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Education

Master's Degree in Education, Southern Oregon University, 2013
Bachelor of Arts Degree, Sociology, Trinity College, 1986

Employment

The Research Institute at Western Oregon University, Monmouth, OR
Early Childhood Project Specialist, July 2015 through present

As part of the Center on Early Learning team I collaborate on a variety of projects with the common goal of increasing the quality and accessibility of early childhood care and education in Oregon. This includes providing technical assistance to local childcare resource and referral agencies; ongoing evaluation and implementation of QRIS and developing and delivering training at local and statewide conferences.

Rogue Community College, Medford, OR
Instructor/Academic Advisor, 2008 through 2015

- ECE 100 Introduction to Early Childhood Education
- ECE 151 Guiding Children in Group Settings
- ECE 152 Fostering Creativity
- ECE 154 Children's Literature
- ECE 161 Infant Toddler Development
- ECE 163 Preschool and Primary Development
- ECE 175 Developmentally Appropriate Practices
- ECE 246 Child, Family and Community
- ECE 251 Preschool and Primary Environments
- ECE 256 Preschool Curriculum
- ECE 261 Practicum and Seminar
- ECE 262 Advanced Practicum and Seminar
- ECE 265 Children at Risk
- ED 165 Child Development

Additional responsibilities included student advising, text book review and selection course planning and evaluation.

Butterfly House Early Learning Center, Talent, OR

Owner/Director, 2004-2015

Butterfly House was created in response to a need for a high quality early childhood care and education program in Talent. I was responsible for all aspects of the development and ongoing operations in the program, including licensing, fiscal management, curriculum development and implementation, parent involvement and staff selection and training. I contracted directly with the Douglas County ESD to serve children with special needs, which comprised approximately 25% of our program capacity. Butterfly House also served as an observation and practicum site for Southern Oregon University and Rogue Community College students. In the spring of 2014 Butterfly participated in the QRIS process and received a three star rating.

Child Care Resource Network, Medford, OR
Quality Improvement Specialist, 2014

I collaborated with the Child Care Resource Network and Rogue Community College to facilitate the roll out of QRIS in southern Oregon. I contributed to development of a unique model that brought together the resources of Rogue Community College, Child Care Resource Network and a cohort of 40 early childhood professionals.

Southern Oregon University, Ashland, OR
Instructor, 2003

- ED 480 Foundations in Education
- ED 484 Curriculum Design in Early Childhood

Training and Consultation

I have provided training and consultation on a variety of topics for the following programs:

- Douglas County Education Service District
- Southern Oregon Head Start and Early Head Start
- Early Head Start Regional Conferences, Portland OR and Boise, ID
- Early Head Start National Conference, Washington D.C.
- So. OR Chapter of the National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Oregon Association for the Education of Young Children

Certifications

Oregon Registry Step 11
Oregon Registry Master Trainer