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**OBJECTIVE**

**Use my experience and training advancing a growing organization.**

**\* Denotes full time Certified Teaching Position in a Public School**

**EDUCATION**

**2002-2006-EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY, East Stroudsburg, PA**

**· Graduate Studies, Special Education Supervisor Education-GPA-4.0**

**1989-1991 - SLIPPERY ROCK UNIVERSITY, Slippery Rock, PA**

**· Masters of Education, Special Education-GPA-3.6.**

**1972-1976 - WESTMINSTER COLLEGE, New Wilmington, PA**

**· Bachelors of Arts, Elementary Education-GPA-3.5**

**2004-2005-SELECTED LEARNING EXPERIENCE ENDORSEMENT**

**2004-HIGHLY QUALIFIED ELEMENTARY/SPECIAL EDUCATION/ENGLISH**

**2004-TRAINED IN READ AMERICA AND ORTON GILLINGHAM READING**

**EXPERIENCE:**

\* 2001-present-Advocate, Author, State Customer Service and Educational Supervisor in Central Pennsylvania.

\* 2008-2011-Special Education Compliance Monitor in over 40 districts-Inter Agency/Behavior Specialists (School Wide Positive Behavior Support) Bureau of Special Education, Harrisburg, PA *Left because of family illness.*

\* 2006-2008-EDUCATION SPECIALISTS, PASSAIC COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE, PATERSON, NJ

.Special Education Advisor, Recruitment, Administration full time position *Left because of family illness.*

\* 2004-2006-PROFESSOR OF SPECIAL EDUCATION, EAST STROUDSBURG UNIVERSITY, EAST STROUDSBURG, PA Training undergraduate teacher candidates in Special Education. *Left because of uncompleted doctoral deg*ree.

\* 2001-2004-SENIOR OPTIONS COORDINATOR/IN CLASS SUPPORT TEACHER, Manville, NJ

. Teaching mainstreamed identified High School Students/Giving Senior student’s work, college and internship options. *Left because of three family deaths.*

\* 2000-2001-Learning Support Teacher, Bangor, PA

. Teaching High School students in need of extra instruction. *Left because funding not available*.

2000-JOB COACH, PIC, Allentown, PA

. Secure jobs for disabled adults. *Part time summer position.*

\*1998-2000-TEACHER/JOB COACH

West Windsor/ Plainsboro, High School, Princeton Junction, NJ

· Secure jobs and coach multi-disabled young people aged 16-21 years. *Left because of family emergency.*

\* 1996-1998 - NAZARETH MIDDLE SCHOOL, Nazareth, PA

· Full time Teacher Emotionally Disturbed Middle School aged students. *Left because of school wide exposure to mold.*

\* 1996-1997 - ACT I ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL, Brodheadsville, PA Teacher of inter-city adjudicated youth.  *Left because Welfare Department closed school for misappropriating funds.*

\* 1994-1995 – LEARNING SUPPORT TEACHER, East Stroudsburg, PA

· Pull out program for Emotionally Disturbed 4th-6th graders. *Became part-time position.*

1994-1998 - WRAP AROUND SERVICES (CAASP), Monroe County, PA

· For identified at risk children of all ages-in home service. *Part-time position.*

\* 1993-1994 - INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORT TEACHER, New Castle, PA

· Statewide initiative to identify, diagnoses, and prepares strategies for at risk students within the classroom, working with parents, teachers and administration. *Left because position was made part-time.*

\* 1991-1993 - NEEL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL, Midland, PA

· Instructed socially and emotionally disturbed fourth, fifth and sixth graders in a self-contained classroom. *Left because funding closed the classroom.*

1989-1991 - IRENE STACEY MH/MR(CAASP), Butler, PA

· Assisted in the development of a pilot program for adolescents who have been targeted as having the potential for dysfunctional entry into adult society. Masters Level Family Therapist. Conduct intensive in-home, face-to-face therapy sessions for families with children diagnosed with social/emotional/learning disorders. *Left because I wanted to return to teaching-position was 24 hour on call, causing problems as a single parent.*

1990-1991 - YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER(CAASP), New Castle, PA

· Participated in the 24-hour supervision of male and female youth under the custody of the Department of Public Welfare. The majority of the youth have been physically and/or mentally abused. Many are socially unprepared for life outside of an institutionalized environment. *Left because position was made part-time.*

1989-1991 - CATHOLIC CHARITIES, New Castle, PA

· Consultant for the preparation/service needs assessments for aged clients of county-sponsored nursing homes. *Left because funding was not available for position.*

1988-1989 - MR CASE MANAGER/JOB COACH(CAASP), New Castle, PA

· Case manager responsible for mentally and physically challenged clients of all ages.  *Left because funding for position was not available.*

1984-1988 - ACTIVITIES COORDINATOR, New Wilmington, PA

· Responsible for activities scheduled for a 110-bed facility on a seven-day-a-week basis.  *Left because it was a part-time position.*

1981-1984-CHRISTIAN EDUCATION DIRECTOR, Several Locations

\* 1978-1980 - LEARNING DISABILITIES TEACHER, New Philadelphia, OH

· Teacher of self contained elementary classroom with learning/physical problems. Left because of funding for band uniforms.

\* 1976-1978 - HOME BOUND INSTRUCTION, Dover, OH

· Provided full time instruction for children who were unable to attend middle school classes. *Left because full time classroom position was available.*

Various Retail Positions

Held a variety of retail and sales positions. Companies include a floor cleaning producer, ceramic products, professional development training classes, custom window treatments, web site development and real estate.

Community Involvement

Post College, Meals on Wheels; Hot line volunteer, President & Vice President of PTA/ 2 states; Parents Advisory Council; Association of Christian Educators; Friends of the Library; College Club; YMCA; Association of Professional Women; Community Club Education Chairperson, Strategic Planning as a Parent and Professional.

**REFERENCES:**

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