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Leadership that Listens

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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPER

- Individual Education Plan Trainer
- Accommodations Trainer
- Matrix of Services Trainer
- Crisis Prevention Intervention - Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Trainer

PROFESSIONAL SKILLS

- Leading Academic Achievement
- Building Positive School Culture
- Creating Effective Teams

EDUCATION

- 2002** Educational Leadership, Master of Education
University of South Florida
- 1994** School Guidance and Counseling, Master of Science
Nova University
- 1989** Sociology, Bachelor of Arts
University of South Florida

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Florida Diagnostic & Learning Resources System (FDLRS), 2020-Present Director

- Write and manage the FDLRS grant through the Florida Department of Education Bureau of Exceptional Education and Student Services.
- Manage the budget/Establish goals/Coordinate services, and provide technical assistance and professional development to the four district service regions of DeSoto, Glades, Hendry, & Highlands Counties.

Hardee County School District, 2005- 2020

Elementary School Principal:

Wauchula Elementary/North Wauchula Elementary

- Planned and directed the overall instructional activities/Managed school budget and purchasing/Developed School Improvement Plans and outcome measures/Promoted shared decision-making and a positive school culture/Analyzed school data/Facilitated the School Advisory Council/Successfully recruited, evaluated, and retained high-quality staff/Developed parent and community partnerships.

Hardee County School District, 2002-2005

Assistant Principal

Wauchula Elementary/North Wauchula Elementary

- Assisted the principal in the administration of the school. Assisted with student discipline.

Hardee County School District, 1991-2002

School Guidance Counselor Elementary and Secondary

- Assisted students in the areas of academic achievement, career exploration, and personal growth and development.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- Florida Association of School Administrators
- Florida Council for Administrators of Special Education
- Florida Organization of Instructional Leaders