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EDUCATION

Doctorate of Education, Early Childhood Education, University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

Research interests: Teacher training and development, curriculum frameworks, community and school partnerships. Dissertation: *Effects of Child Development Associate Credential 2.0 on candidate success rates*. Chair: Dr. Sarah Pratt.

December 2015

Master of Science, Counselor Education – Play Therapy , University of North Texas, Denton, TX.

December 2007

Bachelor of Science, Child Development, University of Central Oklahoma, Edmond, OK

May 2005

RESEARCH

Effects of Child Development Associate Credential 2.0 on Candidate Success Rates

Committee Chair, Dr. Sarah Pratt

This mixed method study was conducted by reviewing national scholarship data and conducting interviews with credential seekers in order to understand the effects that changes to the Child Development Associate credentialing system had on candidates. The study revealed that candidate success rates increased with the new policy and system changes and identified factors that aided to candidate success. The implications of the study will allow for more informed decisions for potential credential seekers, early childhood centers seeking professional development, and public policy involving the ongoing development of the early childhood workforce.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Director, Institute of Child Development, The University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

August 2023- Present

- Maintained accreditation through NAEYC
- Supervised staff and students working in the Child Development Laboratory setting
- Served as a liaison between Early Childhood Education Faculty and program implementation
- Supported implementation of Reggio inspired program practices

Chief Early Education Officer, Child Care Associates

Fort Worth, TX

July 2019-March 2023

- Lead Early Head Start and Head Start Education Program

- Supervised Campus Leadership at 20 early childhood campuses in Tarrant County
- Supported the organization to implement Start Early's Early Ed Essentials survey tool
- Directed the team working on NAEYC Accreditation
- Collaborated with community partners to implement Trust Based Relational Intervention (TBRI) for the Early Head Start and Head Start programs.

Director, Tarrant County College Children's Center
August 2016 – July 2019

Hurst, TX

- Maintained accreditation through NAEYC
- Supervised staff and students working in the Child Development Laboratory setting
- Served as a liaison between Child Development Faculty and program implementation
- Mentored staff and students utilizing the High Scope Curriculum

Master Teacher, UNT Child Development Lab
September 2014 – August 2016

Denton, TX

- Supervised and mentored 30-40 Early Childhood Education student teachers.
- Modeled and instructed student teachers concerning classroom guidance and best teaching practices.
- Created and implemented a developmentally appropriate curriculum for preschool age children in a culturally and linguistically diverse environment.

Director of Community Professional Development, Camp Fire, First Texas
September 2012 – September 2014

Fort Worth, TX

- Provided Early Childhood professional development opportunities
- Implemented programming for the Child Development Associates credentialing class.
- Directed the Early Childhood Management Institute course.

Head Start Mental Health Coordinator, Child Care Associates
August 2010 – September 2012

Fort Worth, TX

- Provided Mental Health assistance for children with atypical behavior or development
- Participated in conferences with parents and staff.
- Designed and presented parent and staff education and training.
- Partnered with community agencies to ensure mental health services for children birth to five.

Master Teacher, UNT Child Development Lab
July 2004 – August 2010

Denton, TX

- Supervised and mentored 30-40 Early Childhood Education student teachers.
- Modeled and instructed student teachers concerning classroom guidance and best teaching practices.
- Created and implemented a developmentally appropriate curriculum for preschool age children in a culturally and linguistically diverse environment.

Preschool English Consultant, Koomgong Kindergarten

Seoul, SK

June 2008 – July 2008

- Met with multiple businesses that teach English to preschool children in the Seoul area.
- Provided feedback and recommendations to Koomgong Kindergarten in regards to the EC businesses.
- Consulted with the Buddhist Temple Preschool Centers.

Undergraduate Assistant Teacher, UCO Child Study Center

Edmond, OK

August 2003-May 2004

- Prepared classroom activities for preschool children.
- Learned and applied positive guidance skills with preschool children.

