SUMMARY

Education and Human Services professional with extensive leadership, educational and clinical expertise in student services, special education, public education, social-emotional learning, wraparound and multi-tiered systems of support, mental health, trauma-informed systems, child welfare, family and community engagement and advocacy, parent-professional partnerships, professional and faculty & staff development, program design, development and implementation

EDUCATION

Ed.D in Child, Youth and Family Studies, Specialization: Management of Programs, Nova Southeastern University, FL.

Dissertation: Developing the Wraparound Process and Creating Family And Community Networks for Children and Families with Complex Needs

Master of Arts Clinical Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

Thesis: Resilience in Children Exposed to Violence

1992

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

National Consultant 2001-2025

System of Care, Wraparound and pre-K-12 Educational Consultant/Leadership Coaching/Professional Development for public school districts, non-profits, inclusive of Massachusetts Behavioral Health Partnership (MBHP), Children's Behavioral Health Initiative Massachusetts (CBHI), Community Based Care of Brevard, Florida, Massachusetts public school districts.

Prospect Hill Academy, Associate Head of School

2019-2023

Leadership inclusive of: Curriculum and Instruction, Principals & Schools Supervision & Evaluation, Professional Development, Accountability, Assessment & Data, Student Services, Special Education, Mental Health, Early Childhood, Health Services, Educational Technology, Family Engagement, District DEI Council.

Newton Public Schools, Assistant Superintendent of Student Services (NPS)

2016-2019

Leadership inclusive of Student Services Special Education, Prevention Services, Early Childhood,

Multi-Tiered Systems of Support, Student Mental Health and Health Services

Public Schools of Brookline (PSB): Deputy Superintendent of Student Services 2005-2016 Leadership for Student Services, Special Education, Prevention Services, Student Mental Health and Health Services, Early Childhood Education, Family Engagement, Registration & Enrollment

- Out of District Coordinator.
- School Guidance/Social Work

Brockton Area Multi-Services (BAMSI), Senior Executive: Wraparound Family Services, 1994-2005 Developed, led and integrated the wraparound process into a network of educational, home-and-community-based programs for children/families involved with the Department of Mental Health, Department of Child Welfare, Department of Youth Services.

TEACHING, ADVISING, SUPERVISORY HIGHLIGHTS

Tufts University, Lecturer, Eliot-Pearson Department of Child Study and Human Development 2024/2025 *Child Mental Health In The Educational Context*

Bunker Hill Community College, Adjunct, Issues in Human Services

2018/2019

Newton Public Schools: Graduate Course - Equity and Disproportionality in (Special) Education:

Ensuring Just and Inclusive Schools 2016-2019

Field Supervisor, Bridgewater State College

Psychology Department, St. Louis University,

ELL Teacher: St Louis University/St Mary's Hospital

1993-1994

1995-2000

ELL Teacher: Language and Literacy Program: English and Drama in Education, Soweto, South Africa

CONFERENCE, KEYNOTES HIGHLIGHTS

- Florida Coalition for Children Annual Conference 2022: The Heart of Belonging: A Culturally Responsive and Relational Framework to Bridge and Build Child and Family Serving Organizations that are Just, Inclusive and Equity-Centered.
- Urban Collaborative National Conference: Equity, Diversity & Inclusion: The Intersection of Disability & Race: Nov 2019, Spaces, Places and Pathways: De-Rooting and Disrupting Disproportionality- Practitioner, Leadership and Systems Levers
- NPS Race and Achievement Conference, June 2018. Equity and Disproportionality in Education: Ensuring Just and Inclusive Schools
- National Wraparound Conference: Oceans of Opportunity June 2016, Florida: School-House Wrap: Utilizing the Wraparound Process to Successfully Educate Students with Complex Needs in Public School Settings and "At Home, In School, In the Community- Multi-Systemic Wraparound Planning
- Massachusetts Association of School Psychologists' Annual Conference, 2013: "Transition Planning to a T"
- Keynote Speaker: Community Based Care of Brevard: Child Welfare Partnership "Night Among The Stars" 2006
- Keynote Speaker: Brockton AIDS Consortium: Women Resilience and Hope, December, 2004

LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS

Superintendent/Assistant Superintendent # 409531
Principal/Assistant Principal, License Pending
Special Education Administrator, # 409531
Licensed School Social Work, # 409531
Licensed Marriage and Family therapist, LMFT, #1077
Recognized Associate Substance Abuse Counselor (RASAC) #1437, Missouri, 1994
Licensed Clinical Psychologist, Practice #3896, South African Medical Council, 1991
ESL Teaching Certification Program, Johannesburg, South Africa, 1987
Trinity College of London: Speech and Drama, 1986

BOARDS

Urban Special Education Leadership Collaborative
South African Partners
National Center for Innovation and Excellence
Massachusetts Administrators of Special Education
Massachusetts Association of Family-Based Service Providers, Officer 1998-2001
Brockton Neighbors United Community Connections 1998-2000