



Debi Grebenik Introduction

Debi Grebenik trains internationally and is known for her expertise in healing child trauma. She also trains on Vicarious Trauma within child welfare and judicial systems as well as for first responders and medical professionals. She is known for her engaging and enthusiastic presentations on healing for children, youth, families, teams, and systems.

Her education includes a Masters' Degree in Social Work; a Master's Degree in Religious Education; a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Innovation from the University of Colorado.

Debi is the Chief Learning Officer of Alia, a nonprofit organization focused on innovations for people and systems impacted by childhood trauma. Previous to Alia, Debi served as the Executive Director of Maple Star Colorado, a child welfare agency providing foster care, domestic violence advocacy, human trafficking services, clinical services, autism supports, placement prevention, and other innovative programming.

Under Debi's leadership, Maple Star expanded and grew; one of their innovative programs was accepted into the Colorado Compendium of Promising Practices. Maple Star led the state of Colorado in innovative programming.

In 2014, Debi was awarded the 360 Degree Leader of the Year of Providence Service Corporation out of 11,000 employees. She was also appointed by Colorado's Governor to serve on the Human Trafficking Council where she chaired the task force on standards. In 2017 she was awarded the outstanding adjunct faculty of the year award for Newman University where she's taught for the past 11 years in their Master's of Social Work program where she created a class on Traumatology.

Debi's mission is for everyone to have the "aha" moment about the impact of trauma on their personal and professional lives. What she is best known for is her love of the color pink, her 7 grandchildren and Starbucks as well as her nonstop energy.