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Career History:

I grew up in Western Michigan and moved to Indianapolis after completing my bachelor's in psychology and non-profit management. It was when my son was diagnosed on the autism spectrum that I obtained my master's in special education. I have been working with exceptional people in a variety of capacities for the last 10 plus years ranging from being an in-home social worker, a resource reading interventionist, a teacher in self-contained autism classrooms, as well as classrooms with multiple disabilities.

Education and Special Certifications:

- M.A. in Special Education, emphasis in mild to severe disabilities, St. Thomas University Miami Campus, 2017
- TEACCH Certification in Autism Education, 2017
- B.A. in Psychology, Grand Valley State University, 2005
- American Humanics, Certification in non-profit management, Grand Valley State University, 2005

Personal Teaching Philosophy:

My diverse vocational background has led me to believe that to reach a child you need to embrace them holistically. I meet children where they are in the moment to encourage a safe environment in which to grow. I have learned from personal experience with my son, that many of our children learn through taking an active role in their education. Hands on activities that involve the senses make for a more meaningful experience in the classroom. Learning does not stay in the classroom however; even the littlest moments can be learning moments. The absolute best part of teaching is how much I learn from my students.

Personal:

When I'm not at L.I.F.E, I am with my husband Kyle, son Myles, daughter Isla, my dog Bella, our two cats Cookie and Checkers, and Darth and Luke, our classroom guinea pigs.