

Q&A

HOW DID YOU GET STARTED IN YOUR CURRENT POSITION?

In an effort to do less traveling I accepted the Education and Disabilities Coordinator position where I assist teachers in the educational and disability domains for Head Start classrooms and on Early Head Start home visits. This has been one of my most rewarding steps in my career yet.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE TO SOMEONE STARTING THEIR CAREER IN EARLY CHILDHOOD EDUCATION?

If you want a rewarding career and want to contribute in the educational field you need to realize the most critical time to do this is the first 2000 days of a child's life. If you want to make a huge and most important impact - early education is where it's at.

WHAT ARE SOME ACCOMPLISHMENTS YOU ARE PARTICULARLY PROUD OF?

Coming back to Head Start as this is where it all began for my education profession. What an amazing place for children in such critical need.

My two Masters of Education degrees. I've committed my life to education and one should never quit growing their own!

TELL US SOMETHING FUN ABOUT YOURSELF.

My husband and I have created a Brady Bunch of our own, only larger, with 10 children between the two of us, four girls and six boys. I love my family! With five granddaughters now we are working on a tribe.

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE CHILDREN'S BOOK, AND WHY?

Goodnight Moon... My children loved me reading this to them before bed when they were small and it will always bring me warm, fuzzy feelings every time I see or read it now.

WHAT ARE YOU READING RIGHT NOW?

Out of the Darkness: The Story of Mary Ellen Wilson – a story about the first child historically recorded that was ever rescued out of a child abuse situation, heart wrenching to say the least.