

DONNA GLASSMAN-SOMMER

Donna Glassman-Sommer is program manager of new teacher development for the Tulare County Office of Education in Tulare, California.

She spent four years as principal and director of alternative education for Exeter Public Schools and was the leading force in making CHARACTER COUNTS! a district-wide K-12 priority. During that period, the regional ACSA (Association for California School Administrators) named her District Administer of the Year. While principal of Kaweah High School, she implemented the CC! program schoolwide with at-risk students and staff, which dramatically improved attendance, GPA, and student achievement. She also helped introduce the Ethics in the Workplace program to local communities.

Glassman-Sommer provides training to new teachers implementing CC! in their classrooms while aligning with state standards and serves on the state board for the California Teacher Corps. She's also served as the chairperson for the Workforce Investment Youth Council, addressing issues of ethics for students as they move into the workplace.

Glassman-Sommer holds a master's degree in Education with California credentials in school administration and elementary and special education. She and husband Barry live in central California and enjoy spending time with their grown daughters Cara and Shonna.