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Education

Harvard Graduate School of Education, 1999

Master of Education

Coursework included school reform, learning disabilities, and children's literature. Practicum involved tutoring disadvantaged middle school students in an afterschool program.

Middlebury College, 1997

Bachelor of Arts, magna cum laude

Majored in English, with concentrations in teacher education and women's studies. Employed by the college as a peer writing tutor. Volunteered at the local Parent Child Center and tutored a town resident with cerebral palsy.

Work Experience

Elementary Health Educator, Bethel Elementary School, Bethel, VT, August 2016-present.

Teach weekly, comprehensive health education to students in grades prek-6. Implementing the Know Your Body Curriculum. Also serving on Bethel's MTSS-B team and school health team as well as leading the Bethel School Nutrition Team and the White River Valley SU Wellness Team.

Community Outreach Coordinator, Health Connections of the Upper Valley, Pomfret, Vermont, 2014-2016

Developed and taught nutrition and tobacco education classes to students in grades K-12 at 9 local schools. Led after school cooking classes for elementary students. Facilitated the American Cancer Society's Fresh Start smoking cessation program for adults. Certified as a Tobacco Treatment Specialist.

Director of Religious Education, Our Lady of the Angels Church, Randolph, Vermont, 2011-2013

Began a religious education program and supervised teachers. Developed curriculum and taught classes for high schoolers and students from preschool through sixth grade. Led service projects for entire parish, including Christmas Giving Tree and Lenten Rice Bowl programs.

Stay at Home Mother, 2004-2011

Mother of three boys. Active in school as a room parent, literacy tutor, writing enrichment leader, Destination Imagination coach, and PTO volunteer.

Development Coordinator, L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community, Tacoma, WA, 2003-2004

Coordinated fundraising for a community of 18 developmentally disabled adults. Responsibilities included chairing the \$40,000 benefit auction, leading a \$150,000 annual fund campaign, and writing grants.

House Leader, L'Arche Tahoma Hope Community, Tacoma, WA, 1997-1998 and 2001-2003

Lived with five disabled adults and led a team of caregivers in creating a sense of home and fostering relationships that emphasized the residents' dignity and independence. Responsibilities included supervising caregivers, leading activities for disabled residents, and managing residents' health care, finances, and work schedules.

English Teacher, Hillside School, Marlborough, MA, 1999-2001

Taught English classes and small-group tutorials to boys in grades 5-9 with mild learning disabilities and behavioral problems. Created a comprehensive English curriculum. Served as a dorm parent for 15 boys in grades 5-6 and coached cross-country and baseball.

Volunteer Experience

South Royalton School Board, 2011-2016

Elected three times by community. Responsibilities included crafting a vision and setting goals for the school, overseeing budgeting and school finances, and community outreach. Served as Chair, Vice-Chair and Clerk. Member of the Supervisory Union and SU Transition School Boards. Chair of the WRVSU Communications Team. Spearheaded communications improvements in South Royalton by leading communications team, writing monthly Board newsletter, and creating budget flyer sent to all voters.

Religious Education Teacher, 2013-2015

Developed curriculum and taught weekly religion classes to elementary students in grades 2-7

“On the Road” Program Coordinator, November 2012 & 2013

Partnered with The Vermont Council for Gifted Education to organize Saturday morning enrichment classes for bright local elementary students. Responsibilities involved grant writing, publicity, recruiting and supervising teachers, and leading team of volunteers.

References

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