

VALERIE GRIFFIN ~ R.E.C.E.

HIGHLIGHTS OF QUALIFICATIONS:

- * Employed in Early Childhood Education for 20 years. For 4 years as an ECE Assistant, 2 years as an ECE student and 16 years as an Early Childhood Educator.
- * Graduate of Mothercraft College, E.C.E. Diploma.
- * Registered with the College of Early Childhood Educators.
- * Member of AECEO, and Canadian Childcare Federation.
- * Attended numerous workshops and seminars pertaining to E.C.E.
- * The Red Cross: Standard First Aid and CPR/AED Level C Certified.
- * Acquired Hanen Language Certification for Early Childhood Educators.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

Teaching:

- * Taught within a team of professionals, children aged 2 ½ to 5 years old.
- * Team Taught in preschool classrooms with up to 32 children.
- * Assisted in a Kindergarten classroom for my ECE practicum.
- * Provided an educational, supportive and stimulating learning environment.
- * Fostered development of the whole child through hands on, child centered curriculum.
- * Worked with small and large groups consisting of children of varying developmental levels.
- * Assessed children's developmental levels via anecdotal observations, developmental profiling, and various assessment screening tools such as: The Denver developmental screening test, The Boem test of Basic Concepts, etc.

Planning and Supervision:

- * Planned, as a member of a staff team, a full range of play opportunities and learning experiences.
- * Successfully planned and implemented YMCA Peace Medallion Ceremony & related activities and fostered International awareness within the Child Care Centre.
- * Program planned with a variety of webbing and charting structures to provide a diversity of learning experiences in relation to the children's inquiry or learning focus.
- * Created learning centers within the classroom to include: Science exploration, Sensory experiences, Early Math skills, Pre-Literacy Learning, Dramatic Play, Technological Station, Creative Arts, Musical exploration and Seasonal experiences, etc. inspired by the cues of the children, to advance their overall development, within an anti-bias framework.

Communication and Team-work:

* Participated in staff and board meetings, addressing issues including family relations, staff co operation, fundraising, community support, and individual issues related to children, to name a few.

* Communicated with parents daily, both in person & via personalized journals for each child. Also used other documented forms: Significance of play logs and Documentations of Play bulletin board displays. Held regularly scheduled parent meetings, inviting their input into all phases of program planning and generating a co operative atmosphere.

* Worked as a team teacher taking on both rolls of leadership and supportive rolls. Able to lead engaging circle/carpet large group times, and small group learning activities at the tables. Also comfortable following another teacher's lead, and providing support where it is required.

Valerie Griffin's Work History: 2013-PRESENT *YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD*

2004-2012 *VAL'S BUTTERFLY GARDEN CHILD CARE*
6 Calmar Cres, Aurora, ON, L4G7Y1
Registered Early Childhood Educator, Owner/Operator of Home Childcare
<http://valsbutterflygarden.blogspot.ca/>

2001-2003 *NORTH YORK JUNIOR YMCA*
567 Sheppard Ave East, Toronto
Early Childhood Educator, Preschool

1998-2001 *YMCA FAMILY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE*
15 Breadalbane Street, Toronto, M4Y 1C2
Early Childhood Educator, Preschool

1997-1998 *750 HOURS OF E.C.E. STUDENT PLACEMENT*
*Toronto Sunnybrook Regional Cancer Centre ~ PLANET PLAYROOM
*Bedford Park Public School ~ J/K & S/K CLASSES
*Mothercraft College ~ EATON CENTRE CHILDCARE

1994-1997 *ST. BEDE CHILD CARE CENTRE*
521 Sewells Road, Scarborough, Ontario, M1B 5H3
Full-Time E.C.E. Assistant, Senior Preschool

Education:

* Mothercraft College
32 Heath Street W., Toronto, ON, M4V 1T3
Diploma of Early Childhood Education

* The Hanen Centre
1075 Bay Street, Suite 403, Toronto, ON, M5S 281
The Hanen Language Training Program for Early Childhood Educators

* Numerous Professional Development Workshops and Seminars
List is Available