

Valued

I've known Roger, off and on, for 25 years. He is knowledgeable, reliable, helpful and professional. He's mastered the intricacies of the complex DCFS/State of Illinois contracting, rate setting, cost reporting and financial/regulatory maze that puzzles and frustrates so many of us. Roger helps folks through that maze. When I learned he was retiring, I was concerned that his helpful assistance would be lost to those of us who contract with the state of Illinois to provide services to the children and families who need it so much. I was pleased...really pleased...when I found out that he will still be available to us. I plan on using him / his firm...I know others will as well.

David McConnell – former CFO at Lutheran Social Services of Illinois and One Hope United; founder and chief connector at McConnell Financial LLC.

I have known Roger Thompson for almost 20 years. I worked for 16 years for the Illinois Department of Children and Family Services where I worked closely with Roger on rate setting and contracts. Roger was always so responsive and helpful in his approach. Roger gets the programming side of the work. Since I was more on that side of the table, it was always great to bounce ideas off of Roger before moving towards system changes. Roger is also very personable in his style which was always appreciated. I was a part of various system reform workgroups and often Roger was also a part of these groups and I always would hear from other providers and other key stakeholders how they valued Roger's opinion. I know I certainly have through my career.

I am so honored to have known Roger while with the State and now in his new endeavors as a contractor. I would not hesitate to use Roger for any of your fiscal needs. His background is wide and he would be an asset to any organization.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

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Expertise



Thompson has over 30 years experience working at the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services in rate setting, contracting, auditing, and budgeting.

He provided a leadership role in the DCFS implementation of GATA (Grant Accountability and Transparency Act).

Thompson is available for consulting in the areas around social service contracting and reimbursement.

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Strengths

Thompson's strengths include rate setting, both private sector program budget development, and state budgeting.

He possesses wide-ranging experience in constructing and implementing reimbursement methodologies and leading negotiations focusing on contract issues and rates of reimbursement.

Thompson was a principal staff member involved in the administration of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA) at the Illinois Department of Children & Family Services.

- ◆ Rate analysis and development
- ◆ Program budgeting
- ◆ Cost reporting
- ◆ Grant Accountability & Transparency Act (GATA)

Experience

Consulting

January, 2017 – Present

Consulting on private sector/government contracting and reimbursement issues.

Manager

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

July, 2000 – December, 2016

Thompson served as the manager of the rate setting unit in a billion plus dollar state child welfare agency purchasing prevention, substitute care and reunification services. He has implemented funding models for contracted child welfare residential programs and developed cost assignments supporting Federal funding activities. Thompson participated in the Department's implementation of the Grant Accountability and Transparency Act (GATA).

Rate Setting and Residential Purchasing Monitor

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

November, 1998 – July, 2000

Thompson was responsible for developing rates of reimbursement for institution and group home provider agencies as well as determining statewide foster care rates. He was also responsible for forecasting and monitoring a \$500 plus million residential purchase of care budget.

Budget Analyst

Budget Development Division

July, 1991 – November, 1998

Thompson was responsible for forecasting Department casework staffing needs and monitoring on-going staffing levels. In addition to providing analysis of pending legislation, he continued to remain responsible for developing reimbursement rates for contracted residential services and foster parents.

Contract Analyst

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

October, 1984 – April 1987, &

December, 1989 – July, 1991

Thompson was responsible for developing reimbursement rates for contracted institution and group home service providers. He also supported tasks surrounding the annual contract planning process.

Internal Auditor

Illinois Department of Children & Family Services

April, 1987 – December, 1989

While working as an auditor, Thompson completed an assessment of the Department's interpretation and implementation of Federal Title IV-E regulations leading to significant changes in practice. He also participated in on-site fiscal reviews of contracted provider agencies and developed the state-wide day care center and day care home payment rates.

“Increasing value and impact for social services.”