

## Karen (Ryals) Polley

### *Summary of Qualifications*

Over 25 years of experience in education including teaching, administration, leadership, planning, and development of adult education, vocational education, and employment training programs. My employment has given me experience in policy development and regulations at the state and national levels. I have had the opportunity to develop extensive service on boards and commissions including the Professional Teaching Practices Commission, The Glacier Highway Electric Association Board, National Association of State Directors of Vocational Education, the Juneau Community Garden Association, The University of Alaska Vocational Education Advisory Board, Alaska Nutrition Education Training Program Advisory Committee, and the Alaska Home Economics Association Board. My professional positions enabled me to be instrumental in the initiation and establishment of multiple agency collaborative efforts including the Departments of Education, Health and Social Service, Labor, Community and Regional Affairs, municipal governments and the private sector. In my leisure time I enjoy hunting, fishing and outdoor recreation.

### *Employment*

2005- Present	Self employment: Stone Soup Alaska Designs
1999-2005	University of Alaska Southeast Ketchikan Campus Director, Ketchikan
1997-1998	Owner/ Operator, Polley's Waterbug Service
1995-1996	Interim Director, School of Career Education, University of Alaska Southeast
1994-1996	Consultant with Ernest Polley and Associates
1992-1993	Program Coordinator, Southeast Regional Resource Center, Juneau
1987-1991	Director of Adult and Vocational Education, Alaska Department of Education, Juneau
1978-1987	Education Administrator Career and Vocational Education, Alaska Department of Education, Juneau
1974-1978	Instructor, Juneau Douglas Community College
1968-1974	Home Economics Teacher, City and Borough of Juneau School District, Juneau

### *Education*

United State Merchant Marine License 50 ton qualification 1998-2008  
Certificate Basic Facilitator, Association for Quality and Participation 1992  
Principals Credential, University of Alaska Southeast, Juneau 1998  
M. Ed Secondary Education, University of Alaska Juneau, 1978  
BA Home Economics and BA in Home Economics Education, Eastern Washington State University, Cheney, 1968

### *Awards*

Excellence in Education for Work, 1987 the Alaska Committee  
Alaska Home Economist Outstanding Contributions Award 1983, Alaska Home Economics Association  
Leadership in Vocational Education Award 1980, Alaska State Vocational Association  
Home Economist of the Year, 1991, Alaska Home Economic Association  
Meritorious Service Award for Outstanding Service, 1991 from the Alaska State Vocational Association