

- Objective** Apply training, experience and expertise to consult with teachers, parents and other caregivers for students with autism and related disorders to offer instruction in strategies for teaching, implementing behavioral interventions, and the appropriate selection and use of educational materials and methods.
- Summary of Qualifications**
- 1998 – Present – Autism Consultant
- 1978 – 1998 Beauregard Parish School Board
- ◆ 8 years Learning Disabilities DeRidder, LA Special Education Teacher Resource/Classroom Teacher
 - ◆ 7 years Classroom Teacher for Students With Autism
 - ◆ 5 years Preschool Classroom Facilitator for Developmentally Delayed Students and Computer Technologist for Special Education Classrooms
- Education**
- McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana - M.Ed. Learning Disabilities, July, 1983
- McNeese State University, Lake Charles, Louisiana - BA Elementary and Special Education, July 1978
- Southeastern Bible College, Birmingham, Alabama - 78 hours coursework in Bible and Christian Education
- Professional experience**
- 1998-Present – Special Ways, Consultant and Presenter for autism
- 1993–1998 - Beauregard Parish School Board-Pupil Appraisal Preschool Facilitator/Computer Technologist for Special Education Classrooms-facilitator for all preschool and special education teachers of low incidence students in the Beauregard Parish School System, facilitated implementation of computerized IEP's for all special education classrooms, purchased all computer hardware and software for special education teachers and instructed in its' use
- March 1998-1999 - Office of Community Services - Louisiana Consultant for parents/foster parents of special needs children: teaching parenting, homemaking, nutritional, and behavior management skills to parents whose children have been removed from the home
- 1990-1993 Pinewood Elementary School-DeRidder, Louisiana Classroom Teacher for students with autism (ages 8-12) Developed and implemented new program for autistic children incorporating academic and home living/community skills for younger developmentally delayed children
- 1987-1990 K.R. Hanchey Elementary School-DeRidder, Louisiana Classroom Teacher for children with autism (ages 4-7) Conceived, designed, organized and implemented innovative classroom for successful teaching of children with autism

1986-1987 K.R.Hanchey Elementary School-DeRidder, Louisiana
Classroom teacher for students with Mild/Moderate Mental Handicaps
1978-1986 South Beauregard High School (K -12), Longville, Louisiana
Classroom teacher for students with learning disabilities

Publications

Breakthroughs: How to Reach Students with Autism A hands-on, how-to manual for teachers and parents. Attainment Company, Inc. Verona, Wisconsin, 1998

Video: Breakthroughs: How to Reach Students with Autism Attainment Company, Inc. Verona, Wisconsin, 1998 (Video Awards – **Silver Apple Award** from National Education Media Network and **Chris Award** from Columbus International Film & Video Festival for "Breakthroughs" Video

Additional professional activities

1995-1998 - Conducted teacher assessments for Louisiana State Department of Education

1993-Present - Consulted with teachers and parents of children with autism in other parishes and states on curriculum and behavior modification techniques in the classroom and the home

1993-1996 - Consulted with teachers, parents, and administrators as member of Network for Personnel Serving Students with Low Incidence and Severe Handicaps for Louisiana State Department of Education

1991-1992 - Attended Summer Institute University of New Orleans Inservice Training Project for Curriculum and Instructional Strategies and Programming for Students with Severe Disabilities

1989-1991- Co facilitated special education teachers at K.R.Hanchey Elementary School

1990 - Participated in developing and writing Preschool Curriculum Guide for teachers in Beauregard Parish Schools

Professional memberships

- ◆ Autism Society of America (ASA)
- ◆ Birmingham Alabama Chapter - Autism Society
- ◆ The Advocate-A quarterly periodical of Autism Society of America
- ◆ Autism Research Review International - A quarterly publication of Autism Research Institute, San Diego, California

Community activities

- ◆ Interviewed with district TV station and helped coordinate TV spot highlighting my classroom to promote Southwest Louisiana Health Counseling Telethon for Cerebral Palsy and Autism
- ◆ Consulted with parents of autistic children by telephone, mail and home visits to aid them in managing their children's' difficult behavior and to provide them with printed information and resources. Consulted with parents from Oklahoma, Canada, Texas, Louisiana and Alabama
- ◆ Spoke to Civic Organizations and clubs on the topic of autism and the place of special education in our schools and community

Awards

1993 Awarded TEACHER OF THE YEAR by National Autism Society of America at the International Conference, Toronto, Canada, July 17,1993

1998 Silver Apple Award from National Education Media Network for "Breakthroughs" Video

1998 Chris Award from Columbus International Film & Video Festival for "Breakthroughs" Video