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**CURRICULUM VITA**

**EDUCATION**

**Loyola University-Erikson Institute**

Master of Arts, Early Childhood Development  
Infant Specialization-1992

**Mundelein College  
University of Illinois**

Master of Arts, Liberal Studies-1988  
Bachelor of Arts, English-Social Studies, Education Minor - 1964

**EMPLOYMENT**

**The Family Resource Center  
of Iowa County, Inc**

**Director-2001-2004**

Coordinate, plan and implement program including classes, workshops, family support programs. Supervise all financial activity. Supervise staff and volunteers. Coordinate and Support Board of Directors. Develop and maintain community involvement.

**Kinsight/Moon Lodge**

**Co-Founder of Personal Growth Seminar-1998-2003**

A full day seminar that provides support, connection and opportunity for growth to mothers

**Fine Art Consultant and Dealer**

**Stephen Byer and Associates-1994-2002**

Assist in sales and administrative efforts

**College of Lake County**

**Language Development in Young Children-1992-1995**

**Child Growth and Development-1993 – 1995**

College Instructor for preschool teachers and parents

**Virginia Frank Child Center**

**Internship-Therapeutic Nursery - 1990-1992**

Individual family support and intervention

Preschool program educational therapist

**Evanston Shelter for Battered Women**

**Outreach Coordinator-1988-1989**

Public education of domestic violence awareness

Schedule all presentations

Write and develop all appropriate materials

Presentations Given to Great Lakes Naval Base, Suburban police departments, therapists, school personnel, etc.

**Byer Museum of the Arts**

**Co-Founder/Director-1981-1985**

Coordinate volunteer and docent activities

Prepare special exhibits

Event planner

**Des Moines School District**

**English Teacher/9th Grade-1964-1967**

## **COMMUNITY SERVICE**

### **Community Outreach**

Illinois State Social Workers Convention  
Parents' Concern  
Family Network Inc.  
Libertyville Family Circle  
Libertyville Cooperative Nursery  
Far North Chapter of Chicago AEYC  
Adoptive Families Today

### **Writer and Presenter – 1982 - 1999**

“The Value of Parent Groups”  
“Passages and Reflections”  
“Developing Social Skills in the Three Year Old”  
“Separation Issues” and “Raising boys and Girls in the 90’s”  
“Academics in the Pre-School” and “The Importance of Play”  
“Building Rapport Between Parents and Staff”  
“Avoiding Power Struggles”

### **Personal Growth Seminar Facilitator**

### **The Women’s Circle – 1997-2000**

Staff and facilitate weekend retreats for women

### **Court Appointed Special Advocate**

### **Lake and Cook County Programs - 1993-1994**

Child advocate and support  
Home visits  
Family intervention

### **Illinois Association for Infant Mental Health**

### **Board Member - 1988-1992**

Secretary  
Newsletter Editor

### **Evanston Shelter for Battered Women**

### **Crisis Line/ Parent Group Leader/ Legal Advocate - 1987-1988**

Emergency intervention  
Create and facilitate parent support groups for victims  
Support advocate for court appearances  
Lobbyist in Springfield for protective legislation

### **Evanston Hospital Infant Care Program**

### **Sibling Tours and Parent Group Leader - 1986 - 1990**

Support program for new and second time mothers  
Support program for families experiencing loss

### **Peer Groups For Parents**

### **Co-Founder-1980-1985 / Community Parental Support Group**

### **Van Gorder -Walden School**

### **Co-Founder/Director-1973-1975**

Fund raising chairperson

### **Near North Montessori School**

### **Board Member -1970-1973**

President, Secretary, Fund raising chairperson

## **CURRENT FOCUS**

### **ALS WORLDWIDE**

### **Co-Executive Director**

### **ALS Advocate/Coordinator**

### **Writer**

### **Bedtime Stories for Moms**

Burnt Chocolate Blog

Essays