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Personal Information

Born: January 26, 1959
Place: Milwaukee, Wisconsin

Education

24 Graduate Hours leading to Licensure, Educational Management and Development, 2001, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

30 Graduate Hours leading to Licensure, Educational Diagnostics, 1991, New Mexico State University, Las Cruces, New Mexico

M.A., Counseling Psychology, 1986, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

B.A., Music Education, Special Education, 1981, University of New Mexico, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Professional Licenses

Educational Administration, New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Educational Diagnostician; New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Educational Leader, New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Guidance and Counseling (K-12), New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Special Education (K-12), New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Music Education (K-12), New Mexico Board of Education, Certificate #098491

Licensed Master Social Worker, New Mexico Board of Social Work Examiners, (license #M-1621),

Other Accreditations

Trainer of Facilitators, SENG (Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted) Model Parent Groups, SENG, July 26, 2008

Trainer, Frasier Talent Assessment Profile-II, Multistage Edition, New Mexico Public Education Department, July 24, 2007

Scoring and Interpreting the Torrance Test of Creativity, Torrance Center, December 1, 2006

Trainer, Frasier Talent Assessment Profile, New Mexico Public Education Department, July 28, 2006

Mediator, University of New Mexico School of Law, January 30, 2005

Facilitator, Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG), October 30, 2004

Trainer, Choicemakers: Student Led IEPs, New Mexico Public Education Department, December 16, 2003

Trainer, Seven Habits for Highly Successful People, Franklin Covey, June 13, 2003

Trainer, Seven Habits for Highly Successful Teens, Franklin Covey, May 27, 2003

Trainer, Positive Discipline/Positive Instruction, Fred Jones and Associates, Inc, August 7, 1990

Professional Record

Adjunct Professor: New Mexico State University, Distance Education, Department of Special Education, Las Cruces, New Mexico. WebCT courses include: Nature and Needs of Gifted Learners (SPED 501), Curriculum for Gifted Learners (SPED 502), Twice Exceptional and Special Populations of Gifted Learners (SPED 503), and Strategies for Teaching Gifted Learners (SPED 489). (January 2005-present)

Behavior Technical Assistant: Department of Special Education, Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Provides consultation on classroom set-up & designing materials, developing visual schedules and other visual supports for students with autism, applied behavior analysis, positive classroom management strategies, and consequence level systems. Provides professional development on Precision, Commands, Autism, Aspergers, Working Effectively with Non-Compliant Students, Discrete Trial Training, and Using Data Collection to Drive Instruction.

Special Education/Gifted Coordinator/FTAP Coordinator: Department of Special Education, Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Supervises: Advanced Education Services Department (Gifted) and FTAP Assessment, IEP Process Training, Surrogate Parent Program, Special Education Programs, IEP Implementation and IDEA Compliance at Camino Real, Lynn, Picacho, Sierra, Vista and Zia Middle Schools and East

Picacho and Dona Ana Elementary Schools. Supervises and implements FTAP evaluation process for all potentially gifted students who have disability, cultural linguistic or socio economic factors that would adversely effect performance on traditional tests Maintains SEAS (IEP automated software system) and Special Education and Gifted Websites (February 2003-May 2009)

IEP/Compliance Trainer: Las Cruces Public Schools, Las Cruces, New Mexico. Provided district special education staff members with training in the areas of legal compliance, student driven IEPs, and the use of Excent as an IEP Process writing tool. Provided above staff with continuity of information through training, newsletters, workshops and individual consultation. Maintained the Excent Server. Recruited, trained, and maintained the Surrogate parent program. (August 2001-February 2003)

LRE Program Specialist: Alamogordo Public Schools, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Serves as Local Educational Agency Representative in multidisciplinary team meetings relating to the educational placement and services of special education students. Provides technical support/assistance to special education staff members, building principals, and regular education staff members regarding special education regulations, policies and procedures. (August 1997-May 2001)

Licensed Educational Diagnostician: Alamogordo Public Schools, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Psycho-educational assessment and interpretation for students with disabilities and gifted. Specialty areas: Gifted, Emotionally Disturbed. Coordinated and collaborated with School for the deaf evaluations for students who were deaf/or had hearing impairments. Served as Local Educational Agency Representative in multidisciplinary team meetings relating to the educational placement and services of special education students. (August 1991 – Present)

Independent Educational Consultant: Comallie-Caplan Educational Consultants. Provides professional development workshops and educational consultation to private, public and charter schools on Special Education topics including Least Restrictive Environments, Discipline of Students with Disabilities, Inclusion, Awareness of Specific Areas of Disabilities and Gifted Education.(August 1995 – present)

