



Mentor biography:

Name: Kim Torgerson

Education level: AA

Areas of expertise: Early Childhood Development

Number of years in the early care and education field: 38

Regions in which I would like to mentor/coach: Region I

What mentor/coaching means to me: I believe the way to really improve the quality of care children receive from providers is to empower the teachers that are working with them every day. The way to do that is through mentoring. Wow! If only I had a mentor when I started teaching. I had to learn the hard way, on my own! Yes, I had great people along the way who I learned from but if I could have had them in my class room once a week mentoring me, that would have been so valuable to me. I think those of us who have been in the field for a long time have a responsibility to share our knowledge, love, and passion with the young generation of teachers. It takes hard work and commitment to being a good teacher and when you have someone who comes along beside you to help show you how to be that kind of teacher what a difference it can make in the classroom.