



## Biography- Kim Hanchette, MEd, CDE

Kim Hanchette, founder of Diabetes Management Solutions, has worked in direct patient health for 23 years. After 10 years in geriatric and psychiatric health, she received her Masters in Adult Health Education. A CDE since 1991, she worked for Diabetes Treatment Centers of America on an inpatient and outpatient team, teaching diabetes self-management, counseling patients and families, managing the outpatient DSME program and facilitating support programs for ten years.

In 2000, Kim developed the idea for a nonprofit organization that would address the desperate need for diabetes education and support in underserved communities and populations. Diabetes Management Solutions was born and now maintains The Diabetes Bus Initiative, a mobile diabetes education program which provides free diabetes self-management classes to several rural North Carolina communities via primary physician offices and hospitals. Locally, DMS provides two support groups: Partners in Diabetes, and Living Well with Diabetes. These support groups provide ongoing diabetes education, updates, and peer support.

Kim has a unique style that provides a comfortable rapport and non-threatening approach to teaching diabetes management. She has developed teaching methods that incorporate practical knowledge of diabetes with lifestyle changes that measurably impact diabetes outcomes. Her methods are now used by the full staff. DMS recently received its 12<sup>th</sup> grant to provide mobile diabetes education and support to all underserved counties of North Carolina by 2011.

Kim has spoken at many diabetes conferences and meetings in North Carolina, recently presenting “Don’t Let Diabetes Rock Your World” at the TCOYD conference in Raleigh and “My Adventures on the Diabetes Bus”, at the University Of North Carolina School Of Nursing. She has written and updated the educational and behavioral chapters in “Current Trends in Diabetes” for American Healthways. She has been a speaker at the National Meeting of the American Association of Diabetes Educators.

In February, 2006, the American Diabetes Association awarded Kim the annual “Patient Care Award” for her efforts on behalf of North Carolinians with diabetes. In Feb 2007, Kim was awarded Triangle Business Journal's "Healthcare Hero Award" for her service to the diabetes community. In April, 2008, The Diabetes Bus Initiative was the feature story on CNBC's dlife TV show.

Based in Raleigh, North Carolina, when she isn't acting as “the Diabetes Bus lady”, Kim enjoys down time with her husband, two teenagers, and numerous pets.