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**Resume:**

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Professional Summary

Talented professional considered knowledgeable leader and dedicated problem solver. Brings 26 years of valuable expertise to forward company objectives. Attentive to detail with experience in coordinating projects, programs and improvements.

Accomplishments

Trained fellow teachers on the procedures for completing Individual Education Plans.

Achieved a successful schoolwide behavior management system by introducing PBIS Rewards to teachers and staff for use throughout the school day.

Out of school suspensions reduced by 30% within two years.

Supervised team of 2-3 staff members.

Life Insurance licensed in Ohio.

Skills

Staff Training

Employee Motivation

Proficiency in Microsoft Office

Effective Written and Verbal Communication

Adaptable and Resilient

Data Analysis and Modeling

Performance Monitoring

Performance Evaluation

Data Tracking

Mentorship

Educational Material Development

Materials Design

Employee Presentations

Work History

Financial Advisor, 1/2023 to present

Primerica – WORTHINGTON, Ohio

Support and guide families to help them become financially independent and save for the future.

Assess financial needs and create financial plan for families

Write insurance policies for clients.

Connect families with investment firms and agencies who best meet their individual needs.

Office Administrator, 09/2021 to 12/2022

Overbrook Presbyterian Church – COLUMBUS, United States

Produced high-quality documents, spreadsheets and presentations for internal and customer-facing needs.

Transcribed meeting minutes for recordkeeping and submitted to senior management consisting of 15 members.

Worked with upper management to complete complex projects on tight budgets within specific timelines which were then distributed to congregation of over 400 members.

Applied advanced administrative and analytical skills in overseeing day-to-day operational activities.

Coordinated communications, financial processing, registration, recordkeeping and other administrative functions.

Special Education Teacher, 08/1996 to 09/2021

Columbus City Schools – COLUMBUS, United States

Created and managed IEPs to define student learning objectives and educational strategies, in addition to applying instructional knowledge and methods to support goals.

Cultivated connections and strong student rapport to foster classroom engagement, in addition to recording student progress to inform parents and school administration.

Taught students across multiple classifications and degrees of special needs.

Modified general education curriculum for 8-16 special-needs students using various instructional techniques and technologies.

Redirected students and improved behavior using Positive Behavior Support (PBS).

Coordinated special education students and 2 teacher assistant schedules with master schedule.

Worked with students with moderate to severe autism to increase life skills.

Completed intensive leadership training and provided training to 60 colleagues on applied behavior analysis.

Provided training to building staff on PBIS Rewards, a schoolwide application that allows staff to award students and track behavior using personal cell phones.

Created a school store using grant funds and supported special education students in running the store using the PBIS Rewards application as well as ordering and restocking store items.

Provided life skills programming for 8-16 students with moderate to severe autism.

Education

Bachelor of Science: Special Education, 05/1996

Ohio Dominican University - Columbus, OH

Professional Development: Restorative Practices and Trauma Informed Care

Professional Development: Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

Professional Development: Crisis Prevention and Intervention (CPI)

Professional Development: Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion