

RONDA CHESNEY

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PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Educational Leadership: Prepare pre-service teachers for the teaching field. Mentor new professionals in their teaching career. Continued professional development for course content reflection. Facilitate early childhood professional development throughout the state of Missouri.

Key Strengths: Create an environment for relationship building within a classroom setting. High expectations for student learning and behaviors. Understanding of child development and application to student learning. Rapport with students. Effective working relationship with faculty members.

EDUCATION

Professional Certifications & Teaching Endorsements: (2012)
Early Childhood Special Education

Masters in Education (2009)
Baker University – Baldwin, Kansas

Bachelor of Arts in Education - Emphasis in Early Childhood (1985)
Missouri Western State University – Saint Joseph, Missouri

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Missouri Western State University – Saint Joseph, Missouri 08/2016 – Present
Education Instructor

Project Construct National Center – Columbia, Missouri 06/1989 – Present
Independent Facilitator

Consultant for Missouri Preschool Development Grant 08/2020 - Present

Missouri Western State University – Saint Joseph, Missouri 05/2014 – 5/2016
Adjunct Professor & Supervisor of Student Teachers

Missouri Preschool Program Learning Communities Project 08/2014 – 03/2018
Independent Consultant

Hosea Elementary School – Saint Joseph, MO 08/2011 – 06/2014
Preschool Teacher

Edison Elementary School – Saint Joseph, MO 08/1986 – 08/2011
Kindergarten, First and Second Grade Teacher

Humboldt Elementary School - Saint Joseph, MO
Paraprofessional in Preschool

08/1985 – 08/1986

COURSES TAUGHT

EDUCATION 300 – Intro to Early Childhood Education
EDUCATION 332 – Integrating the Arts in Classrooms – developed and taught
EDUCATION 334 – Play Based Instruction – developed and taught
EDUCATION 357 – Intro to Early Childhood Special Education
EDUCATION 374 – Early Childhood Literacy
EDUCATION 391 - Curriculum Methods and Materials in Early Childhood Education
EDUCATION 400 - Seminar in Early Childhood Education
EDUCATION 403 - Elementary Education and Human Relations
EDUCATION 420 - Counseling Techniques / Parents

PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Board Member United Cerebral Palsy – 2019 – Present
Committee Member United Way
– Quality and Accreditation for Early Childhood Services – 2015 – Present
Director's Symposium Planning Committee – 02/ 2020 – Present
Children's Fair Planning Committee - 08/ 2019 – Present
Community Action Partnership Committee - Chairperson – 08/ 2018 – 05/ 2019
Professor Search Committee Chairperson - 01/ 2018 – 04/ 2018

PROFESSIONAL PRESENTATION

Project Construct Refresher, Workshop presented to the Preschool Teachers Center School District Kansas City, MO, on September 24, 2021.

Project Construct Refresher, Workshop presented to the SJSJ Preschool Teachers Saint Joseph MO, on September 22, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute, Workshop presented to the Preschool Teachers Farmington, MO, on August 3, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute, Workshop presented to the Preschool Teachers Savannah School District. Savannah, MO, on July 19, 2021.

Project Construct Module 2, Workshop presented to the Preschool and K teachers Higginsville School District, on July 14, 2021.

Project Construct Modules 1 and 2, Workshop presented to the Preschool Teachers Albany School District - Albany, MO, on June 1, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute: Engaging Children in Meaningful Pulling It All Together to Plan for Meaningful and Rigorous Play Experiences, Workshop presented to the Preschool and K Teachers - Virtual Training, on April 21, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute: Engaging Children in Meaningful Rigorous Mathematics Work, Workshop presented to the Preschool and K Teachers - Virtual Training, on April 7, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute: Engaging Children in Meaningful Rigorous Alphabet Work, Paper presented to the Preschool and K Teachers - Virtual training, on March 24, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute: Engaging Children in Meaningful Conversations, Workshop presented to the Preschool and K Teachers - Virtual Training, on March 3, 2021.

Project Construct Deeper Knowledge Institute: Engaging Children in Meaningful Play, Workshop presented to the Preschool and K Teachers Virtual Training, on February 17, 2021.

Project Construct Module 2 - Language and Literacy, Workshop presented to the Preschool Teachers Cathedral School Saint Joseph, MO, on February 12, 2021.

“Reflecting on Our Work with Young Children - Answering Our Biggest Questions.” Round Table leader at the Conference on the Young Years, Osage Beach Missouri on March 12, 2020.

“Playing with Assessment.” Presentation to the Conference on the Young Years, Osage Beach Missouri on March 12, 2020.

Social Emotional Learning Through Play - Educare, Presentation on December 15, 2020.

Creating a Community of Learners, Presentation presented to the South Nodaway School - Barnard MO, on November 6, 2020.

Project Construct Training - Mod 1, Presentation presented to the Saint Joseph MO, on October 22, 2020.

Understanding Developmentally Appropriate Practices - Educare, Presentation - Saint Joseph MO, on September 15, 2020.

Motor Development - Big Body Play and Fine Motor Skills - Early Learning Series, Presentation - Saint Joseph MO, on September 14, 2020.

Creating a Community of Learners, Workshop presented to the South Nodaway School District Barnard MO, on August 20, 2020.

Project Construct Training - Module 1, Workshop presented to Savannah MO School District - August 12-14, 2020.

Engaging Families Through Outdoor Play - Educare, Workshop Saint Joseph MO, April 21, 2020.

Physical Development in Young Children - Educare, Presentation Saint Joseph MO, March 17, 2020.

Big Body Play - Early Learning Series, Presentation Saint Joseph MO, on February 10, 2020.

Exploring Loose Parts in EC - Educare, Presentation Saint Joseph MO, on January 21, 2020.

“Circle Time for Early Childhood Educators - How Should it Look?” Workshop conducted at the Conference on the Young Years, Tan-Tar-A Osage Beach Missouri on March 7, 2019.

“Creating Young Artists.” Workshop conducted at the Conference on the Young Years, Tan-Tar-A Osage Beach Missouri on March 8, 2019.

Letter and Sounds, Workshop Columbia, MO, on July 18, 2019.

Project Construct Trainings, various locations across the state, May 16-18, 2019.

Play, Play, Play - Early Learning Series, Workshop Saint Joseph, MO, on September 23, 2019.

“Let's Play and It's OK.” Presentation to the Conference on the Young Years, Tan-Tar-a Resort on March 8, 2018.

“Planning with the Standards in Mind.” Workshop conducted at the MOSAC2, Tan- Tar -a Resort on March 3, 2018.

Beyond Letter of the Week - How to Teach Letters and Sounds Through Meaningful Experiences, Workshop Independence, MO, on October 30, 2018.

Project Construct Trainings, various locations across the state, on August 13 - 14, 2018.