

ABBREVIATED VITA
of
Melissa Werner

Assistant Professor Early Childhood Education
January 2006 - Present

Education:

Stephens College	B A. 1974	Early Childhood/ Child Development General Science Concentration K-9
University of Alabama at Birmingham	M.A. 1977	Early Childhood Education
Pacific Oaks, Pasadena, CA	1993	Infant Development
University of Alabama at Birmingham	Ph.D. 1997	Early Childhood/ Child Development
C. G. Jung Institute, Kusnacht, Switzerland	2000, 2002	Analytical Psychology Summer Intensive

Current Courses:

ER 326– Assessment In Early Childhood Programs (2 sections)
ER 450 –Administration and Management in Early Childhood Programs
ED 315 – Teaching Kindergarten

Previous Employment:

Snead State Community College Boaz, Alabama
Instructor and Head of Child Development Program
2003-2006

Early Childhood Consultant and Early Literacy Expert (U.S and International)
1998 - 2003

Western Kentucky University, Bowling Green, Kentucky
Early Childhood Specialist, Region IV Head Start Training Center
1979-1997

Selected National and International Presentations

NAEYC Accreditation: The New System and Criteria, sites in TN and AL, 2005 & 2006

“Language and Literacy Development” Singapore, 2004

"Validations Day: Tips from NAEYC’s Most Frequently Used Validators”, National Association for the Education of Young Children, National Annual Conference 1995, 1998, 1999, 2001, 2002 & 2003

“Tears, Tantrums and Trouble: Supportive interactions with Infants and Toddlers,” “Preschool Science and

Math,” “Biters, Criers and Kickers...and they Want me to Teach Too? Using Teamwork to Solve Common Early Childhood Problems,” PACAF Child Development Caregivers and Training/Curriculum Specialists 2002 Conference, Yokota Air Base, Tokyo, Japan

Department of Defense, Child Care Programs, Pacific Rim, NAEYC Accreditation, 1998 - 2000

“Developmentally Appropriate Practice Beliefs of Native and Non-Native American Head Start Education Coordinators”, Fourth Annual Head Start National Research Conference, 1998

South Carolina ETV grant to provide distance education to remote Head Start sites in 50 states and Trust Territories, Curriculum Developer and Sites Coordinator, 1991-1998

Selected State and Regional presentations:

Dealing with Challenging Behavior, Great Schools Conference, Huntsville, AL

Helping Children Cope with Crises, AL Head Start Association Annual Meeting, 2006

Literacy and School Readiness, TN Head Start Association, Gatlinburg, TN, 2005

NAEYC Accreditation Mentoring Project, South Alabama Head Start programs, 2004

Literacy and School Readiness, AL Head Start Association, Tuscaloosa, 2002

Literacy and School Readiness, MS Head Start Association, Jackson, 2002

Grants

Region IV Head Start Training Network, 1979 – 1997, in last year of funding this was a \$10 million grant

Head Start Research Scholar, 1994 – 1997, Research grant \$10000 per year 2 years

Regional and National Committees

NAEYC Committee to Reinvent Accreditation, Teaching Standard Resource Group, 2002-2003

Region IV Head Start Board, 2004-present