

## Mentor biography:



Name: Jennifer Brown

Education level:

- ❖ MBA (Master's Business Administration)
- ❖ Bachelor of Science Degree/ Education & Business
- ❖ Associate of Arts/Graphic Design Major

Areas of expertise:

- Experience Using the Environmental Rating Scales (ITERS, ECERS, FCCERS, SACERS)
- Over 10 years Experience as a Family Home Provider
- QRIS (Quality Rating Improvement System) Mentor Coach beginning 08'
- USDA Program and Nutrition
- Strengthening Families
- Grant Proposals and Implementation
- Room Arrangement and Centers (based on Environmental Rating Scales)
- Apprenticeship
- Business Practices (Record Keeping, Tax Write Offs, Quick Books, Quicken & Excel);
- CCHC (Child Care Health Consultation)
- Literacy and Activities
- Accreditation

Number of years in the early care and education field: 13 years Early Childhood Experience/2 years Public School

Regions in which I would like to mentor/coach: 3

What mentor/coaching means to me: As a Mentor/Coach my goal is to be a support system for the Director, Family Provider or Teacher. I was a family provider for over 10 years, so I know from experience the challenges with long hours, collecting payments, multi-age groups, difficult behaviors, and having a business in your home. I have recently (March of 2010) completed my master's degree, so I am able to relate to all of the challenges that come with being an adult student, as well as finding balance with work and family. I've been a Mentor since March of 2007, and have enjoyed the journey with each and every Director, Family Provider, and Teacher I've had the privilege of working with; I've also learned so much!