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Biography

I have been working at JCCEO since June 30, 2003 as an Infant/Toddler Lead Teacher. I have been in the position of Mentor Teacher since September 2006 assisting my peers in their ongoing professional development. I am currently a student at the University of Alabama in Birmingham, Alabama. But before I obtained my job at JCCEO I lived in Hawaii with my husband and children from October 1990 until June 2001 where my husband was stationed as a Marine. I received my associate degree in Early Childhood Education at Honolulu Community College. I was privileged to be asked to work in the Child Development Center at the college. I worked at the Child Development Center in different capacities. I started as an A4, which is a student assistant, a Specialist 1-Assistant Teacher or Specialist 3-Lead Teacher between August 1998 until May 2001. I also had my own business in Hawaii as a Family Child Care Provider in my house on the Marine Corp base where we lived, MCAS Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii from November 1991 until December 1996. To keep my license I had to take classes, read a book, a magazine or a newspaper article on child care so I decided to go back to school and get my degree, One of the best memories while living in Hawaii and having my own day care was when a parent came by my house to basically look me over to see if she wanted to leave her child with me. I was playing outside with my 2 children and the children in my day care and we all had mud all over us. The parent did not hesitate to put her child in my care because she said her child will have a lot of fun because I let kids be kids.



Project-"The Learning Garden"

The parent will be given seed packets of their choice and a vegetable seed starter tray to start their seedlings at home. They will plant their seeds with their children and take pictures of the seedlings as they grow. They will be given a camera if needed. Money will be given to pay for developing the pictures of their plantings. As the parents and children are watching the progress of their seedlings, at our site we will be mapping out our area where our garden will be placed and the dimensions of the garden. We will purchase more seed packets to germinate and also purchase mature plants. The children and parents, if possible, will help put the plants in the garden and tend to it. As the garden progresses I will take pictures and use these to keep track of our research. I will also take picture of the children and their parents helping to tend to the garden. After a couple of months or as the vegetables are harvested these pictures will be compiled into a book for each child and family. During our research and tending of the garden, the children will compile mathematical and scientific data and learn about nutrition.