

Cesali Ericson

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Summary: Seven years experience in Head Start and Pre-K with 25 years of overall teaching experience. Proven ability to meet Federal and State guidelines regarding mandates for Head Start and Pre-K. Quickly learns new systems and meets deadlines and expectations regarding data and assessments. Highly organized and extremely detail-oriented. Strong technical skills and abilities. Positive attitude and committed to excellence regarding student outcomes and expectations.

Notable Accomplishments:

- Pampa I.S.D. Peer Mentor, 2009-2010; Texas School Ready! Certified Classroom in HeadStart and Pre-K, 2009; Texas School Ready! Project Mentor 2010-2011

Work Experience:

University of Texas-Houston/Childrens

Learning Ins

Houston, Texas

Facilitator of the Texas School Ready! Grant Project for Pre-Kindergarten

Project Mentor

February 2010 - August 2011

Helped 18 teachers in 5 different cities across the Texas Panhandle implement the components of the Texas School Ready! Project into their classroom and into their instruction. Responsibilities included maintaining progress reports, assessments, and feedback for each teacher; assisting the teacher in planning strategic instruction using developmentally appropriate practices for Pre-K learners; and using classroom assessment data and research to develop individualized instruction to prepare students for the next level.

- Certified as a National CIRCLE Trainer in October, 2010

Pampa Independent School District

Pampa, Texas

Head Start/Pre-K Teacher

August 2004 - February 2010

Taught half-day Head Start regulated by Federal guidelines, and half-day Pre-K regulated by State guidelines. Worked with a full-time Instructional Assistant and a full-time Family Services Assistant. Responsibilities included maintaining appropriate forms and checklists for each student; individualizing instruction while meeting appropriate Federal guidelines and responsibilities; working in conjunction with Head Start staff from Region 16 to improve medical and dental health through family services; and establishing a Home-School connection through regular home visits and parent meetings.

- Certified as a Texas School Ready! Classroom in Head Start and in Pre-K during the second year of CIRCLE Training, September 2010
- Leadership Committee Team Member 2005-2007, 2008-2009
- Peer Mentor, 2009-2010

Region 16 Education Service Center

Amarillo, Texas

GED Instructor

September 2002 - May 2005

Prepared individualized instruction in math, writing, science, social studies, and reading for adult learners seeking to obtain a GED. Worked with an Instructional Assistant. Responsibilities included planning and implementing individualized instruction, using assessment data to tailor instruction; and providing support necessary to overcome negative learning experiences.

- Restructured the instructional goals of the class and saw a 50% increase in enrollment, with a waiting list of participants.

First Baptist Church Child Development Center

Pampa, Texas

A tuition-based child care facility for children six weeks old through Kindergarten. This center served 125 children and

maintained a staff of 20 employees.

Kindergarten Teacher

December 1997 - May 2002

Planned and implemented instruction for half-day Kindergarten class of 12-15 students. Worked with a part time Instructional Aide. Responsibilities included planning and implementing individualized instruction using developmentally appropriate practices, writing lesson plans, unit plans, and using assessment data to implement instruction.

- Created and implemented a collaborative study with Pampa I.S.D. Kindergarten and First Grade Teachers in order to determine program efficiency and readiness factors for the child care students. Reworked child care curriculum in order to more effectively meet the needs and increase readiness skills for child care students.

Pre-K Teacher

August 2002 - May 2004

Planned and implemented instruction for half-day Pre-K class of 12-15 students. Worked with a part time Instructional Aide. Responsibilities included planning and implementing individualized instruction using developmentally appropriate practices, writing lesson plans and unit plans, and using assessment data to implement instruction.

- Guest Speaker and Presenter at the Church Weekday Educators Conference, Wayland Baptist University, Plainview, Texas March, 2001 and March, 2005

Region 17 Education Service Center

Lubbock, Texas

GED Instructor

August 1989 - May 1997

Prepared individualized instruction in math, writing, science, social studies, and reading for adult learners seeking to obtain a GED. Worked with an Instructional Assistant. Responsibilities included planning and implementing individualized instruction, using assessment data to utilize instruction; and to provide support necessary to overcome negative learning experiences.

Education:

Lamar University

December 2009

Degree: Masters Major: Education-Teacher Leadership City: Beaumont State: Texas

- GPA-3.8

Texas Tech University

May 1985

Degree: Bachelors Major: Education City: Lubbock State: Texas

- Pre-K/Kdg Endorsement, Mathematics Teaching Field, ESL Certified, March 2010

Seminole High School

May 1981

Degree: Diploma City: Seminole State: Texas

- Class Rank- 3 of 203

Skills:

Certifications

- Childrens Learning Institute: National CIRCLE Trainer of Trainers October 2010
- Childrens Learning Institute: Texas School Ready! Classroom-Head Start September 2010
- Childrens Learning Institute: Texas School Ready! Classroom-Pre-K September 2010
- Texas Education Agency: ESL Certification March 2010
- Texas Education Agency: Pre-K/Kdg Endorsement May 1985
- Texas Education Agency: Mathematics Endorsement May 1985

Other Skills

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Office
- Microsoft Excel

Personal Interests:

- Member -Texas Classroom Teachers Association
- Member-First Baptist Church Womens Ministry