Professional Summary:

Dynamic educational professional who has made it their priority to engage all stakeholders in the academic and social success of students. Work experience includes diverse age groups, developmental abilities, and populations. Possesses a strong commitment to community engagement through curriculum development and community outreach.

Areas of Specialty

- Staff Training and Development
- Curriculum Development
- Reading Instruction
- Trainer of CHAMPS
- Trainer of Mindset Deescalation Practices
- · Differentiated Instruction
- Detailed Lesson Design
- Behavior Management Specialist
- Alternatives to Suspension Development
- Trainer of Restorative Practices
- Mental Health First Aid Certified
- International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme

Education

Doctor of Philosophy, Educational Policy Studies

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Master of Education, Behavior and Learning Disabilities

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

Bachelor of Arts in English, Creative Writing

Georgia State University, Atlanta, Georgia

August 2012 -Present

January 2010-

May,2011

August 2002-August, 2006

August 2017-Present

Experience

EDUCATOR

Student Engagement Coach, City Schools of Decatur

Work with students to set and achieve goals focused on improved behavior, academics, attendance, and post-secondary options.

Collect, analyze, and utilize student data to determine areas of need and offer corresponding interventions for improved success.

Social Emotional Learning Coach, Atlanta Public Schools

Foster the growth and development of social emotional learning skills for children, staff, and families across the district.

Develop, implement, and deliver professional development that covered setting up an SEL classroom, adult social emotional learning, the power of circles, and introduction to social emotional learning.

July 2016-May 2017

School Climate, Culture, and Disproportionality Specialist, Fulton County Schools

Supervise the implementation of interventions at 3 Fulton County Schools in order to increase positive behavior interventions while simultaneously decreasing exclusionary discipline practices.

June 2014-May 2016

Decreased suspension rate by 30% in participating schools to date.

High School Reading Specialist and Language Arts Teacher, Dekalb County Schools

· Assess students and develop educational plans to enhance the reading skills of students in grades 9-12 which resulted in 71% of students performing higher than State average on 9th grade English End of Course Test.

Feb 2012-June 2014

- Cross-collaborate with general education teachers to identify, assess, and modify instruction for students with deficits in reading.
- · Develop the listening, speaking, reading, and writing skills of general and special education students.

Interrelated Special Education Teacher, Dekalb County Schools and University Heights Charter School

· Design, manage, and implement the individualized education programs for students in grades 1-5 through constant collaboration with parents, coworkers, and administrators.

May 2009-May 2011

• Serve as a consultative assistant to 20 plus general education teachers during the Response to Intervention process which allows teachers and parents to make clear and data based decisions about the best educational setting for their students.

Kindergarten Teacher, Dekalb County Schools

- Engaged parents in taking an active and continuous role in their students' education which resulted in 100% parent participation.
- May 2007-May 2009

Civic Engagement and Community Involvement

National Coalition of 100 Black Women Decatur/Dekalb Chapter

· Serve as board member to ensure success of programs and governance of the organization

Develop lessons centered on the Georgia Performance Standards that encouraged a

· Serve as the Co-Chair for the Legacy Program

Future Foundation

· Served on the Young Leaders Council as Secretary

Leadership Dekalb Class of 2015

lifelong learner mentality.

Dekalb Young Democrats

Secretary 2012-2015, President 2016-2017

Urban League of Greater Atlanta-Young Professionals

Georgia WIN List's Women to Watch:

 Advisory Council consisting of young professional women who work to support the efforts of the Georgia WIN List

College Park Enrichment Collaborative

Community Collaboration to ensure youth successfully enter post-secondary options

New Leaders Council, Atlanta

• Fellow, 2015; Curriculum Co-Chair, 2016; Alumni Co-Chair 2017

Red Clay Democrats

- Programming Co-Chair, 2017
- Membership Co-Chair, 2018

Georgia Appleseed, Young Professionals Council

Secretary, 2017

Citizens Trust Bank, Next Generation Advisory Board

City Shapers, 2017

Young Democrats of Georgia

Vice President of Finance, 2017

LEAD Atlanta

Class of 2018

Dekalb Democratic Party

Second Vice Chair, 2018

References

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