Educator Support Facilitator (Teacher Induction Specialist): Alamogordo Public School District, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Provided State required Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Training. Provided induction program and ongoing training and support for new certified personnel. (August 1989-May 1999)

Special Education Counselor: Alamogordo Public School District, Alamogordo, New Mexico. Assisted student's and their families to cope with emotional and/or personal problems as these problems related to the student's functioning in school by providing: individual and group therapy, crisis intervention, counseling assessment, case management services, individualized behavior management plans, parent education workshops, and referral services to appropriate community resources. (August 1986-1991)

Teacher/Counselor: Harrison Middle School, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Taught Chorus, Exploratory Arts, and General Music. Assisted in developing and implementing the In School Suspension Program. Worked with students 11 through 15 years of age developing self-esteem, goal setting, decision-making skills, and restructuring negative behaviors. (August 1982 – May 1985)

Selected Professional Presentations

National Conferences

“SENG Model Parent Group: Facilitator Certification Training” and “Where Have all the Flowers Gone?: Nurturing Gifted Girls into Gifted Women”-The SENGL Summit: Mission Possible, Orlando Florida, July 17-19, 2009

Getting Excited about Overexcitabilities, SENGL Annual Summer Conference, Salt Lake City, July 18th, 2008 and National Association for the Gifted 55th Annual Conference, Tampa Florida, October 31, 2008

Meeting the Needs of Gifted Middle School Students through Humanities Studies; Training Teachers to Recognize Frasier’s Traits, Aptitudes, and Behaviors of Giftedness; Establishing an Endorsement for Gifted Educators in New Mexico; Creativity Development Portfolio Using a Diagnostic Profile to Accelerate Creative Growth; National Association for Gifted Children, 54th Annual Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7-11, 2007

Using Professional Learning Communities to Provide Embedded Professional Development for Gifted Educators, Reaching for Rigor and Relevance, National Association for Gifted Children 53rd Annual Convention, Charlotte, North Carolina, November 3, 2006

A Musical Experience: Open Your Mind to Opera, The 22nd SENGL Conference Children’s Program, Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 10, 2005

A Daily Dose of Giftedness: The Joys and Challenges of Raising Gifted Children as Reflected in Daily Comics and Fairy Tales, The 22nd SENGL Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 9, 2005

Using Technology Spotlight for Professional Development in Gifted Education, Teacher Education Division Conference, Council for Exceptional Children, Albuquerque, New Mexico November 12, 2004

State and Regional Conferences

SENG Model Parent Groups: Facilitator Training, 2009 NM Summer Conference on Gifted Education, New Mexico Association for the Gifted, Albuquerque, NM, July 30, 2009

Understanding the Social Emotional Needs of the Gifted: What School Counselors and Psychologists Need to Know, Charleston County School District, Charleston, South Carolina, May 19, 2009

Gifted Girls to Gifted Women, New Mexico 2008 Summer Institute on Gifted Education, Albuquerque, NM July 30, 2008

Getting Excited over Overexcitabilities, New Mexico 2008 Summer Institute on Gifted Education, Albuquerque, NM July 29, 2008

Student Led-IEPs for Gifted Students, New Mexico 2007 Summer Institute on Gifted Education, Albuquerque, NM July 26, 2007

The Enchanted Maze of Dabrowski's Overexcitabilities; Defense Against the Dark Arts, Advocacy for Gifted Education, New Mexico 2006 Summer Institute on Gifted Education, Albuquerque, NM, August 4, 2006

It Takes a Whole Village to Raise a Gifted Child; Underachievement, Revoking the Label, New Mexico 2005 Summer Institute on Gifted Education, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 4-5, 2005

Utilizing Excent Software to Write IEPs New Mexico Occupational Therapy Association Annual Conference, Las Cruces, New Mexico, November 1, 2002

Facilitating Inclusion through Collaborative Teaching, Region 17, Wichita Falls, Texas, March 1, 2001

Making Adaptations/Modifications to Meet Individual Needs, Region 17, Wichita Falls, Texas, February 28, 2001

Implementing Discipline under IDEA, Region 12, San Antonio, Texas, November 29-30, 2000

Making Adaptations/Modifications to Meet Individual Needs, Region 12, San Antonio, Texas, November 27-28, 2000

Discipline and IDEA: Instituting a New Balance, New Mexico Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 12, 1999

