# Dr. Cheryl Y. Mixon Fort Worth, Texas

## **EDUCATION**

# Ph.D., Early Child Development and Education

May 2015

Texas Woman's University, Denton, Texas

## M.Ed., Elementary Education

August 2002

Texas Christian University, Fort Worth, Texas

B.S., Finance May 1994

Louisiana State University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

## **CERTIFICATION**

- Texas Educator Certificate- Elementary Self-Contained (Pre-Kindergarten-6<sup>th</sup> grade)
- Texas Trainer Registry

## **EARLY CHILDHOOD EXPERIENCE**

#### **Education Consultant/Owner**

Mixon Education Consulting, LLC

May 2024-Present

- Worked with early childhood professionals in facilitating professional development
- Provided coaching support for developing teachers and directors
- Developed various educational workshops for education professionals

#### **Adjunct Professor**

Tarleton State University, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

August 2022 - Present

- Online teaching of Child & Family Studies for both graduate and undergraduate students
- Update and revise course content to ensure current trends are considered

## **Early Learning Director**

Legacy Early Learning Academy

March 2023-February 2024

- Presented quarterly reports on the academy status and progress to the Board of Directors
- Guided academy through Texas Rising Star review, resulting in highest rating of 4-Stars

#### **Executive Director**

Fort Worth Independent School District

July 2017-March 2021

- Organized, managed, and led early learning department, Pre-Kindergarten through First grade
- Coordinated curriculum development upon curriculum adoption for Kindergarten and First grade
- Facilitated community partnerships grant to impact early childhood, resulting in greater outcomes of pre-kindergarten students

#### **Assistant Professor**

Tarleton State University, Department of Curriculum & Instruction

August 2015 – July 2017

- Revised structure and organization of Child and Family Studies program
- Redesigned course content, incorporating current early childhood approaches and resources

#### Director

Camp Fire First Texas, Excel for Success Quality Initiative

September 2012- August 2015

- Designed and facilitated professional development course for early education mentors
- Conducted observations and assessments of early education mentors to monitor progress
- Developed classroom observation tools for mentors to record teacher behaviors and classroom practices

## **Instructor/Graduate Teaching Assistant**

Texas Woman's University, Department of Family Sciences

June 2011 – December 2012

- Taught face to face and online courses, which included Foundations of Early Childhood, Childhood Guidance, Program Planning, and Creative Arts for Young Children
- Supervised field experiences and group projects to promote learning and course objectives

#### **Education Outreach Mentor**

University of Texas, Children's Learning Institute

September 2009-August 2011

- Coached over 25 pre-kindergarten teachers in Fort Worth Independent School District
- Created and presented professional development courses and sessions for teachers

## **Texas Early Education Model (TEEM) Project Mentor**

Child Care Associates/TEEM Project Grant

August 2006-August 2009

- Mentored public school, child care and Head Start teachers
- Facilitated bi-monthly professional development course for teachers, promoting collaborations among teachers

#### **Elementary Classroom Teacher**

D.K. Sellars Elementary, Fort Worth Independent School District

August 2004-July 2006

- Piloted and taught three-year old program
- Served as a model classroom teacher for three-year old program

Oaklawn Elementary, Fort Worth Independent School District

August 1998-July 2004

- Taught first grade and kindergarten children
- Served as campus writing specialist, technology coordinator, and grade level chairperson

#### **PUBLICATIONS**

**Higgins, K. & Mixon, C**. (2017, April 29). Book review [The Early Intervention Guidebook for Families and Professionals: Partnering for Success, by B. Keilty]. *Teachers College Record*, Retrieved from <a href="https://www.tcrecord.org">https://www.tcrecord.org</a>

Mixon, C. (2015). One, two, three: Math as far as the eye can see. Texas Child Care Quarterly, 38(4).

#### **CORE QUALIFICATIONS**

- Proven presentation skills with adult learners through numerous professional development courses and trainings
- Knowledge of various technology tools that enhance online learning
- Extensive experience and knowledge in all aspects of early childhood education