

# Doni Blumenstock

## CRECIENTE PROGRAM DIRECTOR

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Doni Blumenstock serves as the Program Director for Creciente. She is a recognized expert on the development and implementation of leadership programs, having served for 12 years as the founding director of the Sacramento Region Chapter of the American Leadership Forum, consulted on the founding of the San Joaquin Valley chapter of ALF, co-founded and ran the Nehemiah Emerging Leaders Program, and now Creciente. Her particular passion is ensuring that the tables of leadership are diversified so that the voices of all those impacted by public and economic policy decisions are represented. She is an expert on collaborative leadership, coalition building, and community development. She is the author of Community Organizing for Prevention: The First Steps, written for the Massachusetts Department of Public Health; and was co-author for The Community Collaboration Manual. She has led workshops and given presentations for national, state and local groups.

Prior to returning to California to found ALF, Doni was a consultant working at the national, state and local levels on organizational, youth and community development and substance abuse prevention. She served as founding director of the Coalition for a Drug-Free Mobile County, AL, and as the Assistant Director of the National Assembly and National Collaboration for Youth in Washington, DC. While there, she ran a national project, Making the Grade, which issued a report card on the state of youth in America and organized 350 town meetings across the nation to bring people together to build better services for kids.

Doni is a graduate of Leadership America, a national women's leadership program. She completed two terms as a commissioner on the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission and one term on the



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City of Sacramento Arts, Culture and Creative Economy Commission. She has been board secretary and governance chair of Friends of Sacramento Arts. She now helps organizations around the region to diversify their boards and advises many executive directors on organizational development strategy, and works collaboratively with numerous regional efforts to improve the quality of life and leadership in the Sacramento region.

She is the wife of an Episcopal priest and is the mother of three daughters and grandmother of four.

**Strengths:**

STRATEGIC

COMMUNICATION

RELATOR

MAXIMIZER

ARRANGER

