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Career History:

I received my dual bachelor's degree in Early Childhood & Early Childhood Special Education from Arizona State University in 2016. Go Devils! Currently, I am working on my master's degree in ABA through ASU online. I began as a lead paraprofessional at L.I.F.E. in 2016 and was promoted to lead teacher shortly after. After teaching at L.I.F.E., I spent two years teaching in Chandler Unified School district. I worked with children with autism and spent a year teaching general education. It feels great to be back home at L.I.F.E.!

Personal Teaching Philosophy:

I believe that every child can learn. Every child has the ability inside them to grow and advance. Some may learn more than others and in different ways, but all can learn and should be treated with the respect and an open heart. Everyone is unique and has something special that they can bring to their own education. I will assist my students to express themselves and embrace who they are, as well as embrace the differences of others.

Personal:

I was born in Columbus, Ohio and have lived in the valley for 18 years now. I am a huge animal lover! At home we have a Chihuahua mix, Mini Aussie, bearded dragon, leopard gecko, frog, and snakes. I love to travel—spending time at the beach is my favorite! I enjoy spending my free time outside (when it is not 100+ degrees!) and with my friends and family.