

STACY M. ELLIS, Ph.D.

EDUCATION

- ◆ **Doctor of Philosophy in Curriculum and Instruction, December 2008**
Specialization in **Early Childhood Education**
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 - ◇ Dissertation: *Teacher Decision-Making: Preschool Teachers Perspectives on Social Skill Reinforcement in the Natural Environment*
- ◆ **Masters of Science in Family, Youth, & Community Sciences, August 2002**
Specialization in **Child and Youth Development**
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL
 - ◇ Thesis: *The Relationship Between Activity Intensity, Group Size, and Self-Esteem Among Adolescents in an After-School Setting*
- ◆ **Bachelor of Science in Human Resource Development, December 1999**
University of Florida, Gainesville, FL

WORK EXPERIENCE

- ◆ **Associate Director for Organization Operations – Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center, 2012 to current**
 - ◇ Supervise Special Program Coordinators and Enrollment Coordinator; Assist in the supervision of Assistant Directors who in-turn support 56 team teachers and 10 administrative staff. Assist in the supervision of the fiscal manager.
 - ◇ Work with Director on growth of BG – vision/mission, annual budget preparation, fundraising, special projects.
 - ◇ Lead Special projects such as playground renovations, large-scale maintenance and repairs, developing a salary matrix, developing a new tuition fee structure, coordinating and managing summer camp.
 - ◇ Work on contracts and legal documents such as developing MOUs and assisting in executing vendor contracts (accepting bids and working with Housing, PPD, Planning, Design & Construction and Purchasing to execute the project).
 - ◇ Present workshops and trainings for community and at state/national conferences.
 - ◇ Design and present at Baby Gator new hire orientation quarterly and teacher professional development trainings bi-monthly.
 - ◇ Work on HR issues including interviewing, hiring/terminating, FMLA, worker compensation, and performance appraisals.
 - ◇ Work with General Counsel on legal issues such as separating with employees and the development of policies and procedures.
 - ◇ Mentor Associate Director for Center Operations.
- ◆ **Assistant Director for Educational Programming – Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center, 2008-2012**
 - ◇ Responsible for the training and professional development of 50 Baby Gator teachers at the Village Drive and Newell Drive centers.
 - Designed and presented at Baby Gator Teacher In-Service.
 - Provided “on-the-spot” technical support and mentoring for teachers in the classroom.
 - Assisted teachers in obtaining the national and state educational and training requirements for

early childhood educators.

- ◇ Worked with teachers to develop the “Baby Gator Curriculum” which is derived from Creative, Montessori, and Reggio Emilia Curriculums and Developmentally Appropriate Practices.
- ◇ Met with teachers and parents as a curriculum, child development, or community resource as needed.
- ◇ Supervised all research projects at Baby Gator.

◆ **Lecturer at University of Florida – College of Education, 2003-2010**

EDG 3374: *Teaching Math & Science in Early Childhood*, Spring semesters 2003 – 2005, 2007, & 2008, 2010.

EEC 4704: *Social Competence in Early Childhood*, Fall semesters 2003 – 2005.

EEC 6304: *Creative Early Childhood Curriculum*, Spring semester 2005.

- ◇ Instructed classes of 23-27 Early Childhood ProTeach **undergraduate and graduate** students
- ◇ Designed course including text choice, syllabus, lectures, projects, & activities
- ◇ Promoted a hands-on constructivist approach to teaching and learning
- ◇ Organized field-trips to area museums and presentations from experts in the field
- ◇ Received an average of **4.50/5.00** on all course and teaching evaluations

EDE 6948: *Internship in Early Childhood Education*, Fall semesters 2004 & 2007.

- ◇ Supervised groups of 8 - 10 Early Childhood ProTeach **graduate** students
- ◇ Conducted weekly internship seminars. Topics included developmentally appropriate teaching strategies, adherence to Sunshine State Standards, professional conduct, stress management, and behavior management strategies
- ◇ Provided on-site support for interns in their public school classroom
- ◇ Evaluated students using the Pathwise lesson evaluation plan
- ◇ Managed and organized internship paperwork

EEX 3070: *Bright Futures Mentoring Experience*

- ◇ Placed 120 Elementary Education ProTeach undergraduate students for a mentoring experience in low income community centers and schools
- ◇ Presented information sessions throughout the semester
- ◇ Supervised a group of 26 students at one of the sites and served as liaison between site and university
- ◇ Evaluated students activity plans and coordinated mentor/student social

◆ **Early Childhood Teaching Experience**

- ◇ VKP Instructor – Baby Gator Child Development and Researcher Center 2008-2009
- ◇ 2 year old teacher – Baby Gator Child Development and Research Center 2004-2005
- ◇ 3 year old teacher – A Child’s Academy 1999-2000
- ◇ K-1 afterschool leader and tutor – Hidden Oak Elementary School 1998-1999

CONFERENCE PRESENTATIONS & TRAININGS

- ◆ **When Tuition Isn’t Enough: Increasing Funds for your Child Care Program**, National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers Annual Conference. Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 2016.
- ◆ **Constructing Consistent Foundations through Your Center’s Policies and Procedures**, National Coalition for Campus Children’s Centers Annual Conference. Hilton Head, South Carolina, March 2016.
- ◆ **Consistency: Improving Quality Centers**, One Goal Summer Conference. Tampa, Florida, July 2015.

- ◆ **Happy Staff, Happy Center: Improving Staff Morale**, Florida Association for the Education of Young Children Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida, October 2014.
- ◆ **Campus Partnerships: Communicating, Connecting, and Collaborating for Everyone's Benefit**, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference. Austin, Texas, March 2012
- ◆ **Inclusive Early Care and Education: Can It Really Work?** National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference. San Diego, California, April 2011.
- ◆ **Implementing A Center-Wide Developmental Screening Program**, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference. Orlando, Florida, April 2010.
- ◆ **Classroom Management: Building Relationships, Creating Supportive Environments and Designing Effective Teaching Strategies**. Two day training for School Board of Alachua County Head Start. Gainesville, Florida, June 2010.
- ◆ **Continuity of Care: A New Approach to Working with Infants and Toddlers**, National Coalition for Campus Children's Centers Annual Conference. Charleston, South Carolina, April 2005.

CREDENTIALS AND CERTIFICATES

- ◆ DCF 40 hour child care training
- ◆ Infant & Child CPR and First Aid
- ◆ Director's Credential – in renewal process

REFERENCES

Available upon request