

## Dr. Dawn, CEO/Founder of *Dr. Dawn ShopTalk Consulting, LLC*

**Dr. Dawn Tirado Hamby** is also the CEO/Founder of *Dr. Dawn ShopTalk LLC*, a consulting company based on Dr. Hamby's 30 + years of experience in education, training, management, and leadership. ShopTalk is bridging the gap between business and education by helping companies untap the leadership/potential of their employees, while helping school districts/colleges train the next generation to thrive in the workplace. As a result, ShopTalk offers a variety of consulting services including customized corporate training, professional development, leadership workshops, and professional coaching for today's businesses, non-profits, colleges, school districts, career tech programs and apprenticeship programs, as well as individual clients.



Dr. Hamby is also the author and podcast host of *The Career Woman's Secret Playbook*, a career guide for women who are either just starting their careers, or for women who have been in the trenches for years and just need a little inspiration. This guidebook for career women is based on Dr. Hamby's experience in hiring employees and knowing who gets fired and why.

Before choosing to leave at the top of her career to pursue her consulting business full-time, Dr. Hamby served as the Director of Strategic Initiatives for the Office of Skills Development (OSD) at the Arkansas Department of Commerce. In that role, Dr. Hamby was expected to provide feedback and insight regarding the State's top workforce initiatives, all while meeting the needs of businesses across Arkansas and balancing workforce and employer interests.

Before taking that role, Dr. Dawn was the Apprenticeship Director for the State of Arkansas for 2 years, and prior to that position, Dr. Hamby was the Director of Vocational Training for the Arkansas Career Training Institute (ACTI). At the time, ACTI was one of only 8 Comprehensive Vocational Rehabilitation Centers in the country and for over 13 years, Dr. Dawn ran 10 Career Tech Educational (CTE) programs and supervised the faculty/students/staff of those programs.

Dr. Hamby's appreciation of diversity stems from her own background - a native of New York, Dr. Hamby's family is originally from Puerto Rico, and moved to Arkansas in 1979. A graduate of Hendrix College, Dr. Dawn earned a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology, followed by a Master's Degree in Secondary Education, and a Double-Doctorate in Higher Education, both from the University of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Dr. Hamby is also a proud military mom – recently stationed with her husband at Eglin Air Force Base in Fort Walton Beach, FL, her daughter Savannah has been promoted to Staff Sergeant and works as an Armament Mechanic for the F-35 Fighter Jet (the plane in Top Gun!). And thanks to their non-military daughter Laura, "Lollie" ( Dr. Dawn) and "Pop" (her husband Mark) get to spend time as proud grandparents to their granddaughters Molly Grace (3) and Baby Elena (4 months) in Russellville, AR. When not bragging about their daughters and granddaughters, Dr. Dawn and Mark live in Little Rock, Arkansas, along with their two "furry-children," MJ and Roxie, and enjoy travelling, Netflix binges and chef-inspired meals with wine pairings.



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