

Mentor biography:

Name: Kathleen Miller Green

Education level: Master of Arts

Areas of expertise: Early Childhood Development; ECE Curriculum; Early Childhood Health, Safety and Nutrition; Behavior Guidance; Program Management; Diversity; Inclusion of Children with Special Needs; ECE Staff Training, CDA Advisor, EC Quality Environments (ECERS/ITERS/FCCRS); Environment Assessor Training, ADHD; Car Seat Safety; Sign Language with Children; Early Literacy; Social Emotional Issues with Children, Ages and Stages Questionnaire (ASQ); Observation and Assessment in Early Childhood; Professional Partnerships (Community and Family)

Number of years in the early care and education field: 22

Regions in which I would like to mentor/coach: I and possibly II

What mentor/coaching means to me: Early childhood is a field that needs to grow from the inside out. Idaho has done a great job of increasing availability to CDA, AA & BA-level credentialing, scholarships are available for people pursuing higher education, and a new professional development system has been launched. But anyone who has worked for any length of time in early childhood will tell you that there is another aspect of what is learned about how to work with children and families that inevitably happens “on the job.” The availability of mentors helps to ensure that qualifying providers will have a long-term collegial relationship with which to grow as a professional, expand their repertoire of skills, and learn to self-assess their interactions with children, families and co-workers.

I would like to be part of Idaho’s system of furthering the quality in early childhood programs – one professional at a time, and to simultaneously continue to learn about my own ability to be an effective professional.

