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**EDUCATION:**

* New York State Early Learning Trainer Credential – Level 3 – March 2012
* New York State Permanent Public School Teacher Certificate – September 1999
* MS in Elementary Education/Language Arts – February 1999

State University of New York at Buffalo

* BS in Elementary Education – May 1993

Medaille College, Buffalo, New York

* AAS in Early Childhood Education – May 1991

Trocaire College, Buffalo, New York

**TEACHING/ADMINISTRATIVE EXPERIENCE**

9/1998 – PRESENT EduKids Early Childhood Centers Western New York

*Accredited by the National Association for the Education of Young Children*

9/2010 – Present **Executive Director of Education**

* Carry out EduKids mission, strategic planning, and provide overall leadership
* Directly supervise, coach, and mentor 13 center Directors, Education Specialists, and candidates in the Management Training Program
* Responsible for implementation of Crisis Management Plan
* Oversee NYS licensing compliance and NAEYC accreditation standards are maintained in all centers
* Coordinate staff development opportunities and EduKids Bi-Annual All Staff Conferences

9/2003 – 9/2010 **Regional Supervisor**

* Supervise Directors and staff
* Provide group workshops and individualized training based on NAEYC and DAP philosophies
* Conduct classroom observations and provide technical assistance/feedback to ensure quality assurance

9/1998 – 9/2003 **Infant/Toddler Specialist**

* Developed the Infant/Toddler curriculum, including implementation of NAEYC philosophies & Procedures Guide for 21 classrooms
* Made recommendations for Infant/Toddler programming based on NY State Regulations and NAEYC philosophies
* Provided staff training based on classroom observations and evaluations

1/2003 – 5/2003 **College Instructor**, Trocaire College Buffalo, NY

* Created overall instructional plan for ED 105 (Care of Infants & Toddlers) including course outline, curriculum, lectures/classroom presentations, assignments/projects, methods of assessment, etc.
* Observed students’ performance in classroom environments and provided feedback in relation to course content

3/1998 – 9/1998 **Education Specialist**, The Child Care Resource Network Buffalo, NY

* Planned and implemented Infant/Toddler Child Development Associate (CDA)
* Developed and facilitated in-service training for center and home-based child care programs, including Family Day Care Orientations

10/1994 – 6/1998 **Pre-Kindergarten** **Teacher**, Holland School District Holland, NY

* Instructed Saturday Kindergarten Readiness Program
* Supervised and mentored High School student volunteers
* Served on an Assessment/Curriculum Development Committee

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9/1993 – 3/1998 **Lead Teacher**, CAO Of Erie County, Inc. Buffalo, NY

* Responsible for total operation of all center and classroom activities in a Head Start environment
* Completed necessary reports, records, and evaluations
* Made required home visits and conducted conferences with parents
* Assisted in the planning and commencement of the collaborative program with Head

Start & Buffalo Hearing & Speech Center (9/1996 – 3/1998)

6/1991 – 8/1993 **Teacher Assistant**, EduKids Early Childhood Center Hamburg, NY

* Educated children ages 18 months through 12 years old
* Promoted to Lead Teacher for the Summer Program (1993) – arranged curriculum, field trips, and classroom presentations based on weekly themes

Fall 1992 **Student Teacher,** Public School #81 Buffalo, NY

* Participated in Kindergarten Screening/Assessment of children
* Utilized a variety of teaching strategies to provide the children with experiences that stimulated learning in all developmental areas – physical, intellectual, social and emotional
* Created an integrated unit of instruction that included meaningful activities for children about math, social studies, health, science, as well as, other content areas

Fall 1992 **Student Teacher**, Pine Hill Middle School Cheektowaga, NY

* Participated in Sixth Grade Open Classroom, Team Teaching environment
* Planned and taught all content areas, including Gifted & Talented Program, based on New York State Learning Standards
* Conducted Writer’s Workshops, instituting Process Approach to Writing

**ADDITIONAL EXPERIENCES**

12/2010 – PRESENT **Board Member for Explore & More Children’s Museum**

* Attend monthly meetings to review the museum’s operations and to define the museum’s future
* Member of Explore & More Children’s Museum Education Committee and HR Task Force
* Assists with fundraising efforts for the Museum

3/1998 – PRESENT **Community Representative**

* Work with the business community to promote EduKids and the importance of Early Literacy
  + Bison’s Family Fun Day
  + Niagara Falls Aquarium – Preschool Storytime & Crafts
  + Borders – Preschool Story Hour
  + Mt. Mercy Academy – Preschool Story Hour

3/1998 – PRESENT **Trainer/Facilitator**

* Curriculum development and presentations for various organizations:
  + 2001 – PRESENT – NYSAEYC Conferences – “Successful Infant Environments;” “Multiple Intelligences;” “Fundamentals of Successful DAP Infant/Toddler Programs;” “Storytelling: Shared Secrets & Strategies;” “Identifying and Reporting Child Abuse & Maltreatment;” “Child Care is a Business – Families are Your Customers”
  + Buffalo Public School District – Professional Development Day – “Storytelling: Shared Secrets & Strategies”

5/2002 – 5/2004 **Validator** **for NAEYC Accreditation Program**

* Conducted voluntary, on-site visits to early childhood centers throughout Western NY and Rochester
* Observed and verified accuracy of each centers Program Description
* Completed necessary paperwork based on NAEYC criteria