

## PARTNERS



**Katy Anthes, Ph.D.**, a founder and partner of the Third Mile Group, directs projects, conducts research and analysis, and develops and facilitates planning meetings to assist a variety of clients. Her work has focused on education leadership and governance issues across the nation, and she has considerable experience and expertise managing large-scale grants, developing and fundraising for national initiatives, and working in multiple states with many stakeholders and partners. Anthes

has also conducted work on educational accountability, P-16 models, teacher quality, integrated service schools, future drivers of social policy and the engagement of at-risk youth. Anthes earned both a doctorate in public affairs and master's degree in public policy from the University of Colorado at Denver and Health Sciences Center.

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Partnerships in all UNC teacher preparation institutions, and organized the UNC Center for School Leadership Development, a confederation of high-quality programs for the initial and continuing preparation of teachers and administrators. A native of North Carolina, Coble earned his undergraduate, masters and doctorate degrees from the UNC-Chapel Hill.

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**Catherine Walker, M.A.** a founder and partner in The Third Mile Group, has extensive experience and expertise in project management, policy research, writing, editing, constituent communication and relations, accounting, and meeting planning and coordination. Prior to TMG she served as director of communications at the Education Commission of the States, and for 16 years she served as office/financial

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Helping Education and Social Policy Organizations Reach Their Goals

**THE THIRD MILE GROUP (TMG)** is an independent education and social policy organization based in Denver, Colorado, that is committed to accelerating positive changes in schools and communities. Founded in 2006 as a limited liability company, TMG works with profit and nonprofit organizations, schools, districts and boards, foundations, community organizations, and other entities dedicated to improving social and educational policy. We have expertise in education leadership, teacher quality, public policy alignment and development, future trends in social policy, cross-sector policy alignment, higher education policy and administration, and program evaluation.

### *TMG collaborates with clients to:*

- ◆ Assess and diagnose organizational needs
- ◆ Generate and evaluate ideas and initiatives
- ◆ Provide necessary research and information
- ◆ Assist with project implementation
- ◆ Achieve practical, meaningful and measurable results.

## *Every Mile Matters: Ideas, Information, Implementation*

The Third Mile Group was created by a passionate group of professionals committed to a focused and inclusive way of doing educational and social policy business. We recognize that projects begin with people — your people. Our team works with your staff to assess objectives, generate ideas, conduct research, design initiatives, and align projects and networks to carry out the work and achieve the goals of your organization.

We believe that implementation is an underrated skill and often the most difficult step of any goal or project, so we go the extra distance — the third mile — to ensure tasks are completed and objectives are achieved. Through a network business model capable of tapping experts and organizations around the nation — coupled with high-quality and experienced staff — The Third Mile Group links organizational goals to the right team of people and resources to achieve success and customer satisfaction.

### *The Third Mile philosophy:*



**Mile One: Ideas** — Generating creative ideas and assessing the most important work to be accomplished



**Mile Two: Information** — Identifying the most pertinent data and resources to create the plan that will achieve your desired outcome



**Mile Three: Implementation** — Going the extra distance to ensure implementation and completion of objectives so you, your organization and community are delighted with the results.

The Third Mile Group will go beyond the first and second miles in your organizational journey and walk with you through the third mile – guiding you to the resources, people and actions that will achieve your goals.

## *SERVICES*

### *The Third Mile Group works with clients to:*

- ◆ Create, execute and align initiatives with organizational mission and goals
- ◆ Conduct research and policy and gap analyses
- ◆ Perform program and policy evaluation
- ◆ Organize and facilitate strategic planning
- ◆ Write policy briefs and proposals
- ◆ Develop skills and assets for the human capital in your organization
- ◆ Build and broker partnerships and networks
- ◆ Facilitate stakeholder meetings and communities of practice.

## *CLIENTS*

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- ◆ Learning Point Associates
- ◆ The Wallace Foundation
- ◆ Council of Chief State School Officers
- ◆ National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant Colleges
- ◆ National Center on Addiction and Substance Abuse at Columbia University
- ◆ National Commission on Teaching and America's Future
- ◆ National Association of System Heads/The Education Trust
- ◆ American Association for Colleges of Teacher Education
- ◆ National Center on School Engagement
- ◆ South Dakota Board of Regents
- ◆ Colorado Department of Education
- ◆ Fountain-Fort Carson (Colorado) School District 8
- ◆ Augenblick, Palaich and Associates
- ◆ Donnell-Kay Foundation