Making Adaptations/Modifications to Meet Individual Needs, New Mexico Federation of the Council for Exceptional Children, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 6, 1998

Making Adaptations and Modifications to Meet Individual Student Needs in the Inclusive Classroom, Inclusion Works Conference by the Arc of Texas, El Paso, Texas, February 14, 1997

Invited Addresses, Workshops, Seminars

Please request Vita Addendum: Workshops Given by Lori Comallie-Caplan for a complete list

Selected Additional Training

The SENG Summit, Mission Possible, Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted, Orlando, Florida, July 17-19, 2008

Growing Gifted, National Association for Gifted Children 55th Annual Convention, Tampa Florida, October 29 – November 2, 2009

The SENG Summit, Reaching Attitudes and Altitudes, Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted 25th Anniversary, Salt Lake City, Utah, July 18-20, 2008

Igniting Ideas and Innovations in Gifted, National Association for Gifted Children, 54th Annual Convention, Minneapolis, Minnesota, November 7-11, 2007

Reaching for Rigor and Relevance, National Association for Gifted Children, 53rd Annual Convention, Charlotte, North Carolina, 53rd Annual Convention, November 1-5, 2006

The 22nd SENG Conference, Albuquerque, New Mexico, July 9, 2005

Advanced Mediation Training, Association of Family and Conciliation Courts, Seattle, Washington, May 18, 2005

Theory and Practice of Mediation, University of New Mexico Law School, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 21-23, and January 28-30, 2005

What are the Legal Implications of the No Child Left Behind Act and the IDEA Reauthorization, High Plains REC, Malinda Baird, Albuquerque, November 13-14, 2004

LRP 25th National Institute of Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities, LRP Publications, Orlando, Florida, May 2-5, 2004

Melinda Maloney Baird, Special Education Law and NCLB, High Plains Regional Service Center Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 13-14, 2003

24th Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individual's with Disabilities, LRP Publications, San Francisco, California, May 4-7, 2003

Ethics and Legal Issues in Counseling, Adoption Assistance Agency, Albuquerque, New Mexico, June 21, 2002

23rd National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities, Pre-institute and Institute, LRP Publications, Tampa, Florida, May 2-8, 2002

Mental Health and the Law, Medical Educational Services, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 21, 2001

Institute on Special Education Law, Bureau of Indian Affairs and New Mexico State Department of Education/Art Cernosia and Jim Walsh, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 8-9, 2000

Mastering Special Education Law – 2000, GMS Meeting: Scharff and McArthur Law Firm, Key West, Florida, April 12-14, 2000

New Mexico Mental Health and the Law, Health Ed, LLC, Albuquerque, New Mexico, January 27, 2000

Special Education Law Conference, Melinda Maloney Baird, ESQ sponsored by Southwest Regional Cooperative Center, Las Cruces, New Mexico, September 9-10, 1999

Training on IDEA Regulations, Joleta Reynolds, Assistant Director of the US Office of Special Education Programs, Albuquerque, New Mexico, August 25-26, 1999

20th National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities, LRP, San Francisco, California, April 25-28, 1999

Special Education Law, Malinda Maloney, Ruidoso, New Mexico, February 11, 1999

School Law in New Mexico, Professional Development Network, Albuquerque, New Mexico, November 19, 1998

Legal Issues in Special Education After Reauthorization, Scharff and McArthur, Roswell New Mexico, October 12, 1998

Mastering Special Education Law 1998, Scharff & McArthur, Lake Tahoe, Nevada, April 22-24, 1998

Special Education Law in New Mexico, Professional Development Network, Albuquerque, New Mexico, March 19, 1998.

Discipline and Suspension of Students with Disabilities, New Mexico Council of Administrators of Special Education, Albuquerque, New Mexico, February 5, 1998

Recent Developments in Special Education Law, Eliza McArthur of Scharff and McArthur-California, Albuquerque, New Mexico, October 8, 1997

The 18th National Institute on Legal Issues of Educating Individuals with Disabilities, LRP Publications, San Diego, California, May 4-7, 1997

The Reauthorization of IDEA, Scharff & McArthur, Ruidoso, New Mexico, October 2, 1997

The reauthorization of IDEA, Special Education and Civil Rights, US Office of Special Education and Office for Civil Rights, Albuquerque, New Mexico, December 5-6, 1997

Educational Law, Eliza McArthur of Scharff and McArthur-California, Alamogordo, New Mexico, January 2, 1996

Additional Training

Please request Vita Addendum: Workshops Attended by Lori Comallie-Caplan for a complete list of training.

