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### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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**2012 – Present**     **University of Arkansas - Partners for Inclusive Communities**  
**Arkansas' University Center on Disabilities, Little Rock, AR**

**Project Director - *Welcome the Children***, a statewide early childhood training project focused on culture, diversity, inclusion, and English language learners. Establish and manage goals, activities and budgets. Supervise professional training staff. Write grant and contract proposals and submit reports to funders.

**1993 – 2012**     **University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences (UAMS) - Partners for Inclusive Communities – Arkansas' University Center on Disabilities (formerly University Affiliated Program – UAP), North Little Rock, AR**

Managed grant/contract funded projects:

- ***Welcome the Children***, a statewide early childhood training project focused on culture, diversity, inclusion and English language learners. Coordinated three-day annual conference on culture and diversity (2006 – 2011).
- ***Nuestra Familia*** – grant to develop and pilot-test training modules for early childhood educators serving Spanish-speaking children.
- ***Aging with Independence*** – research and service project to help seniors with disabilities remain at home through assistive technology and universal design.
- ***Veterans Helping Veterans*** – AmeriCorps project provided case management to Veterans and their families impacted by disabilities.
- ***Creative Choices for Healthy Living*** – community-based health and wellness training program presented jointly to typical seniors and adults with developmental disabilities.
- ***Agent Orange Class Assistance Project (Project ACCESS)*** – statewide case management for Vietnam veterans exposed to Agent Orange and who subsequently had children with disabilities.

Facilitated development of **Arkansas Can Do**, a collaboration of individuals with disabilities, family members and professionals interested in promoting positive perceptions of individuals with disabilities. Served as Chair for five years (2001 – 2006).

Co-authored training manuals:

- *Welcome the Children – Training for Early Childhood Professionals Serving Latin American Families - Module 1: Cultural Diversity; Module 2: Second Language Development and Working with Families*
- *Creative Choices for Healthy Living – A Bag of Ideas: How to Manage Stress and Remember Stuff (six training modules)*

- 1989 - 1993**      **AR Department of Human Services,  
Division of Economic and Medical Services**  
*Little Rock, AR*  
**Program Analyst:** Served as liaison between area field representatives and policy staff for Project Success (Arkansas' welfare reform program that emphasized continued education and job training). Provided written and verbal policy clarifications. Facilitated monthly meetings with field representatives and policy staff.
- 1988 - 1989**      **AR Department of Human Services,  
Division of Management Services**  
*Little Rock, AR*  
**Staff Development Specialist II:** Developed and presented program and policy training sessions to new county office staff in the Project Success program. Co-developed and presented workshops on specialized topics, including supervisory training and literacy, to meet needs of Department of Human Services' staff.
- 1987 - 1988**      **AR Department of Human Services,  
Division of Aging and Adult Services**  
*Little Rock, AR*  
**Management Project Analyst/Project Trainer:** Presented workshops across the state on sensory loss and aging for grant funded training project. Assisted with federal reports and budget monitoring.
- 1979 - 1983**      **AR Department of Social Services  
Pulaski North County Office**  
*North Little Rock, AR*  
**Case Manager:** Interviewed and processed applications for individuals applying for food stamps, Aid to Families with Dependent Children, and Medicaid. Monitored caseload, scheduled appointments and processed paperwork.

## EDUCATION

- 2008**      **Six hours completed toward M.Ed. in Learning Systems Technology**  
*University of Arkansas at Little Rock (UALR), Little Rock, AR*
- 1979**      **B.A. in Psychology, Minor in Sociology**  
*Henderson State University, Arkadelphia, AR*

## PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Traveling Arkansas' Professional Pathways (TAPP) Trainer
- Arkansas Early Childhood Association (AECA)
- National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC)
- Southern Early Childhood Association (SECA)
- Arkansas Can Do, Inc., Board Member