

About Me: I'm Riann (pronounced Ryan).

I am an experienced early childhood teacher of 15 years, transitioning to a primary school teacher role. I have completed my Colorado elementary teaching license with the Friends Teacher Preparation Program and am currently finishing an M.A. in learning, development, and family sciences with a concentration in human learning and development through CU Denver.

As a passionate teacher, I believe all students can learn at high levels and that this can be achieved by building and maintaining positive, inclusive, and equitable relationships in and around the classroom. My goal is to nurture an engaging and collaborative learning environment that contributes positively to each child's success and social emotional growth.

Professional Experience

Bright Minds Learning Adventures, LLC
Boulder, CO

Owner & Learning Pod Teacher
Aug 2020 – Jun 2021

- Contract teacher in all academic subjects for eight children from six families: Two 2nd graders, three 3rd graders, two 4th graders, and one 5th grader, including students with IEP and 504 accommodations.
- Balanced instruction between group projects and targeted age/skill specific lessons.

Boulder Country Day School – Third Grade
Gunbarrel, CO

Teacher Candidate – Friends School Teacher Preparation Program
Aug 2018 – May 2019

- Planned and implemented a thematic unit about the Boulder County Watershed.
- Used reflective analysis of instructional strategies to create intentional and engaging lessons, creating interactive learning opportunities for each child.

Treehouse Learning, LLC
Louisville, CO

Lead Teacher & Preschool Lead
Aug 2009 – July 2018

- Nine years of teaching experience with an average of 27 students aged between 3 and 5 years old.
- Researched, designed, and implemented innovative and engaging lesson plans and activities that developed intellectual, physical, and social/emotional learning.
- Successfully improved student participation in the classroom through integration of creative role-playing exercises.
- Implemented project-based learning, allowing students to become better self-learners.
- Planned, implemented, monitored, and assessed student development through individual observations and documentation.
- Created individualized goal sheets to differentiate and scaffold children's learning and document progress.
- Trained and mentored diverse teaching teams with successful outcomes in classroom management, behavior management, and curriculum focused strategies.

Peace of Mind Early Education

Woodbury, MN

Lead Teacher & Program Coordinator

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

- Several years of teaching experience with an average of 14 students aged between 3 and 5 years old.
- Team mentor for training and guidance of classroom activities.

Hillsborough Kids Inc.

Tampa, FL

Family Services Counselor & Care Manager

Oct 2002 – Aug 2005

- Crisis intervention, counseling, and protective supervision for children (aged 0 to 18 years).
- Researched, developed, and implemented case plans for families in the child welfare system.

Developmental Learning Center

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

Assistant Teacher

Apr 2001 – Jul 2001

Education

B.A. Psychology (2000)

University of Wisconsin–Stout

Colorado Early Childhood Teacher Qualification (2010)

Front Range Community College

Yoga Alliance Certified Yoga Teacher (2018)

Breathe for Change–Denver

SMART-1 (Stress Management and Relaxation Techniques in Education) (2018)

Colorado State University

Colorado Initial Teacher License (2019)

Friends Teacher Preparation Program

M.A. Learning, Development, and Family Sciences (2020)

University of Colorado–Denver

Concentration in Human Learning and Development

Comprehensive Orton-Gillingham Training (2020)

Institute for Multi-Sensory Education

Recent Volunteer Experience

I Have A Dream Foundation

Lafayette, CO

Tutor – Alicia Sanchez International School

Sep 2019 – Feb 2020

- Tutor small groups of fourth grade students.
- Help site staff provide academic support and a wide range of life enrichment activities.

Elephant Nature Park

Chiang Mai, Thailand

Elephant Care Volunteer

Feb 2020

- Feed, clean, and care for 84 elephants rescued from logging and tourism industries.
- Sanctuary construction and maintenance.