Funded Proposals

2006-2007, Javits Grant for Gifted Education, New Mexico Public Education Department, \$7,647

2005-2006, Javits Grant for Gifted Education, New Mexico Public Education Department, \$20,219

2004-2005, Javits Grant for Gifted Education, New Mexico Public Education Department, \$11,645

2003, Least Restrictive Environment Sliver Grant for Tombaugh Elementary, New Mexico State Department of Education, \$9,000

2003, Least Restrictive Environment Sliver Grant for Dona Ana Elementary, New Mexico State Department of Education, \$12,000

2003, Least Restrictive Environment Sliver Grant for Conlee Elementary, New Mexico State Department of Education, \$10,000

Selected Publications

A Reflective Conversation with Dr. James Webb. Gifted Education International. Pp. 260-266. vol. 20 (2), 2005.

Checklist of Strategies Helps Teachers Customize Curriculum. Inclusive Education Programs, vol. 3 (8), 1996.

Association Memberships/Professional Affiliations

Supporting Emotional Needs of the Gifted (SENG) National Board of Directors, Executive Counsel, Secretary, Board Champion for SENNG Model Parent Groups

New Mexico Association for the Gifted, Webmaster

National Association for the Gifted Children, NM Affiliate

National Association of Social Workers, Member

Parents and Advocates of Gifted Education, Las Cruces, New Mexico, LCPS Liaison

Professional Skills/Summary of Qualifications

Leadership

Organized and initiated New Mexico Association for the Gifted, served as first president, was voted executive director and given a lifetime membership for service. Developed website and continue to be webmaster.

Secretary for the Gifted Grants Management Team and Technology Spotlight Committee, Assisted in developing and producing the first four annual NM Gifted Summer Institutes in collaboration with the New Mexico Public Education Department.

Coordinated Special Education Services for Middle Schools; Gifted Services K-12 including recruiting, interviewing, assigning and training Gifted Education Facilitators for Las Cruces Public Schools

Coordinated Special Education Services for Elementary Schools, Alamogordo Public Schools

Provided induction program and ongoing support for new special education instructors and ancillary personnel, Alamogordo Public Schools and Las Cruces Public Schools

Served on the New Mexico State Department of Education Committee to Improve the IEP Process

Served on the New Mexico State Department of Education Committee for the Development of New Teacher Induction Programs

Computer Technology

Course Development on WebCT for New Mexico State University: Nature and Needs, Curriculum, Twice Exceptional, and Strategies for Teaching Gifted Learners.

Course Development on Moodle for Professional Development Modules for Las Cruces Public Schools

Webmaster for New Mexico Association for the Gifted

Administrator and forms creator for SEAS IEP Software, Las Cruces Public Schools

Administrator for Excent Server and IEP Software, Las Cruces Public Schools

Webmaster for Las Cruces Special Education and Advanced Educational Services, Las Cruces Public Schools

Developed Pre-referral intervention software, diagnostic report writing software, and IEP Writer software, Alamogordo Public Schools

Communication/Policy Writing

Developed and published Advanced Education Services Best Practices Manual, Las Cruces Public Schools

Developed and published the IEP Process Manual for Las Cruces Public School's Department of Special Education

Developed and published the Alamogordo Public School's Department of Special Education Employee Handbook., Special Education Parent Handbook and Diagnostic Best Practices Manual

Developed and published Building the Bridge of Hope: A Transition Process Guide for Transitioning Elementary Students to Middle School, Alamogordo Public Schools

Facilitated online bulletin board for LRP Publications

Educational Innovation

Implemented an alternative protocol for assessing giftedness, Frasier-Talent Assessment Profile, Las Cruces Public Schools

Developed a "Multiple Menu Model of Services" for gifted students in Las Cruces Public Schools

Customized and implemented Excent, first IEP software writer for Las Cruces Public Schools

Trained and implemented the student led IEP process at six Middle Schools and Advanced Education Services, Las Cruces Public Schools

Restructured Elementary Special Education Programs to inclusion model, Alamogordo Public Schools

Professional Development

Provided over 500 education workshops for students, parents, educational staff and administrators at local, state, regional and national levels

Planning/Presentation Committee for 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008 New Mexico Summer Institute for Gifted Education, Albuquerque, New Mexico

Developed and Implemented Professional Learning Committees for Gifted Facilitators, Las Cruces Public Schools

Co-developed and provided first Teacher Induction Program including the State required Child Abuse Prevention and Reporting Training, Alamogordo Public Schools

References

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