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Position 1984 to present
Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa, Inc.
Executive Director
The Community Service Council of Greater Tulsa is a citizen-led non-profit community-based research and planning organization for health and human services. For over sixty years, the Council has worked with social service agencies, corporate leaders, state and local government officials, civic groups, United Way and local foundation, interested citizens and others to address area health and social problems. The overall strategy of the Council is to serve as a leadership catalyst for improved community action to best support people in need, and stimulate greater investment in human capital—helping individual and families better care for themselves.

Education 1977 University of Tulsa Tulsa, OK
Masters of Arts, Urban Studies
1970 Washington University Saint Louis, MO
Bachelor of Arts, Political Science

Experience Mr. Dessauer has extensive experience in addressing most major health, human service, mental health, and education issues at the state, local and national levels. He served on several key local and state entities, including:

- Tulsa County Criminal Justice Coordinating Council
- State Task Force on Homelessness
- State Task Force on Child Abuse Prevention
- State Mental Health Task Force

He has been a primary author on several research and planning initiatives, including:

- 1976 Tulsa County Comprehensive Priority Study
- 1979-80 Study on Residential Treatment Programs
- 1980-81 Long Term Care Study (leading to creation of the Tulsa Long Term Care Authority) 1981-82 Tulsa County Mental Health Plan for Establishing Three New Community Mental Health Centers
- 1983-84 Study on Homelessness in Tulsa County
- Numerous Studies on Child Care in Tulsa County
- 1988 Report: The House the Community Built (addressing needs of persons with developmental disabilities)
- 1988 Report on Perinatal Care in Tulsa County

- 2000 Study on Growth of the Hispanic Population in Tulsa County

In 1981, Mr. Dessauer provided leadership through the Community Service Council for creation of the Metropolitan Human Services Commission in Tulsa (MHSC), a partnership focused on coordinating policy and resource planning among the major health and human services funders and decision makers in the Tulsa area. Partners include the City of Tulsa, Tulsa County, Tulsa Area United Way, Oklahoma Department of Human Services, Tulsa Public Schools, Union Public Schools, Tulsa Community College and the Tulsa City-County Health Department. MHSC is a key part of the broader Tulsa infrastructure, including the Council, the United Way, and several highly progressive service organizations, that helps assure a proactive and effective capacity in addressing emerging needs. It is responsible for leading several major research and community mobilization efforts impacting both Tulsa County and the entire state.

In recent years he has focused attention on early childhood development and school readiness, and forging effective school community partnerships. In 1988 he provided leadership for the Caring Community Project at Madison Middle School, a model prevention program designed to promote positive youth development and reduce teen pregnancy. In 1995 he helped plan and implement the Tulsa Alliance on Families to reduce child abuse which led to the eventual development of the Tulsa Area Community Schools Initiative in 2005-06.

In 2000, he served as resource staff for the Governor's Task Force on Early Childhood Education whose work led to legislation creating the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness and sixteen local partnerships throughout Oklahoma. He now serves as a board member of the Oklahoma Partnership for School Readiness.

He consults regionally and nationally on community planning addressing health, education and human service concerns.

His organization works as the planning partner with the Tulsa Area United Way (TAUW) and he has served on several national United Way task forces and committees. He is a founding member and past president of the National Association of Planning Councils.

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In 2008 he co-authored a report on the "Perfect Storm" as a part of the Council's latest long range planning process. The report describes the power and importance of the convergent effect of eight critical forces of change that will be a most difficult challenge to address in the coming years, and require a new framework of thinking to best survive, and possibly thrive.