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QUALIFICATIONS PROFILE

Dedicated Early Childhood Educator, Parent Educator, Teacher Trainer, Founder, Director of five preschools with extensive experience in developing curriculum with foundation for academic strength rich in art, creative movement, yoga, theater, nature crafts, organic gardening within context of Eco-Literacy. Published writer, parenting articles; positive parenting expert, Creator of Enlightened Parenting.



Educational Leadership: Skilled lead teacher with ability to inspire and direct students while following needs and ideas of children in creative, emotionally and socially harmonious group setting of different ages and diverse backgrounds. Maintain good rapport with parents, co-workers and administrative staff. Team Player.

Classroom Management: Engage students, foster autonomy and enthusiasm for learning. Design flexible, interactive lesson plans and spontaneously follow children's interest in facilitating emergent curriculum. Use ABA principles (Applied Behavior Analysis) and IEP. Assess readiness for kindergarten and 1st grade. Skillful and nurturing with special needs children fostering creativity, confidence, cooperation and compassion.

Key Strengths: Natural teacher with pleasing personality, empathetic, intuitive and gregarious with good common sense. Very self motivated with high standards and ability to motivate others. Candid, confident, relaxed with people, good balance between spontaneity and planning with high level of professionalism. Very social, quick minded with excellent verbal and written communication skills. Studied Non-Violent Communication, innate ability to quickly assess people. Good sense of humor, resourcefulness, willingness to take on tasks and follow through with positive attitude. Open to feedback. Great stamina, enthusiastic, enjoys a challenge. Charismatic Enlightened Parenting presentations. Administrative, organizational abilities, office management experience. Microsoft Office, Word, Excel, Photoshop, website design, some html.

EDUCATION AND CREDENTIALS

Master's Degree in Progress - Counseling Psychology, Argosy University, Alameda, CA weekend/online.

BA in Humanities, Emphasis in Early Childhood - New College of California, San Francisco, CA.

Professional Certification

Site Supervisor Course I, Contra Costa County.

Preschool Administration Course - Kentfield, CA.

Coming of Age Teacher Training at Cycles, Inc., Santa Rosa, CA.

Montessori World Education Institute, 2 ½ - 7 yrs. Margaret Homfray, San Luis Obispo, CA.

St. Nicholas Montessori Training Center 2 ½ - 5 yrs. Based in London, England certified w/distinction.

Professional Development

International Transpersonal Conference – Spirit in Action – Spiritual Parenting Speaker – Santa Clara, CA.

Naropa Institute – Eco Literacy Course, Joanna Macy, Ken Wilbur, Boulder, CO.

Sonoma State University, Jungian Sandplay Course - Kate Amatruda, Cotati, CA.

Waldorf Apprenticeship - Bonnie River - Rudolph Steiner Training Courses – Sacramento Waldorf.

Waldorf Kindergarten Training - Margaret Meyerkort - Rudolf Steiner College, Sacramento, CA.

UC Berkeley Extension - Montessori Course, Ursula Thrush, Berkeley, CA.

University of South Alabama - Spanish Courses Intermediate I – III, Mobile, AL

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

05/00 –Present. Educational Consulting, Enlightened Parenting Consulting, Mars Venus Consultant. Graduate Studies in Counseling Psychology emphasizing Sandplay. Argosy University, Weekend/online. Alameda, CA.

07/96 - 04/00

Mars Venus Management. Dr. John Gray. Director of Parenting Division. Spearheaded parenting program. Research & Development, Parenting Presentations. Assisted Dr. Gray significantly with ideas, writing and editing of the parenting book, “Children Are from Heaven” and related parent workshops taught worldwide. (Assistant to Dr. Gray in Mars-Venus Seminars 10 years). Travel throughout US and India. Mill Valley, CA.

OTHER EXPERIENCE

Founder, Lead Teacher, Director of five preschools in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Mountain School/Satellite Garden School, Mill Valley, CA.

AppleBerry Playgroup, Terra Linda, CA.

Children's Circle Preschool, Santa Rosa, CA.

Children's Corner Montessori Preschool, Sebastopol, CA.

Marin Waldorf School, Office Assistant. Terra Linda, CA.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Founder of five preschools in Marin and Sonoma counties.

Created positive parenting program, Enlightened Parenting.

Created Enchant the Child Teacher Training for teachers and caregivers.

Created Enchant the Child Positive Discipline approach for teachers of preschoolers.

Created the first Waldorf Preschool in Sonoma County adjacent to Summerfield Waldorf School.

Inspired by Rudolf Steiner Kindergarten curriculum, designed first Waldorf Preschool curriculum on West Coast.

Lead weekly Positive parenting presentations to build enrollment in preschool initiatives, full with waiting list after two months. Every preschool child represented by parent(s) in ongoing monthly parent education presentations.

Acquired the struggling afternoon Kindergarten program at Marin Waldorf School. Within two months, it had full enrollment with a waiting list under Sandra's supervision and revitalizing efforts.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.