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Role:

I have a dual role at L.I.F.E. I am a Kindergarten teacher in the morning and in the afternoon I am the Administrator of Curriculum and Professional Development. My job in the afternoon consists of running staff fidelities, training staff, running professional learning communities, assessing curriculum, collecting data, monitoring student progress, and being support for the teachers to help them grow in their profession.

Career History:

I started at L.I.F.E. 5 years ago in 2014. Previous to L.I.F.E. I worked at a Jr. High school as an English teacher in Gilbert and as an Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) provider at another agency here in Arizona. Through my internship through Arizona State University, I was able to work with many populations over the 2 years of the program. I also worked within client's homes for 2 years before starting on the L.I.F.E. campus.

Education and Special Certifications:

- M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction, Teaching and Learning, Applied Behavior Analysis, Arizona State University, December 2011
- B.A. in Secondary Education, Arizona State University, December 2009

Personal Teaching Philosophy:

*"Look out 'cause here I come
And I'm marching on to the beat I drum
I'm not scared to be seen
I make no apologies, this is me"*

- *The Greatest Showman*

My philosophy is that every one of our children marches to the beat of their own drum and that is okay. I will teach to their drum to show them it is okay to be them, and it is okay to be different.

I am an advocate for my students, and I call each of them my children. I like to have strong relationships with my families because we are a team for this child. We all need to work together to best improve their lives.



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Personal:

I am originally from Rochester, NY. I lived there until I was 10 and then my family moved to Arizona. I have a very small immediate family, just my parents and my sister, but a very large family in-law. I have 8 brothers-in-law (2 are married into the family), and 5 sisters-in-law (2 are married into the family). Two of my brothers-in-law are on the autism spectrum, so I have a very real perspective on school life vs. home life. I love to travel, read books (especially Harry Potter), and be with family.