

## Contact

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## Top Skills

Workshop Facilitation  
Leadership  
Public Speaking

# Sue Swenson

Appointed to disability leadership by 3 Presidents. Volunteer president, Inclusion International.

Bethesda, Maryland, United States

## Summary

Experienced non-profit and US federal government senior executive and leader in rights and supports of people with disabilities and their families. Interested in application of modern management and marketing techniques to help public systems better know and serve the people they are intended to help. Experienced in interdisciplinary applications. Abiding interest in international collaborative efforts. Frequent public speaker and enthusiastic participant in forums designed to improve the lives of citizens like my son.

Specialties: Strategy, marketing for professionals and for public services, policy, leadership, management; also public speaking; meeting facilitation; advocacy training.

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## Experience

### Inclusion International

President

June 2018 - Present (5 years 3 months)

This is a volunteer leadership role in the strongest international network and Disabled People's Organization representing people with intellectual disabilities, children with disabilities, and their families. InclusionInternational is based in London, UK.

### U.S. Department of Education

Deputy and Acting Assistant Secretary, OSERS

August 2010 - January 2017 (6 years 6 months)

Served as Director of the National Institute for Disability and Rehabilitation Research, 2010-2011. Served as Acting Assistant Secretary twice.

### The Arc US

Executive Director 05-07; Associate ED 03-05.

2003 - 2007 (4 years)

Leadership at \$3+B network of local and state affiliates serving people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

#### Joseph P. Kennedy, Jr. Foundation

Executive Director

2001 - 2003 (2 years)

Manage all aspects of a small disability-focused foundation.

#### Administration on Developmental Disabilities, US DHHS

Commissioner,

May 1998 - July 2001 (3 years 3 months)

Reauthorization of DD Act of 2000; reduced staff; piloted electronic submission of proposals for HHS; achieved OMB approval of funding at full authorization (lost post-9/11).

#### Institute on Community Integration, U of MN

Associate

January 1997 - April 1998 (1 year 4 months)

#### US Senate Subcommittee on Disability Policy

Kennedy Public Policy Fellow

January 1996 - December 1996 (1 year)

Office of the chairman, Sen. Bill Frist

Worked with policy staff, stakeholders on IDEA 1996, and completed committee report; staff responsibility for DD Act 1996.

#### Barr Engineering

Marketing Manager

1990 - 1995 (5 years)

Provided marketing strategy and management for a large interdisciplinary environmental consulting firm.

#### Minnesota Heart and Lung Institute

Marketing Manager

1987 - 1989 (2 years)

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## Education

University of Minnesota - Carlson School of Management

MBA, Marketing management: focus on professional services · (1984 - 1986)

University of Chicago

AM, Humanities · (1975 - 1977)

University of Chicago

AB, Humanities, with honors · (1971 - 1975)

Red Wing Central High School

HS diploma · (1968 - 1971)