

## Dr. Ruth Jacoby



### Summary

Dedicated to ensure that every student reaches his or her maximum educational potential in a setting that is dedicated to differentiated instruction, open communication with administration, colleagues, parents, and students and continual data assessment and analysis. My fifty plus year educational career started as a public school teacher in various grade levels, preschool director of several private schools, principal of charter schools, and executive director of education for over seventy charter schools across the nation and international. It is my continued goal to ensure that all children reach their maximum potential and master the skills to be successful.

### Education

1995 Ed.D Child and Youth Studies Birth Through Eighteen

Nova Southeastern University, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Practicums: The Value of Indoor Play for Early Childhood Education,

Developing and Implementing Cultural Diversity in Early Childhood

Curriculum Through Teacher Training — Both on the ERIC System

1972 M.S. Special Education

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York

1971 B.S. Elementary Education, Early Childhood Education, Minor in Art

Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York

### Work Experience

July, 2017- Present Executive Director of Education for Somerset Charter Schools

Responsibilities: Writing and implementing grants, mentoring staff - concentrating on new teachers or teachers who are not performing effectively, assisting administrators whose schools need to bring up performance, working with the Early Childhood Preschool Network for the state of Florida, liaison to all Somerset principals and governing board, mentoring principals and staff to reach mastery, mentor of VPK and Somerset early childhood centers' programs in the Somerset family including visiting the schools, mentoring staff, attending State meetings and conferences.

I am currently creating curriculum and sending to all the schools that house three and four year old programs in the Somerset network. Along with this responsibility, I visit, observe classrooms and staff, mentor the teachers on my findings and share the information with the Administrations. Through this process, I hope to ensure skill-level instruction and to create master teachers. It is my goal to successfully reach all the students no matter what skill level they are on in order for them to have a successful transition to the next grade.

January, 2009 — Executive Director of Education  
Somerset Academy Charter Schools

Responsibilities: Develop and Train future leaders in the Somerset Principal Leadership Program, Led the Somerset Academy Inc. Governing Board to District Accreditation through AdvancED, Lead and Organize the Annual Somerset Conference for over 600 educators, develop and maintain Somerset docs, mentor over 30 principals, Develop and Implement New Teacher Induction Program, Develop programs for Florida Standards. Currently, my position is to mentor early childhood staff and to keep current with State legislation in order to assist administrators.

2007 - January, 2009 Director of Leadership Training  
Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools,

1997 —2009 Somerset Academy Charter Schools Broward County  
Principal, Dean of Education, Superintendent of Education,  
Educational Consultant

1995— 1997 Adjunct Professor of Education  
Nova Southeastern University, West Palm Beach Community College,  
Broward Community College North Campus

1996 Nova Southeastern University Adjunct Professor Early Childhood  
Certification

1997— Present Leadership Conference Organizer

1997 — Present Education Consultant and Conference Presenter

#### Publications

2005— Present International Writer, Parent Talk! Published in Korean

2005 - Present Books: Co-Author- Teacher Talk! Parent Talk! Principal Talk!  
School Board Talk! Homework talk! Test Talk! Published by Wiley/Jossey Bass  
Publishing Corporation

2004 -2006 The Review: A Magazine for Charter Schools,  
featured writer — Ask Dr. Ruth

2005 —Writer for [www.greatschools.com](http://www.greatschools.com) 2005 - Instructor

Magazine featured article Presentations

2024 FLAEYC Conference, Orlando Florida

2022 NAEYC Conference, Cleveland Ohio 2014

Houghton Mufflin Harcourt (HMH) June Conference

2012 Florida Charter School Conference

2007, 2008 Sacs Annual Conference

2006 National Charter School Conference

2006 Strategies for Success Leadership Conference Florida Charter Schools

2005 NAESP 84<sup>th</sup> Annual Convention and Exposition

2005 Texas State Charter School Conference

2005 Strategies for Success Leadership 111 Charter School Conference — Improving  
School Effectiveness One Piece at a Time

2004 FASA Summer Conference Academy for Professional Development

2004 NSBA 64<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference

2003 Charter School Conference

2002 Florida Public Charter Schools — Building Bridges to Ensure No Child is Left  
Behind

Awards

2016 Distinguish Charter School Service for 20 Years from Charter School  
Alliance

2014 Distinguished Alumni Award for Education from Nova Southeastern University

2012 Distinguished Educational Leader Presented by the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools

#### Other

2019-present serve as a member of the Office of Early Committee

2019 Book reviewer for an educational publishing company

2018 Reviewer for Office of Early Learning: VPK Curriculum for State Adoption Served on a Florida State Grant Application Committee to receive and interview possible grant recipients for the 2017 cycle

Serves on AdvancED Accreditation Review Teams

Wrote Governing Board Training and MAP Plan for the Florida Consortium and State

Served on Mater Academy Inc, Miami Children's Museum Charter School Inc, Pinecrest Academy Inc. and Somerset Academy Inc.' Governing Boards

Served on the Blue Ribbon Committee for the Walton Foundation

Served on committees for the National Alliance of Charter School

Worked on an Annenberg Grant for the Tri County Charter Schools on Power Standards

Served on Charter School Task Force-Broward County District

Chairman of the Education Committee and Board Member of the Florida Consortium of Public Charter Schools

#### Past Accomplishments

Taught Special needs in Public Schools — New York and Florida

Director for various early childhood centers in Florida

Presented at Early Childhood Conferences

Led Early Childhood Centers to obtain NAEYC Accreditation (National Association of Education for Young Children)

Served on NAEYC review teams