

Mentor biography:

Name: Rosario Wohlsen



Education level: Bachelor ; working on thesis research to finish graduate studies

Areas of expertise: Child behavior guidance, including support for appropriate emotional development of children with challenging behaviors; identifying special needs of children and supporting families with appropriate referrals for early intervention; creative curriculum, literacy and numeracy development, social emotional development; DECA assessment and curriculum; feeding young children in group settings; setting age appropriate and rich, nurturing, beautiful, and inviting classroom environments; promoting and valuing diversity and multiculturalism in the classroom; building relationships with children and families; supporting children's holistic development through art and discovery of nature and science; partnering with children in learning through projects; and exploring the Reggio Emilia approach.

Number of years in the early care and education field: 30

Regions in which I would like to mentor/coach:

Preferably in Kootenai County, but I am willing to travel to any other region I may be needed.

What mentor/coaching means to me:

I believe that each individual's learning process is a unique journey for which we continuously find partners along our trip. Mentoring for me is part of that learning process, it is an opportunity to share my experiences, knowledge, and passion for children with other early childhood educators and meet them where they are. Empowering them to understand their own unique strengths and challenges; providing them with tools so they can learn from their experiences and mine; celebrating their successes, and together finding solutions to their unique challenges and problems based on their interests, and individual reality, will also enrich my own experience as an early childhood educator and will allow me to continue serving children, now in a different capacity. Such relationship must be based on trust and mutual respect, establishing a partnership for learning that will ultimately benefit the children and families we serve.