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QUALIFICATIONS

Forty years experience in urban education, as a classroom teacher and principal. Proven track record of leading innovative teaching teams, developing and implementing results-driven new school curricula, and forming strategic partnerships.

EXPERIENCE

Swim Instructor

YMCA Lynch/van Otterloo, Marblehead, MA 2018-present

- Swim team coach
- Group and private instructions

Community Service Coordinator

New Jersey Youth Corps, Asbury Park, NJ 2012-2017

- Provided basic skills and preparation to obtain a high school equivalency diploma
- Worked with non-profits and businesses in Asbury Park to secure employment and community service opportunities, which developed positive employability skills while addressing unmet community needs
- Instructed students with life skills and assisted in their transition to college, training, and/or employment

Education Consultant and Director of Special Programs

Hope Academy Charter School, Asbury Park, NJ 2010-2011

- Coordinated building site development and construction
- Wrote applications for state and federal grants
- Worked with administrative and teaching staff to create 21C skills-focused curricula
- Guided foundation fund raising activities

Founder & Co-Director of Public School, Grades K-8

Hope Academy Charter School, Asbury Park, NJ 2001-2010

- Co-wrote charter application to NJ DOE
- Recruited and trained teaching and support staff
- Developed, implemented, and supervised school curricula and protocol
- Developed and implemented an internship program for teachers
- Established a tutor/mentor program with Monmouth University students
- Implemented in-service training and orientation to new staff members
- Led student registration and admission
- Counseled students on behavioral issues

Teacher of Special Education, Physical Education, Health Education

Asbury Park Board of Education, Asbury Park, NJ 1968-2001

- Developed physical education and health curricula for grades K-6
- Developed behavior modification programs (Friday Fun Club, special lunch program, after-school activities, student mentor program)
- Coordinated teacher/administrator school charitable programs for needy families (holiday gifts, meals, clothing)
- Organized and directed teachers, administrators, and the student body for school-wide field day activities

Co-Director, Special Needs Camp

American Professional Partnership for the Lithuanian Education (APPLE), Lithuania 1999-2000

- Provided on-site educational consulting services to the Lithuanian Ministry of Education
- Taught physical education and health to special education children and orphans

- Taught English to Lithuanian teachers and parents
- Developed physical education and health curricula

Founder and Director

Summer Hill Preschool and Day Camp, Wall, NJ 1983-1994

- Developed and oversaw implementation of preschool curricula, as per NJ DOE standards
- Coordinated teachers' schedules, preschool and camp activities
- Recruited and managed a staff of twelve employees and a student body of 225

Swimming Coach

YMCA, Central New Jersey 1968-1995

- Coordinated Special Olympic programs for special needs swimmers
- Coached swimming for boys and girls in Asbury Park and Rumson- Fair Haven High Schools
- Coached swimming for boys and girls Central Jersey Aquatic Club

Instructor and National Consultant/Lecturer

Project Active, Ocean Township, NJ 1973-1982

- Coordinated adaptive physical education program activities for classified/non-classified special education students in Asbury Park School District
- Provided teacher training for in-service programs
- Developed/adapted program for the Ocean Township Schools Board of Education
- Conducted research studies on student performance nation wide

Coordinator

New Jersey State and Monmouth County Special Olympics 1973-1979

- Supervised track and field events and swim meets

EDUCATION AND CERTIFICATIONS

Kean University of New Jersey, Union, NJ 1978-1980

Certification for New Jersey Principal and Supervisor

Kean University of New Jersey, Union, NJ 1974-1978

M.A. Special Education: Certification for Teacher of the Handicapped

Eastern Kentucky University, Richmond, KY 1963-1968

B.S. Physical Education and Health: Certification for Teacher of Health and Physical Education