



**Shirley V. Brown, BS Ed. MSW
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Shirley V. Brown has lived in Colorado since 1983. She has a lifetime goal of continuing to be an advocate and activist for various civic causes, especially the success of children in education.

Shirley graduated from Bowie University in Maryland with an education degree and has been a teacher, counselor, administrator and consultant in Colorado, Maryland, Delaware, Arizona, England and Italy. In Colorado Springs she opened the American Academy, a school known to teach students to be successful learners. She also opened the Bright Horizon School, established under the Colorado Department of Education for children in foster care through the Colorado Department of Human Services.

In a second career she graduated from Denver University in Denver, Colorado and entered a practice of Psychotherapy. She worked with the Front Range Institute and helped to acquire a \$600,000 grant from the Department of Defense to implement a program created to deter high risk behavior in juveniles. She also worked with Providence Psychological Services as an officer manager, marketer and psychotherapist.

Shirley has done volunteer work since her teen years in Maryland. There have been many causes of interest since then. Since living in Colorado Springs, she has worked with numerous organizations including the Special Education Community in Colorado Springs School District 11. She is active in The Hub, the community group that brought 2-1-1 Human Services and Resources telephone information to Colorado Springs. She participates in the Springs Community Action Plan, the El Paso County Judicial Court and is an advocate for senior citizens and developmentally disabled adults.

Shirley married Thomas, a career United States Air Force military soldier (now deceased). This union produced three children and two grandchildren. Shirley is currently retired and serves on the board of directors for The Space, Technology and Arts (STAR) Academy in Colorado Springs School District 11.