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In 1998-1999, Ms. Theisen served for 6 months as Interim Executive Director of the YWCA of Maricopa County. During this period, she oversaw the operations of an agency with 32 staff and a budget of \$2 million. Before launching her own management consulting practice in 1988, she was employed by Wirth Associates, a Phoenix-based planning and design firm as a Public Involvement Coordinator. From 1976-1980, she was a staff member with The Conservation Foundation in Washington, D.C. serving as training coordinator for a variety of citizen involvement programs.

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