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Professional Profile

- Seventeen years' experience working with young children, adolescents, and families
- Ability to plan and carry out social and emotional activities related to needs of young children
- Six years' experience working with teen parents
- Twelve years' experience supervising staff
- Knowledge of and experience with Federal and State early childhood legislation
- Proven ability to work with local, County, and State agencies, staff and families, including those with diverse backgrounds

Education

M.A., Administration in Early Childhood and Family Studies, Kean University, 2008

B.S., Child Development and Family Relations, Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 1997

Employment

Early Head Start Manager, *Center for Family Resources, Ringwood, NJ* 2003-present

- Manages 30 infant and toddler caregivers in Center-Based and Family Child Care program.
- Administers the Federal Head Start Program Performance Standards

CDA PD Specialist, *Council for Professional Development* 2014-present

- Implements the R.O.R model for candidates to obtain the CDA credential.

Early Head Start Teacher, *Center for Family Resources, Wayne, NJ* 2000-2003

- Planned activities and cared for infants and toddlers of teen parents
- Managed the daily operations and routines in the infant and toddler environment
- Supervised 2 caregivers

Infant and Toddler Caregiver, *St. Joseph's Hospital Child Care Center, Paterson, NJ*

1997-1999

- Cared for young infants of hospital employees as well as teen parents

Professional Experience

2nd Vice President , Coalition of Infant Toddler Educators, State of New Jersey	2011-2012
President Elect , Coalition of Infant Toddler Educators, State of New Jersey	2013-2014
President, Coalition of Infant Toddler Educators, State of New Jersey	2014-present
Member, NJ Birth to Three Early Learning Standards Development Committee	2010-2013
CITE Representative , New Jersey Council for Young Children	2014-present
Member , Early Care and Education Workforce Committee	2014- present
Organization Member , Professional Impact NJ Policy Advisory Board	2014-present

Professional Memberships

Coalition of Infant/Toddler, New Jersey (CITE) www.njcite.org

National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)

New Jersey Association for Infant Mental Health (NJ-AIMH)