



Jim Purcell has over 25 years of experience in the public and private sector working in education, public policy and human services.

Jim Purcell came to Sussex County in the early 1970's when his family moved here after his father completed two tours in Vietnam. Settling in Greenwood with his family he grew up going to school at Woodbridge and later moved to Milford, where he graduated from Milford High School in 1988.

Jim attended the University of Delaware, graduating with a political science and history education degree in 1993. By 1997, Jim had received his Masters in Public Administration from the University of Delaware with a specialization in state and local government and non-profit management.

In 2002, Jim joined the American Red Cross of the Delmarva Peninsula as a Manager of the Southern Delaware office. There he helped manage the office, promoted Red Cross products and services, and organized fundraising activities to benefit the American Red Cross.

In 2005, Jim became the State Director for Communities in Schools of Delaware, where he helped to build the organization from the roots up. As State Director, Jim helped grow Communities In Schools in Delaware from serving four schools to 15 schools. He increased the organization's budget from \$350,000 to over \$2,500,000 employing and managing non-profit agency with 40 employees, influencing the lives of over 12,000 students in Delaware.

Recently, Jim Purcell worked for Dover Behavioral Health as Director of Business Development and Community Relations. As Director Jim is responsible for business development, relationship and stakeholder management, marketing and communications as well as strategic and organizational development.

In 2017, Jim Purcell joined Horizon Philanthropic Services as an associate tasked with fund development, relationship and stakeholder management, marketing and communications as well as strategic and organizational development. Jim also pursued his own consulting opportunities forming Purcell Enterprises 101 working with clients like Bayhealth, Sussex Montessori School and the Milford School district on business development and community outreach.

Jim is a member of the College of Education and Public Policy Alumni Association at the University of Delaware. And was appointed by the Governor to the Humanities Forum in 2009 as well as the Delaware Mentoring Council in 2010. Jim serves on the Behavioral Health Consortium led by Lt. Governor Bethany Hall-Long.

Jim lives in Milford with his daughter McKenna.