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EDUCATION

- Pursuing a **Master Degree in Social Work**, University of Maine, Orono (*anticipated graduation date, May 2012*)
- **Bachelor of Science**, University of Maine, **Major**, Education with High Distinction, **Minor**, Elementary Education (K-8), **Concentration**, English
- **Additional Coursework:** *Gatekeeper Training* (Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program, 2010), *Great Meetings, Great Results* (Great Meetings! Inc., 2007), *Strengthening Your Facilitation Skills* (UMaine Cooperative Extension, 2003-04), *Cross Disciplinary Training: Caring for the Abuse Affected Child* (Muskie School, USM, 1998), *Teaching Conflict Resolution K-8* (UMaine, 1995), *Watersheds: People, Places and Processes* (Unity College, 1993), *The Critical Skills Program* (Antioch New England Graduate School, 1991-93)

AWARDS

Phi Alpha Honor Society, UMaine, Orono, 2009

Kappa Delta Pi, UMaine, Orono, 1989

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCES

Research Associate,

Oldham Innovative Research, Portland, ME

November 2005 – Current

Program research and evaluation of federal grants, state government and local projects related to early childhood education, K-12 education, institutions of higher education, quality rating and improvement systems and mental health. Recent projects have included: three-year federal initiatives, Early Reading First and Safe Schools/Healthy Students; qualitative study for the Maine Youth Suicide Prevention Program; research on institutions of higher education opportunities for early childhood professionals in Massachusetts; research on pre-Kindergarten early childhood assessment in Massachusetts; and the integration of mental health services in public schools.

Systems Coordinator and Family and Community Partnerships Coordinator, Waldo County Head Start, Belfast, ME

November 2004-November 2005

Management of facilities, transportation and data systems. Collated and cleaned data for annual Performance Information Report. Created a process for looking at eligibility, recruitment, selection and attendance when enrolling Head Start eligible children. Supervised six Family Advocates. Coordinated volunteer program and initiatives related to promoting fatherhood. Developed parent education through resources and training. Participated in community initiatives that promoted family resiliency and independence.

Child Care Resource & Referral Director

Belfast Area Child Care Services, Belfast, ME

December 1997-October 2004

Directed resource and referral services for Knox, Lincoln, Sagadahoc and Waldo counties. Provided direct support and education to families, child care professionals and communities related to Early Care and Education of young children, which included data and information on availability, accessibility and affordability. Provided supervision to four staff members. Monitored voucher management program which assisted income eligible families to pay for child care services. Worked with other professionals in the field to create training opportunities for child care professionals.

Classroom Teacher

MSAD #49, Fairfield, ME and MSAD #3 Unity, ME

August 1990-December 1997.

Classroom teacher in grade 4, Kindergarten, and a specialized parent-choice classroom entitled, "Multi-Age Learning Environment" based on the theories of early childhood development of Piaget, Montessori, and Erickson.

PUBLICATIONS & PAPERS

- Oldham-LaChance, E., Simpson, N., Johnson-Staub, C. (Aug. 2010). *Child Assessment in Universal Pre-Kindergarten Department of Early Education and Care*
- Butler, S.S., Simpson, N., Brennan, M., & Turner, W. (Aug. 2010). Why do they leave? Factors associated with job termination among personal assistant workers in home care. *Journal of Gerontological Social Work.*
- Oldham, E. and Simpson, N. (Nov. 2007). *Behavioral/Mental Health Specialists in Early Education Programs Findings from a Survey of Child Care Directors and Mental Health Specialists.*

Curriculum Vitae

- Simpson, N. and RI Kids Count. (June 2007). Rhode Island Quality Improvement and Professional Development: Existing Components, Challenges and Recommendations (White Paper).
- Oldham, E. and Simpson, N. (AUG. 2006). State of Massachusetts Child Care Health Consultant Study How are Child Care Health Consultants Utilized in Child Care Centers? Summary of Results.
- Simpson, N., Labas, L., and Rainey, D. (June 2005). *Training and Technical Assistance in Early Childhood: A Case for Universal Access in the Kennebec-Somerset Region*.
- Cox, K., Davis, C., Dean, A., Fried, Moses, L., Hager, W., Labas, L., Laidman, K., Matthews, J., Mills, J., Parker, L., Reidt-Parker, J., Simpson, N., and Swift, M. (Sept. 2003) *Where Will the Children Play? A Guidebook to the State of Maine's Child Care Systems*.

MEMBERSHIPS

- National Association of Social Workers (NASW)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- NACCRRRA: The Nation's Network of Child Care Resource and Referral Agencies

REFERENCES

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