TEACHING EXPERIENCE

Assistant Professor of Early Childhood Education, The University of Oklahoma

Norman, OK

August 2023-Present

- Laboratory Field Experience
- Theory and Practice in ECE Settings

Associate Professor of Child Development, Tarrant County College

Hurst, TX

August 2016 – December 2019

- Families, Schools, and Communities
- Curriculum Resources for Early Childhood Programs
- Internship for Child Care Providers

Teaching Fellow, UNT Early Childhood Education Department

Denton, TX

August 2009 – July 2016

- Nurturing Children's Social Competencies
Blended course
- Environmental Processes and Developmental Assessments

PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

National Association for the Education of Young Children

Diversity Equity and Inclusion Committee Member, 2017

Laboratory Schools Interest Forum Facilitator, 2015

Southern Early Childhood Association

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children

Board President, 2017-2019

Texas Young Professionals Chair, Executive Committee, 2013-2015

Conference Planning Committee, 2015-2016

Denton Area Association for the Education of Young Children

Board President 2015-2016

Fort Worth Area Association for Education of Young Children

Board President 2013-2014

Past President 2014-2015

Edmond Early Childhood Association
Board President, 2003-2004
Fundraising Chair, 2002-2003
National Association of Campus Children's Centers
International Play Association / USA

SERVICE

T.E.A.C.H Early Childhood, (Teacher Education and Compensation Helps Scholarship Program) State Advisory Board, 2013-Present
Texas Association of the Education of Young Children, Board Member and Young Professionals Committee Chair, 2012-Present
Denton Association for the Education of Young Children, Board President, 2015-2016
Positive Tomorrows, School for Homeless Children, Oklahoma City OK, 2003
Carroll McMath Junior High School, Group Counseling, Denton TX, 2005-2006
Ann Windle School for Young Children, Play Therapy, Denton TX, 2005-2006
Denton Christian Preschool, Curriculum Night, 2007

AWARDS AND HONORS

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, EC Leader of the Year, 2019
University of North Texas, Early Childhood Education Doctoral Student of the Year, 2015
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Recognized State Board Member, 2013
Finalist, UCO College of Education Student of the Year, 2004
Intern of the Month, Denton County Friends of the Family, June 2006
UNT School of Graduate Studies, Scholarship Recipient, 2004-2005
Eddie Cooper Child Development Award, Outstanding Child Development Student, University of Central Oklahoma, 2004
Early Childhood Association of Oklahoma, Student Scholarship Recipient, 2003
Best Business Communication Presentation, University of Central Oklahoma, College of Business Administration, 2002
President's Leadership Council, Board Member, 2000-2004, University of Central Oklahoma

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS

National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Conference, Fall 2008, "Children's Social and Emotional Development"
National Association for Campus Children's Centers, National Conference, Spring 2009, "The Project Approach In South Korea and the United States; Differences and Similarities"
Bill Martin Jr. Conference, Spring 2009, "Early Childhood Hands on Literacy"
Texas School Ready Early Childhood Summit, "Propelling Dramatic Play to New Heights", Summer 2013
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, "Scaffolding Dramatic Play for Young Learners", Fall 2013
Kappa Delta Pi National Educational Honor Society, Honor Society Induction, Tarrant County Community College, Guest Speaker, Fall 2013
Denton Area Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference, "Playing for Keeps", Keynote Speaker, Spring 2014
Texas School Ready Early Childhood Summit, Summer 2014, "Powerful Interactions"
Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Fall 2014, "Playing for Keeps"
Weatherford College Child Care Conference, Fall 2014, Keynote Address, "A Call to Communicate"

National Coalition of Campus Children's Centers, Spring 2015, "Hands on Learning Works for Pre-service Teachers Too!"

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Fall 2015, "Train the Trainer"

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Fall 2015, Young Professionals Networking Session

National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Conference, Fall 2015, "Surviving and Thriving in Lab Schools

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Fall 2021, "Train the Trainer Hours for the Texas Early Childhood Professional Development Registry"

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Fall 2022, "Rhythmic Songs, Chants and Fingerplays for Early Childhood Teachers."

Texas Association for the Education of Young Children, Annual Conference, Fall 2022, Special Session for Directors