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My career has been devoted to early childhood education. It started with teaching kindergarten, preschool, and toddler age children. After completing my master's degree in educational leadership from Bank Street College of

Education, I followed the pursuit of early childhood administration with positions including teacher trainer, program administrator, and college adjunct professor. I have kept up-to-date in the field by attending courses at Wheelock College and seminars at Bank Street, and contributing in [publications such as NAEYC](#). I have especially benefited from presentations and seminars hosted by the staff from Reggio Emilia and the project approach.

I am certified as a trainer in the High Scope educational approach for both preschool and infant toddler. As an adjunct faculty member, have taught the Child Development Associate Credential (CDA) as well as New Jersey's infant toddler credential course work for under graduate students. At the graduate level, I have taught the course work requirement for New Jersey's P-3 certification. My specialty is curriculum with a focus on High Scope, Reggio Emilia and the project approach. I have presented at numerous seminars and conferences locally and nationally.

In March 2019, I continued my exploration of the education field by attending a study tour of the schools influenced by Reggio Emilia with the Eric Carle Museum in Italy.

I am a voracious reader. I enjoy discovering new authors, most specifically, of children's books. I attend the annual New York City Library Association book festival at Bank Street College as well as the book festival held annually in Princeton. The workshops and presentations with authors and illustrators are a delight.

For fun, I enjoy knitting and cooking. I continue to hone both of those skills by taking classes. I enjoy the creative process of experimenting and straying from recipes and directions.

I share my home with my husband of 36 years and our Maine Coon mix, rescued feral feline, Nicodemus. I love to oversee my husband gardening, and I am happy to report that our garden has been designated as a nature habitat.