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Career Objective

To teach children to develop inquiring minds, and to become excited about learning. To sculpt the whole child; academically, creatively, emotionally and socially. To facilitate the learning process and strive to make a community of learners.

Work History

Elementary School teacher, Elliott Street School, Newark, NJ **(2004-December, 2012)**

Instructor, Children's Caregiver Certificate Program, Union County College, Cranford, NJ **(2008-2009)**

Bilingual Kindergarten teacher, 14th Avenue Early Learning Center, Paterson Public Schools, Paterson, NJ **(1999-2004)**

Mentoring Teachers at different Daycare sites, Paterson Public Schools, Paterson, NJ **(2004)**

Bilingual Resource Teacher, K-5, Stadley Rough Elementary, Danbury, CT **(1998-1999)**

Working collaboratively with ESL and classroom teachers; designing learning strategies for second language learners, developing thematic units in English and Spanish; and advocating for parent involvement in the school system.

Teacher, Compañeros Program, North Windham Elementary, Windham Public Schools, **(1986-1998)**

Designed and implemented a bilingual/bicultural educational program in a public elementary school. The program is a two-way dual language program, encouraging an exchange of culture and language between Spanish and English speaking children.

Director, University of Connecticut Summer Youth Environment Program **(1992-1995)**

Coordinator, Bilingual Kindergarten Screening Program **(1989-1991)**

Teacher, Windham Summer School Program **(1988-1990)**

Education

1998-Master of Science Degree, Early Childhood Education, Eastern Connecticut State University,
Graduated with Distinction

1985-Bachelor of Arts, Spanish Literature, University of Connecticut

1983-Study Abroad Program, University of Mexico, Mexico City

Certification: State of Connecticut

Early Childhood Education

Elementary Education (K-6)

Bilingual Education (Pre-K-6)

Certification: State of New Jersey

Standard Supervisor Certificate

Standard certificate-Elementary Education teacher

Standard certificate-Bilingual/Bicultural Educator

Character Education/Responsive Classroom teacher

Professional Accomplishments

Published Author: **Asi me lo contaron**

Directed and produced theatrical presentation based on stories from my book; Puerto Rico, Connecticut and New Jersey (2003-present)

Teacher of the Year- Elliott Street School (2008)

Teacher of the Year-14th Ave. ELC, Paterson, NJ (2001)
Writing Partnership, Prof. Jesse Turner, Eastern CT State Univ. (1997-98)
Omicron Delta Kappa Honor Society, (1997)
Published poetry pieces, Atlantic City Newspaper "El Conquistador" (1996)
Atlantic City Poetry Reading, (1996)
Race/Culture Facilitator (1993-1998); Participant (1979-1998)
Teacher of the Year- North Windham Elementary School (1993)
Directed, acted and produced the play "La Carreta" (1993)
Project Leadership Program (1982-1985)
Wrote and directed the play "El Velorio" (1980)