

Mentor biography:

Name: Jackie Adams

Education level: A.S. Degree: Child Development

Areas of expertise: Business start-up and management; center director; Idaho ORIS participant; professionalism & leadership; classroom environments; child development

Number of years in the early care and education field: 5

Regions in which I would like to mentor/coach: Region 1; other regions if needed

What mentor/coaching means to me: When a child care provider purposefully sets up a relationship with a mentor, she is able to step away from a busy schedule and take the time to reflect on her practice. A mentor comes alongside a provider to fully support his or her goals, not to judge or dictate. A mentor may be able to provide a different perspective on an issue or open up new avenues to explore. When I was new to the field, my mentor helped me to become a much better director and child care provider, and I hope that I will be able to help someone else in that same way.

