**. Program participants either returned to new, gainful employment or resolved their claim with Travelers.

### Communications Experience

Designed and produced public relations/promotional materials including newsletters, direct mail appeal letters and press releases, to **enhance agency recognition and public support**.

Organized and edited publication/distribution of award-winning quarterly newsletter with circulation of 500.

Created direct mail campaigns using agency "success stories" resulting in 60% increase of new, net funding.

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## Mentor | Trainer | Leader

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Bachelor of Arts \* Journalism \* Public Relations \* ESL Tutor \* Fundraiser
Public Affairs \* Community Outreach \* Interpersonal Mentoring \* Volunteer Work
Relationship Building \* Community Awareness \* Community Engagement
Public Awareness \* Communications and Development

## Educational Background

Certificate of Achievement - Principles and Techniques of Fundraising

- Indiana University Center on Philanthropy (presented at Michigan State University; East Lansing, MI)

#### Bachelor of Arts in Journalism with Specialization in Public Relations

- Oakland University; Rochester, MI

#### Volunteer Work

Served the community as **Volunteer Probation Officer** with 16th District Court in Livonia, MI.

- Monitored activity to confirm their ability to abide by terms of their probation period stipulated by the judge.
- Provided information regarding individual probation reports used to inform and guide judges.

Tutored/mentored a native of China as an ESL Tutor with Plymouth-Canton Community Literacy Council.

- Inspired to quit her labor-intensive job and return to college due to mentoring. She is currently teaching Chinese language/culture to high school students in Northville Public School district.

Participated in **church leadership roles** including **mentoring at-risk middle school students** in nationally acclaimed **Kids Hope** program.

Served as **member of church council** and participated in search committee to hire Associate Pastor.

### **Employment History**

Fleet Logistics Team Member	2014 – Present
- Enterprise Holdings	
Recruiting Associate	2010 - 2011
- InnerU Interview & Recruiting Services, LLC	
Fundraiser	2003 – 2009
- Independent Consultant	
Service Representative	2004 - 2006
- Detroit Bio-Medical Laboratories	
Director of Communications and Development	1999 - 2002
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- United Cerebral Palsy of Metro Detroit