

SPECIAL EDUCATION MEDIATORS

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Background: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act special education mediator, 1998 to present; private practitioner and counselor in psychotherapy, specializing in child and family services, 2002 to present; consultant and trainer for staff development; consultant, University of South Carolina, School of Medicine, Department of Special Needs; and adjunct faculty for Northeastern Technical College, 1996 to 2002 worked as a trainer with the Center for Child Care Career Development; counselor, Department of Mental Health; school counselor, Chesterfield County Schools; child welfare training director, University of South Carolina, 1994; early intervention program manager, MEDDAC, Department of Medicine, Department of the Army, Fort Jackson, South Carolina, 1993; , 1993 Winthrop College; substitute teacher, Chesterfield County Schools, 1993; Department of Defense Dependent Schools, 1982 – 1993; school administrator, counselor, Japan; resident hall counselor, England; counselor/acting administrator, Netherlands; counselor/music director, Iceland; self-employed educational tutor, pianist, piano teacher, 1979 – 1982; art teacher, Cumberland County Schools, North Carolina, 1979 – 1978. Areas of certification include teacher, counselor, supervisor, principal, and superintendent. Has over twenty years of experience in special education.

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Background: Individuals with Disabilities Education Act special education mediator, 1994 to present; faculty athletic representative, Athletic Council, 2011 – 2021; associate professor of special education, College of Education, Clemson University, 1999 – 2021; coordinator of special education programs, Clemson University 1999 – 2003; principal investigator for OSEP-funded personnel preparation grant in early literacy, 1997-2000; Assistant professor of special education, Clemson University, 1993 – 1999; visiting assistant professor, University of Central Florida 1991–1992; special education resource teacher and basketball coach, Muscle Shoals High School, Muscle Shoals, Alabama; special education teacher, Iuka High School, Iuka, Mississippi; special education resource teacher, lead teacher, Iuka Elementary School, Iuka, Mississippi 1976–1984; B.S. in Elementary Education, Memphis State University, Cum Laude, 1976; Masters in Mental Retardation, University of North Alabama, 1983; PhD, Education and Human Development, Vanderbilt University, 1995; Has co-authored materials for publications on special education mediation and tutoring students with disabilities. She has conducted a number of presentations and in-service trainings in the area of teaching children with disabilities and has served as a special education mediator since 1994.

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