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Education

- 2014 Music Together Training II
- 2009 Music Together Training I
- 2003 Masters Degree / Bilingual Special Education - New Jersey City University, Jersey City, New Jersey.
- 1991 Bachelor of Arts / Music Therapy - Montclair State University, Upper Montclair, New Jersey.
- 1979 Associates Degree / Special Education - National University of Pedagogy, Bogotá, Colombia.

Work experience

- Present. Music/movement/relaxation techniques for children and caregiver in small groups and/or individually. Workshops and special events on Music, Peace) through music therapist for peace) and prevention of caregiver/teachers burn out in small groups
- 2009-present Special Education teacher CompCare Therapeutic Inc.
- Developmental intervention with special children up to 3 years of age in their homes.
- 2003-2020 Special Education teacher TheraCare inc. Clark, NJ
- Developmental intervention with special children up to 3 years of age in their homes.
- 1997- 2002 Music Therapist (consultant) - Hudson Milestones Inc., Jersey City, New Jersey.
- Music Therapy group sessions with developmentally delayed infants, and toddlers.
- 1996 - 2002 Music Therapist (consultant) - Manhattan Center for Early Learning, New York, NY.
- Conducted music therapy group sessions with developmentally delayed preschool inner city children. Organized special events and schoolwide projects with all children and professional staff .
- 1995 - 1996 Music Therapist (part-time) - The Hebrew Academy for Special Children, Brooklyn, NY.
- Led music therapy group sessions with developmentally delayed infants, toddlers, and preschool age children.
- 1993 - 1995 Music Therapist (consultant) - Dewitt Nursing Home, New York, NY.
- Conducted individual and group music therapy sessions with geriatric clients, including special groups for Spanish-speaking clients and for Alzheimer's

patients. Assistance with client documentation including initial assessments and progress notes.

- 1992 -1993 Assistant Director of Activities/ Music Therapist - Dewitt Nursing Home, New York, NY.
- Same as above, plus coordination of staff, programming of department activities, and general office management.
- 1992 Music Therapist- The Hebrew Academy for Special Children, Brooklyn, NY.
- Conducted music therapy sessions with developmentally delayed infants, toddlers, and preschool age children.

Related activities and affiliations

- Present/ongoing. Workshops and presentations on importance/techniques, and implications on working with very young children with special needs and their families and caregivers (Dominican Republic, Colombia and USA)
- 2008 and 2012. Volunteer work at Hoboken University Medical Center at the Crisis Intervention Unit and Pediatrics Unit providing music therapy services/recreation for bedridden children and their visitors.
- 2007 - Present Advisor and guest speaker for Winning Angels, a non-profit support group that assists/ supports parents of children with special needs.
- 2007 - Present Leads workshops for groups of parents of children with special needs on the use of music in social-emotional and communication areas of development (mainly Hudson county, NJ)
- 2004 - 2005 Volunteer work for the parent support group “Padres Ayudando a Padres” by COSAK. / guest speaker
- 1993 -present Music Therapists for Peace". (resource coordinator since 2011), present
- 1987 and 1988 Vice-president - Music Therapy Student Organization of Montclair State College (re-elected)
- 1983- 1984 Volunteer - Lincoln Developmental Center, Lincoln, Illinois.
- 1983 - 1984 Member of the Board of Directors - YMCA Camp Bochica for homeless children, Santandercito, Colombia Representing the ICBF there after

Honors

- 1989 Undergraduate Recognition Award for Outstanding Achievements and Contributions, Montclair State College.
- 2003 Member of International Honor Society in Education Kappa Delta Pi (a society of scholars honored by their contribution to education).

Skills

- American Sign Language.
- Fluent in Spanish.
- CPR certified
- Yoga/ meditation

References

(available upon request)