



COLOR OF EDUCATION



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I have been an early childhood professional for a little over 24 years. I started my career as a toddler teacher and have worked in various positions since then in public school, mental health, private child care and non-profit programs. I have worked for Head Start in North Carolina for 13 years and I have 12 years supervisory experience. I earned my Associates in Early Childhood from Forsyth Tech, my Bachelors in Sociology from Salem College and my Master of Education from UNC. I joined the Division of Child Development and Early Education in June of 2018 as the Senior Manager for the Early Education Branch of the Division where I am responsible for the oversight of the state NC Pre-K program as well as licensure for NC Pre-K teachers and the education evaluation process for all early childhood professionals seeking employment in licensed child care facilities across the state.