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Melba Butler dedicates her practice to improving management and program development services for non-profit organizations.

Ms. Butler received her Masters of Science in Social Work from Columbia University in 1979 and is a Licensed Clinical Social Worker in New York State. After serving as Harlem Dowling-West Side Center's Deputy Executive Director for several years, Ms. Butler was appointed Executive Director of HDWC in September of 1990.

For over sixteen years, Butler responded to the growing and changing community needs. She led HDWC to expand its vision and role in Harlem and other similar communities. Spearheading a diversification of its family and child-focused services, Butler brought Harlem Dowling to the forefront of child welfare organizations.

Notable accomplishments include record numbers of adopted children, model programs for sexually abused children, providing education and case management services to families impacted by HIV/AIDS, stabilizing formerly homeless families, exemplary after-school programs and developing neighborhood and citywide coalitions to address policy issues.

Ms. Butler has served in leadership capacities on numerous boards of directors including Sisulu Academy-- A Public Charter School, Hale House, Council on Family and Child Caring Agencies and Black Agency Executives.

Melba Butler is the founder and principal of Butler Consulting. Her firm provides management and program development services for non-profit organizations and small businesses. Butler Consulting projects include executive search, coaching management and boards of trustees, project management, staff development, conference planning and facilitation, and business plan development.

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