

Dedicated educator with 14 years of experience teaching children from birth to eight years old. Recognized leader, mentor to colleagues, and an expert in developing individualized plans for students at different learning levels. Proven ability to use reflection and documentation to improve student connection to learning through innovative activities and lesson plans.

## Professional Experience

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### Treehouse Learning, LLC

Louisville, CO

lead teacher, preschool lead

Aug 2009–Present

- Experienced teacher for 3 to 5-year-olds; with an average of 27 students.
- Research, design, and implement innovative and engaging lesson plans and activities that develop intellectual, physical, and social/emotional learning.
- Successfully improve student participation in the classroom through integration of creative role-playing exercises.
- Successfully reduced student behavior issues by establishing a strong teamwork environment.
- Explore and implement project-based learning that allows students to become better self-learners.
- Plan, implement, monitor, and assess student development through individual observations and documentation.
- In two months, increased literacy skills of Pre-K students to 90% of children recognizing all letters of the alphabet and 50% of children knowing all letter sounds.
- Created individualized goal sheets to differentiate and scaffold children's learning and document progress.
- Analyzed Colorado Academic Standards (CAS) in order to create and develop child assessment forms.
- Act as a liaison between teaching teams and administration to maintain policies, solve problems, and improve curriculum.
- Train and mentor diverse teaching teams with successful outcomes in classroom management, behavior management, and curriculum focused strategies.
- Develop reciprocal, culturally responsive relationships with families and community to improve communication and trust between teachers, students, and parents.
- Track and meet yearly continuing education guidelines to implement new knowledge in the classroom setting.

### Peace of Mind Early Education

Woodbury, MN

lead teacher

Sep 2000–Apr 2001, July 2001–Oct 2002, Sep 2005–Aug 2009

- Set up individualized learning plans for students in a mixed age classroom (3 to 5-year-olds).
- Successful in collaborative design, implementation, and supervision of developmentally appropriate program including day-to-day operation and curriculum, field trips, and special events.
- Knowledge of human behavior and performance, individual differences in ability, personality, and interests, using different learning styles for student achievement.
- Establish successful, meaningful, and organized communication methods between teachers and parents.
- Experience implementing and evaluating assessments while tracking progress using verbal and written communication and formalized recording methods for semiannual parent/teacher conferences.
- Achieved team mentor status; training and guiding team members in the classroom.

- Schedule and conduct tours of the school for families interested in enrolling.

**Hillsborough Kids Inc.**

Tampa, FL

family services counselor, care manager

Oct 2002–Aug 2005

- Crisis intervention, counseling, and protective supervision for children and families.
- Researched, developed, and implemented case plans for families in the child welfare system.
- Coordinated meetings and therapy for families; supervise parent/child visits.
- Attended and participated in court hearings regarding family progress on case plans.
- Observed and recorded behaviors of children and families for use in court document writings and hearings.
- Facilitated adoptions and foster care services.
- Supervise the health and wellbeing of at-risk children (ages 0-18) in families and residential facilities.
- Mentored positive choices and appropriate communication and behavioral interaction among children and families.
- Fostered partnerships among children, parents, and the community.

**Developmental Learning Center**

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

assistant teacher

Apr 2001–Jul 2001

## Education

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**B.A. Psychology (2000)**

University of Wisconsin–Stout

**ECT Qualification (2010)**

Front Range Community College