**Dr. Helene B. Shapiro, EdD**

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# Summary

Dynamic educator and researcher with demonstrated capabilities in differentiated teaching practices, collaboration, supervision, organization, and professional development delivery. Committed to providing students and families a good, solid educational experience.

# Professional Experience

# August 2024- present: Parent Empowerment Education Advocacy, LLC

# Education advocate and Proprietor

**January 2022- present** George Mason University, Fairfax, VA

* Adjunct Faculty- Post-secondary transition

Special education consultation and collaboration University teacher intern supervisor

**October 2022- present** Marymount University, Arlington, VA

* Lead Dissertation Faculty Mentor

**August 2022 – December 2022** Florida Atlantic University, Boca Raton, FL

* University teacher intern supervisor

**January 2022- May 2022** American University, Washington DC

* Adjunct Faculty- Psychoeducational assessments

**June 2021** Arizona State University

* Curriculum Development (School of education)—Developed a mini-course on

Family Engagement

**August 2020- 2021** Fairfax Villa Elementary School, Fairfax County Public Schools-

Special Education Teacher- Intellectual Disabilities

* Distance Learning

**August 2018- June 2020** Fairfax High School, Fairfax County Public Schools- Special

Education Teacher- Intellectual Disabilities

* Teacher for low-incidence self-contained classroom
* Special education test coordinator—SAT/ACT/AP
* Direct and supervise instructional assistants
* Perform data analysis to support student and education programs
* Train staff in data taking and data analysis
* Test examiner: K-TEA, Virginia Alternative Assessment Program, Brigance

**August 2009-June 2018** Franklin Middle School, Fairfax County Public Schools- Special Education Teacher- Multiple Disabilities

* Teacher for low-incidence self-contained classroom
* Direct and supervise instructional assistants
* Coordinate and implement weekly low-incidence team staff trainings
* Perform data analysis to support student and education programs
* Train staff in data taking and data analysis
* Member, Faculty/Administrator Advisory Committee
* Received Education Grant from Kids in Need Foundation
* Test Examiner- KTEA, Alternative WIDA, and Virginia Alternative Assessment Program (VAAP), Brigance
* VAAP scorer
* Crisis Intervention Team

* Sponsor of After-School Inclusion Club
* Professional Development presenter on Team Collaboration and Differentiation Teaching Strategies
* Coordinator of Low-Incidence Family Dinner and Resource Fair
* Summer Curriculum Development- Work Based Learning; Special Ed. Language Arts
* Administrator Intern for Jump Start Program at Navy ES

**2015- 2018** U.S. Department of Education—Grant Reviewer

* Post-secondary programs—SSS, TPSID, SIP grants
* Reviewed and evaluated grant proposals
* Knowledge of professional education principles and policies for use in evaluating grant proposals and education programs

**August 2004-June 2009** Cardinal Forest Elementary School, Fairfax County Public

Schools- Special Education Teacher- Multiple Disabilities

* Teacher for low-incidence self-contained classroom
* Applied Behavior Analysis Certification- Enhanced Autism program- FCPS
* Test examiner- VAAP
* FCPS grant winner for language arts program- Cooking with Literacy
* New Teacher of the Year for Cardinal Forest ES

# Education

* Ed.D. Education Leadership and Innovation, Arizona State University, May 2021
* Fall, 2015- Intervention Research (EDSE 841), George Mason University
* Master’s in education leadership and administration, George Mason University, May 2013
* Master’s in special education, George Mason University, May 2005
* Bachelor of Science- Child Development/Family Relations, University of North Carolina at Greensboro, December 1981

# Skills

* Professional Development presentations
* Family/School engagement
* Post-secondary curriculum development
* Qualitative research
* Action research
* Special education advocacy

# Certifications

* Education Administration
* Special Education K-12 ED, LD, MR
* Autism, Applied Behavior Analysis
* KTEA testing
* MANDT
* Sea Stars IEP and Eligibility

**Awards**

* 2020 Leadership and Innovation Research Scholarship- ASU

# Conference Presentations

* Rhonda Weiss Center Open-Source Meeting on accessibility of IEP data- participant
* 2023 Council for Exceptional Children (CEC) conference- presented Communication Awareness and the IEP Meeting
* 2021 Division of Autism and Developmental Delays (CEC) Conference-presented a lecture on Parent Advocacy in the IEP Meeting
* 2021 Connected PreK-12 Connected Teacher Summit- moderated the special education sessions
* 2021 ASU Education Leadership Research Conference-presented: Positive Communication Skills and the IEP Meeting
* 2020 ASU Education Leadership Research Conference- presented: Empowering Parents in the IEP Meeting
* 2019 ASU Education Leadership Research Conference- presented: Empowering Parents in the IEP Meeting
* 2019 Division of Autism and Developmental Delays International Conference

(Hawaii)—Poster presentation on Empowering Parents in the IEP Meeting

* 2018- Professional Development on Team Collaboration—Franklin MS
* 2017- Professional Development on Differentiation Strategies—Franklin MS
* 2017 Share My Lesson (American Federation of Teachers) Webinar presentation on Team Collaboration to Change Inappropriate Behaviors
* 2016 Fairfax County Public Schools Academic Diversity Conference—Presented on Differentiation Strategies
* 2016 Fairfax County Public Schools Teacher Researcher Conference—Presented on Differentiation Strategies

# Publications

* Shapiro, H. (2021). *Positive communication skills and the IEP meeting* (Order No.

28417283). Available from ProQuest Dissertations & Theses Global.

* 2020-21 *Current Issues in Education* reviewer board
* 2020-21 American Education Research Association Graduate Reviewer

# Professional Organizations

* National Advisory Council for Rhonda Weiss Center for Accessible IEP Data
* Council for Exceptional Children
* American Education Research Association
* Council of Parent Attorneys and Advocates

**Doctoral Dissertations:**

* Reynolds, LaShunda (2024). EdD, Leadership and Innovation. Marymount University. *Exploring the Effectiveness of Resources Used to Impact and Retain Teachers in Urban Education*. Doctoral Dissertation, Marymount University. Helene Shapiro, Chair.

* Van Meter, Sheena (2024). EdD, Leadership and Innovation. Marymount University. *The Impact of the School Learning Environment on Student Academic Achievement from the School Employees’ Perspective*. Doctoral Dissertation, Marymount University. Helene Shapiro, Chair.

* Alexander, Camille (2024) EdD, Leadership and Innovation. Marymount University. *Beyond the Barriers to Academic Success*. *Trauma and Emotional Impairment in Children 9th- 12th grade*. Doctoral Dissertation, Marymount University. Helene Shapiro, Chair.