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Academic History

Ed.D. Instruction and Curriculum Leadership (Early Childhood concentration), University of Memphis, Memphis, TN (2014)

M.A., Reading Specialization (Adult Literacy), Kean University, Union, NJ (2006)

B.S., Human Resource Management, Upsala College, East Orange, NJ (1994)

A.A., Liberal Arts, Northeastern Christian Junior College, Villanova, PA (1986)

Certifications and Credentials

Early Intervention Credential, Tennessee Early Intervention System, (2017)

Autism Navigator for Early Intervention Providers, Florida State University, (2016)

New Jersey Elementary Teacher Certification (Nursery-8), Montclair State, Alternate Route Teaching Program, (2006)

New Jersey Trainer Certification, State of New Jersey, Department of Personnel, Human Resource Development Institute, (2000)

Professional Experience

2011-2017: Early Intervention Specialist, provided developmental therapy in homes and child care facilities (89 families) for children birth-three years old with developmental delays, University of Memphis (Project Memphis) grant provides services for Tennessee Early Intervention System, (served families in Collierville, Germantown and Memphis, TN)

2014-2016: Supervisor/Trainer, provided training and supervision for (12) Early Intervention Specialists who provided developmental therapy for children with developmental delays birth-three in homes and child care facilities, Rehab at Your Place, resource agency for Tennessee Early Intervention System, Memphis, TN

2012-2015 Adjunct Faculty, Developmental Studies, Southwest Tennessee Community College, Memphis, TN

2010-2011 Academic Reading Instructor, Edison Job Corps, Edison, NJ

2009-2010 Adjunct Faculty, Developmental Studies, Berkeley College, Newark, NJ

2009-2010 Adjunct Faculty, Developmental Studies, Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ

2007 Adjunct Faculty, Early Childhood, Bloomfield College, Bloomfield, NJ

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2006-2007 Adjunct Faculty, Developmental Studies, Hudson County Community College, Jersey City, NJ

2005-2006 Teacher, Saint Joseph's School and Academy, West Orange, NJ

2005-2010 Adjunct Faculty, Developmental Studies, Kean University, Union, NJ

2004-2007 Early Childhood Consultant, parent training, Mont-Vail Day Care Center, Irvington, NJ

2004-2005 Early Childhood Consultant, provided professional development for Even Start Family Literacy Project, Hoboken Board of Education, Hoboken, NJ

2004-2009 Early Childhood Consultant, LeapFrog Enterprises, Emeryville, CA

- provided ongoing training and technical assistance for clients utilizing LeapFrog products in New York, New Jersey, Florida, and Tennessee
- principal consultant for year-long Ready, Set, Leap Study in New Jersey involving RMC Corporation, University of California-Berkeley, and 19 child care centers (41 preschool teachers and 300 preschool children)

2003-2006 Early Childhood Consultant, provided ongoing training and technical assistance for early childhood programs and Head Start Programs in New York and New Jersey, Pat Hall and Associates, East Orange, NJ

2001-2003 Early Childhood Consultant, professional development, The Child Care Center at Felician College, Rutherford, NJ

2001-2007 Early Childhood Consultant, East Orange Board of Education, East Orange, NJ

- provided professional development for Master Teachers
- provided parent workshops
- Child Development Associate (CDA) Trainer and Advisor
- taught and advised 38 paraprofessionals for preschool CDA Credential

1999-2007 Early Childhood Consultant, Programs for Parents, Newark and Montclair, NJ

- Child Development Associate (CDA) Trainer and Advisor
- recruited, trained, and advised 105 candidates for CDA credential (38 of the 105 were East Orange Board of Education paraprofessionals)
- taught 6 courses (one infant/toddler, 5 preschool)

1999-2007 Early Childhood Consultant, Advisor for 105 CDA candidates, Council for Professional Recognition, Washington, DC

1999-2003 Early Childhood Consultant, Head Start Quality Improvement Center, New York University, New York, NY

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- provided on-going training and technical assistance for 23 New Jersey Programs and 6 New York Programs
- provided training in child development (schedules, routines and transitions, early literacy, language development, challenging behavior, science, math, individualizing in the curriculum)
- provided professional development (developmentally appropriate planning, observation, room arrangement, Head Start Performance Standards, Head Start Child Outcomes Framework)
- conducted 6-month Pilot Projects for: Early Literacy, Math and Science, and Mentor Coach Specialists
- served as Pre-Service Training Coordinator-assisted programs with identification of training and technical assistance needs and provided the training consultants
- Keynote Speaker for many pre-service trainings

Scholarship

Publication

Scipio, V. (2017). Let Babies Teach: Learning child development through observing infants and toddlers (included companion guide) Let Me Teach You, Baby: How to help infants and toddlers grow and develop literacy skills. (Self Published- available on Amazon.com)

Scipio, V. (2007). *Parents doing school at home*. Tennessee's Children, Winter 2007.

Scipio, V. (2006). *Early Literacy Development in Minority, Middle-Class Families*", *A Qualitative Research Study*-Master's Thesis-April 2006 (ERIC Document ED491777)

Unpublished Document

Scipio, V. (2014). *Dissertation: Examining Teacher Efficacy in an Urban School District through an Induction and Mentoring Program*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

Scipio, V. (2013). *Improving the academic achievement of African American students: How mentor and induction programs and improved working conditions can increase teacher effectiveness*. Unpublished manuscript, Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN.

Teaching

Southwest Tennessee Community College: taught developmental reading courses, assisted in implementation of the Learning Support Reading Pilot

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Edison Job Corps: taught developmental reading and job training skills for adults, assisted in increasing reading level scores in the reading department from 70 percent to 98.6 percent

Berkeley College: taught developmental reading and writing courses

Bloomfield College: taught Child Development Associate (CDA) course

Hudson County Community College: taught developmental reading and writing courses

Saint Joseph's School and Academy: taught Kindergarten

Kean University: taught developmental reading courses during regular semesters and summer EEOF student program

Service

2017 Distributed (850) free copies of Let Babies Teach to libraries, prison ministry, diaper ministry, child care centers, family child care providers, mother's day out program, and pediatricians

2012 Invited Lecturer, undergraduate reading course, Reading with Enthusiasm, Dr. Scott, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

2012 Invited Lecturer, undergraduate early childhood course, Dialogic Reading, Dr. Ro, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

2012 Consultant, conducted pre-service training "Excellence Go for It" for director and teachers, Ridgeway Early Learning Center, Memphis, TN

2012 Consultant, conducted 3 workshops for director and teachers-Early Literacy in the Home, Communication with Parents, and Dialogic Reading, Bev's Child Care Center, Memphis, TN

2006-2007 Consultant-Hearts and Hands Project-created from Master's Thesis, provided early literacy workshops to parents of preschool children and distributed literacy materials, distributed literacy materials to Kean University freshmen (East Orange, Newark, Union, NJ)

Awards

2013 Outstanding Early Childhood Education Doctoral Student, College of Education, Health and Human Sciences, Department of Instruction and Curriculum Leadership, University of Memphis, Memphis, TN

2011 Highest Achievement Award, Dale Carnegie Training, Memphis, TN