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**EDUCATION**

**Master of Arts**, Concordia University Chicago

Educational Leadership

**5 Year Professional Principal State of Ohio License: OD1001771 Credential# 22135856**

**Post-Graduate Courses**, Ohio University, Athens, Ohio

**Transition to Work Endorsement (TTW) Ohio K-12**

**Master of Social Work**, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

*Advanced Certificate in Serving Veterans and Families*

**State of Ohio Licensed Social Worker- Inactive Escrow Status License# S.1502011**

**Bachelor of Science**, Ohio Dominican University, Columbus, Ohio

Major: Special Education

**5 Year Professional Education of the Handicapped (K-12) Ohio License # OD1001771**

**Associate of Applied Science**: Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio

Major: Sports and Exercise Studies

**Associate of Applied Science**: Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio

Major: Mental Health, Intellectual Disabilities and Chemical Dependency

**Associate of Applied Business**: Columbus State Community College, Columbus, Ohio

Major: Retail Management

**CURRENT EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE**

**High School Intervention Specialist: Current Assignment: Emotional Disabilities**

Jonathan Alder Local School District, Plain City, Ohio

- Committed to fostering a positive classroom atmosphere where students can excel by creating increased opportunities for academic engagement and applying effective behavioral support strategies tailored to individual needs. Actively collaborates with external agencies and school resources to enhance positive pathways for students' secondary and post-secondary education.
- Collaboration with Administration to obtain Opportunity for Ohioans with Disabilities Pre-ETS Grant program funding for High School 2024-2025.
- Led effort in obtaining ODEW Purple Star Designation for High School Building.
- Collaborates with Classroom Instructors and Special Services Staff, interpreting diverse learner's abilities and challenges, creating and supporting classroom intervention strategies.
- Coordinated Inside and Outside Work Based Learning Experience Opportunities for Students
- Coordinated multiple U.S Military representatives to discuss post-secondary opportunities for students.
- Participated in U.S Military sponsored Educator Workshops and recruitment led experiences.
- Developed Board of Education approved High School Diverse Learners Transition Curriculum, Strategies for Success

## **PREVIOUS EDUCATION EMPLOYMENT EXPERIENCE:**

### **High School Intervention Specialist**

Madison-Champaign Education Service Center, Plain City, Ohio

## **EDUCATION CAREER HONORS & ACCOMPLISHMENTS**

- Council for Exceptional Children Ohio Chapter Special Education Teacher of the Year
- Jonathan Alder High School Teacher of the Year

## **ADDITIONAL EDUCATION EXPERIENCE**

- Intern Advisor Ashland University, Urbana University, Columbus State Community College
- Developed BOE Curriculum for Transition class for Students with Learning Differences

## **RECENT PROFESSIONAL TRAINING TRANSITION WORKSHOPS/EXPERIENCES**

- ODE Establishing Families as Partners in the Secondary Transition Planning Cohort
- Resident Educator Mentor program
- CPI Blue Card Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training
- Ohio National Guard Educator Day Tour, Rickenbacker AFB
- United States Airforce Educator Tour, Wright Patterson AFB
- United States Marine Corps Educator Workshop, Parris Island
- United States Army Educator Tour, Fort Lee

## **EDUCATION/SOCIAL WORK PRESENTATIONS**

- March 2024: Webinar Presentation on “Learning Differences and Mental Health”. English Department, Centro Cultural Sampedrano, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America
- June 2021 In-School Zoom Presentation: “Salud Emocional”: “General Exploration and Discussion of Social Emotional Learning and Health with High School Career Technical Education Students” Centro Cultural Sampedrano, San Pedro Sula, Cortes, Honduras, CA
- March 2019 Presentation: “Learning Differences and Mental Health Challenges for Students” Little Kids School and Wisdom Academy, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America
- June 2018 Presentation: “Learning Differences and Mental Health Challenges for Students” Centro Cultural Sampedrano, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America
- March 2017 Presentation “Students with Special Needs” U.S Embassy ACCESS Student Group, Centro Cultural Sampedrano, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America
- June 2015 Presentation on “Students with ADHD and Mental Health Challenges” Little Kids School and Wisdom Academy, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America
- July 2012 Presentation on “Challenges with Teaching Students with Special Needs” Little Kids School and Wisdom Academy, San Pedro Sula, Honduras, Central America.

## **PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS**

- Council for Exceptional Children- (CEC) Ohio Chapter
- National Social Worker Association- (NASW) Ohio Chapter

## **VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE CURRENT/PAST**

- Cutaneous Lymphoma Foundation: Board of Directors, Consultant/Conference Speaker
- Cancer Support Community of Central Ohio
- American Red Cross, Columbus, Ohio: Disaster Services, First Aid Safety Corps, Instructor