

Sample Biographies

Example 1

Dr. Jessica Bissey is a clinical psychologist and endorsed infant mental health mentor. She owns a private practice in Columbus, IN and provides multidisciplinary evaluations and consultation for an autism center. Dr. Bissey works with infants, toddlers, young children and families. She utilizes relationship based practices in her therapeutic work and conducts diagnostic evaluations. Dr. Bissey has experience working in a multidisciplinary hospital setting working with toddlers and young children with a variety of neurodevelopmental disorders and complex medical conditions.

Example 2

Mel has been involved in the field of early childhood for the past 25 years. Mel received her Master's Degree in Early Childhood Special Education from WVU. Mel started her career in 1983 as an early interventionist for the WV Birth to Three system. In the late 1980's, Mel taught preschool special education for three years while her husband attended graduate school at LSU. In 1991, Mel became the coordinator of the early intervention program at Appalachian Community Health Center in Elkins, WV. During this time, Mel represented early intervention coordinators on the WV Early Intervention Interagency Coordinating Council. In 2001, she became the Policy Specialist and Coordinator for the Comprehensive System of Professional Development for the WV Birth to Three state system.

Example 3

Lisa has over 20 years' experience working with children and 15 years' experience as the Children's Library Director for the LaVergne Public Library, which is ranked 5th in the nation for its children's programs!

Example 4

Mary Jo is fulfilling her mission and passion in life by sharing the power of storytelling with the Early Childhood world. Her long career spans 30 plus years as she shares her enthusiasm across the country. Mary Jo demonstrates storytelling as a means to teaching basic skills, language development, motivation, social awareness, cultural awareness and diversity, and environmental concerns. Many of these ideas are conveyed through the use of puppets. Puppets enrich learning, promote student interest and facilitate problem solving.

Example 5

Holly specializes in consulting to and providing training for organizations with a mission for the greater good. She has received her BA in English, MA in English and Education, and her JD. She has provided consultation services and training opportunities on a national and international level. Her trainings have consisted of such topics as personnel law issues, managing change, caring for the caregiver, organizational structure, internal customer service, decision-making and countering organizational negativity.