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I am an independent consultant based in Humboldt County. My career in law, social work and social policy research includes experience in community organizing and engagement, class action and housing litigation, mental health service delivery, management consulting, strategic and program planning, resource development, grant and project management, training and technical assistance, research, evaluation and systems change. Projects I lead foster collaboration across education, workforce, economic development, health and human services to form partnerships, catalyze innovation and achieve equitable outcomes for children, youth and adults. My work concentrates on underserved, underrepresented and vulnerable groups, including BIPOC peoples, opportunity youth, foster youth, immigrants and refugees, English learners, people living in poverty, unemployed people, people with disabilities, and people impacted by criminal justice and mental health systems.

Since 2011, most of my work has focused on developing and implementing policy, partnership, practice and systems change to expand access, improve service delivery and achieve equitable outcomes in state and federal post-secondary transition, adult education, career technical education, workforce training and development, and economic development programs. I launched my independent consulting practice in 2017 and, in addition to federal and state initiatives, began offering services to nonprofits and foundations to build the capacity of Boards, staff, and organizations to design and implement partnerships, policies, programs and practices.

My knowledge of and experience with RRRISE since its inception – collaborating with the Convening Team to author/produce the planning grant proposal, with CCRP to author/produce the Partnership Mapping deliverable for Regional Plan Part 1, with NCO and Think Place to author/produce both Insights Reports, Data Walk materials, the Equity Toolkit and summary of the April In-Person Convening - as well as my independent consulting practice has enriched my understanding of priority communities across the region. I have a successful track record of securing federal and state funding for complex, multi-sector, multi-year projects.

I look forward to learning about your work! Ursula

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