Bethany Schaefer

Early Childhood Education Leader and Consultant

Bethany Schaefer is an accomplished early childhood education leader and consultant with 26 years of experience advancing program quality, educator effectiveness, and young children's outcomes. As an Early Childhood Consultant with Dynamic Impact LLC, she builds strategic partnerships, conducts comprehensive program assessments, and develops data-informed solutions for diverse educational needs. Previously, as Director of Early Education for the Iredell County Partnership for Young Children, she improved educational outcomes by 15%, reduced costs by 10% while managing a $5 million budget, and strengthened quality assurance and professional development systems.

Her career spans program leadership, curriculum support, research, assessment, coaching, and classroom instruction. A longtime NCAEYC conference presenter, Bethany has shared expertise in brain development, autism and sensory processing, reflective teaching, differentiated instruction, self-regulation, and challenging behaviors. She holds a Master of Arts in Educational Leadership, Public Policy, and Advocacy in Early Childhood from the University of North Carolina Wilmington and a Bachelor of Arts in Humanities and Early Childhood from the University of North Carolina at Greensboro. She combines strategic vision, fiscal stewardship, community engagement, and strengths-based reflective leadership to create sustainable improvements across early learning systems.

Leadership and Service

Bethany has demonstrated a distinguished record of leadership and service in the early childhood education community. She served on the North Carolina Institute for Child Development Professionals Board from 2018 to 2022, the Mitchell Community College Advisory Board from 2017 to 2024, and the North Carolina Head Start Policy Council from 2018 to 2024. She is also a certified Professional Development Specialist through the Council for Professional Recognition.