



DR. TERESA S. MCKAY

Early Childhood Specialist

PROFILE

An Early Childhood Educator for over 40 years, I have had many roles, including owner/operator of an NAEYC Accredited program. I have taught higher education since 2002, and owned and operated my own training/consulting business. I am currently teaching 3rd grade for Polk County Schools.

I advocate for quality programs and training for all members of the field as an active member of NAEYC and as a PD Specialist and Gold Standard Reviewer for the Council for Professional Recognition.

As a leader in the field, I have presented at national, state, and local conferences and meetings on a variety of relevant topics for teachers, administrators, leaders and families.

CONTACT

PHONE:



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HOBBIES

Creating/Crafting
Travel

EDUCATION

Concordia University St. Paul

February 2001 – December 2005

MA Ed., Emphasis in Early Childhood 4.0 GPA

Northcentral University

September 2013 – August 2019

Ed D Education, Emphasis in Early Childhood 3.8 GPA

WORK EXPERIENCE

Polk County Public Schools – 3rd Grade Teacher

August 2022 - present

University of Arizona Global Campus – Adjunct Faculty Online

January 2020 – August 2023

Penn Foster High School, Career School, and College – Online Instructor Early Childhood Education

October 2018–August 2022

Primarily grading student coursework, develop course materials, present webinars for student courses.

Rasmussen University - Adjunct Faculty Online

June 2014 – March 2024

Implement online coursework, including live lectures.

Subject Matter Expert

Presented online webinars for students and faculty.

SKILLS

Professional Activities:

- Author: A Case for a Comprehensive System for Family Engagement in *Exchange (14)1* (2022)
- Author: *Effective Family Engagement Policies: A Guide for Early Childhood Administrators* (Routledge, 9/21)
- Selected as a 2019 Emerging Leader by Exchange Magazine
- Frequent conference presenter at the local, state, and national level
- Member, National Association for the Education of Young Children
- Member, ACCESS – Associate Degree Early Childhood Teacher Educators
- Member, Zero To Three
- Member, National Association of Family Child Care Providers
- NAEYC Higher Ed. Accreditation Peer Reviewer
- PD Specialist for the Council for Professional Recognition
- Past President, Southeastern Regional Chapter of the Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children
- Past Board Member, Indiana Association for the Education of Young Children
- Past Member, Council for Exceptional Children
- Past Member, National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs
- Past Member of the Southern IN Success by Six/Metro United Way
- Former American Red Cross Instructor
- Alumni member of Alpha Phi International Fraternity, Inc.

Prior Speaking Engagements:

- UAGC 2021 Early Childhood Conference – Connecting Families Through Themed Take Home Bags
- UAGC 2021 Early Childhood Conference – Teaching and Planning in a Pinterest World, Part 2
- Rasmussen University – Re-packing Your Bags – Moving on From the Pandemic (Students/Practitioners)
- Rasmussen University – Teaching Through Meaningful Feedback (Faculty)
- FLAEYC Virtual Conference – Family Engagement
- University of Arizona Global Campus Virtual ECE Conference, August 2020
 - STEAM in Early Childhood
 - Family Engagement
- National Association for the Education of Young Children – Annual Conference 2019
 - All in the Family – Developing Family Engagement Polices
- Florida Association for the Education of Young Children – Annual Conference 2019
 - STEAM in Early Childhood
- Early Educator’s Leadership Conference (Council for Professional Recognition)
 - Trauma and The Brain: The Romanian Orphan Study 30 Years Later
- Penn Foster College Virtual Conference
 - STEAM in Early Childhood
 - Early Childhood Director’s Survival Kit
- Rasmussen College – ECE Students and Providers
 - STEAM in Early Childhood
 - Early Childhood Director’s Survival Kit
- Rasmussen College – Faculty
 - Writing Effective, Measurable Rubrics and Helping Students Use Them
- How Successful Director’s Manage National Conference
 - Early Childhood Director’s Survival Kit
 - Early Brain Development
 - How to Create Newsletters Families Will Read

- Indiana AEYC Early Childhood Conference, Southeast Regional Chapter INAEYC ECE Conference, Ball State Early Childhood Conference, Bright Horizons of Indianapolis Early Childhood Conference, Midwest AEYC Conference
 - Look Who's Talking – Early Literacy
 - Early Childhood Director's Survival Kit
 - Early Brain Development
 - Taking Stock – Authentic Observation and Assessment
 - The Encouraging Classroom
- Evansville Area INAEYC Early Childhood Conference Keynote Speaker

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