

MARGO WALSH BARNHART, Ed.D.

GOAL

To provide leadership to teachers in training that results in successful learning for all children. I am eager to foster and teach my greatest passion—"all children can learn successfully when taught carefully".

EDUCATION

Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, Doctorate in Administration, Planning and Social Policy, Management Concentration

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, Advanced Graduate Study in Administration and Supervision

University of South Florida, Tampa, Florida, Master of Arts, Special Education

Oglethorpe College, Atlanta, Georgia, Bachelor of Arts, *cum laude*, Elementary Education

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2008 – present Assistant Professor for Elementary Education and Coordinator of the Elementary Professional Teacher Education Program, University of Northern Colorado, Greeley, CO

2007 -2008 Early Childhood/Special Education Program Consultant, BASE Camp, Ft. Collins, CO

2005 – 2007 Director of Education and Implementation, Pacific Data Solutions, San Diego, CA

2002 – 2005 Senior Education & Research Consultant for The Cargill Scholar Foundation, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, MN

2000 – 2002 Change of Mind Learning Systems, Executive VP, Education Services, Eden Prairie, MN

1994 – 2000 Founder & President/CEO, Dreamcatcher Learning Center Franchise Corporation, Windsor, CO

1992 – 1994 Superintendent of Schools, Summit School District RE-1, Frisco, CO

1988 – 1992 Assistant Superintendent/Executive Director of Pupil Services, Greeley School District Six, Greeley, CO

1985 – 1988 Assistant Superintendent for Pupil Services, Amherst Regional School District (pk-12) Amherst, MA

College Instructor for Special Education and Elementary Education, St. Leo College, Dade City, FL (2 years, full time)

Adjunct Faculty for Special Education, Lesley College, Cambridge, MA (two semesters)

Building Level Administrator, all levels, 4 years, MA

Central Office Administrator, curriculum, special education, pre-school, 8 years, FL, MA

Special Education & Elementary Classroom Teacher, all levels P-12, 8 years, FL, MA

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL ORGANIZATIONS

International Reading Association, member, 1/2010
National Association for the Education of Young Children, member, 10/2009
American Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, member, 8/2008

PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATION & LICENSURE

Licensed in Colorado, Florida, Massachusetts and New Hampshire as:
Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Elementary or Secondary Principal, Curriculum Supervisor, Special Education Administrator, Teacher Elementary grades (K – 8), Special Education (Pre-school – Adult), P -12.

RESEARCH, AWARDS, PUBLICATIONS & PRESENTATIONS

- 12/2009** volunteered as consultant to oversee writing of a \$2.3M grant proposal for new provider of instructional services to the Lookout Mountain Juvenile Detention Center in Golden, CO. Included program evaluation for UNC faculty with \$300K funding (if the proposal is funded)
- 12/2009** accepted invitation to become a member of the 2010 UNC Unit NCATE Team, providing leadership for the November, 2010, UNC Elementary PTEP program evaluation by NCATE
- 12/2009** invited to share research on pre-service teacher perceptions at the Ohope Beach School in Ohope, New Zealand, during Spring 2010 term
- 12/2009** submitted Institutional Review Board Application for Undergraduate/Pre-Service Elementary Teacher Perceptions Study to UNC/IRB
- 10/2009** reviewed initial data from Pre-service Teacher Survey and developed research questions for longitudinal study of Elementary PTEP students
- 8/2009** selected & invited 15 guest speakers for the Literacy Practicum Seminar Series for Fall Term 2009, & concluded making event arrangements
- 7/2009** developed a series of 12 day-long seminars (75 hours total) for EDEL 446, Literacy Practicum students (140) with a student self-efficacy survey instrument to measure student growth from seminars & another instrument to have students evaluate the content presented during the seminars
- 5/2009** presented research paper at Novosibirsk Pedagogical University, Siberia, Russian Federation on Best Practices for Field Experiences with pre-service elementary teachers
- 4/2009** shared chairmanship of Spring 2009 Partner School Focus Groups with Dr. Sidorkin and Dr. Edwards, concluding nine scheduled focus groups in northern Colorado Public School Districts
- 1/2009** continued active participation in the UNC/Regional School Districts Partnership Task Force
- 9/2008** Named by the Northern Colorado Business Report to the Who's Who in Education in Northern Colorado
- 6/08 -present** Member Aims Community College, Early Childhood Advisory Council
- 10/2007** Invited speaker at CAEYC, Colorado Association for the Education of Young Children. Topic: Keys to Supervisor Development for Childcare Center Directors.
- 2004** Named by Northern Colorado Business Report to the Mercury 100 List of Fastest Growing Privately Held Businesses in Northern Colorado, ranked at position number two

Senior Education Consultant, Cargill Scholars, Cargill Foundation, Minneapolis Public Schools, Minneapolis, MN

BRAVO ENTREPRENEUR! Nominee, for three consecutive years in 1999, 2000, & 2001, for founding and successfully franchising Dreamcatcher Learning Centers, by The Northern Colorado Business Report

Published: "An Examination of the Development of the Colorado Preschool Project in a Public/Private Partnership: A COLLABORATIVE MODEL," dissertation presented to the Committee on Degrees of The Harvard University Graduate School of Education, in partial fulfillment of the degree of Doctor of Education

Strategic Planning Consultant: Yuma, Arizona Schools, District-wide Strategic Planning Model Development and Implementation

Strategic Planning Consultant: Town of Windsor Planning, Parks and Chamber of Commerce

Consultant: Faculty In-service, "Learning Styles--What, Why and How?" Cheyenne Count RE-5 School District, Cheyenne Wells, CO

Consultant: Kansas State Board of Education, Wichita, KS, a two day seminar: "Transforming Schools through Inclusive Education and Strategic Planning"

Presented Research: "Preschool for Everyone with a Public/Private Partnership", a presentation to the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC) Annual Convention, New Orleans, LA

Presented Research: "School Community Facilitator: Connecting Point for Students, Staff and Parents, research and presentation to the Annual Convention of the American Association of School Administrators (AASA), San Diego

Presented Research: "Utilizing a Research Based Model to Develop Restructured Schools that Include and Educate ALL Students," presented at the Pacific Rim Conference on Educational Reform, Honolulu, HI

Presentation: "Inclusive Schooling in An Outcome Based System," a presentation to the Second Rocky Mountain Outcome Based Education Conference, Greeley, CO

Presentation: "Tying District Outcomes to the Individual Educational Plan (IEP), a presentation at the Effective Strategies for Integrated Education Conference, Denver, CO

Presentation: "Is Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) a Handicapping Condition?" a presentation to the ADD Conference sponsored by FLITE Six, Greeley, CO

Presentation: "Principal Competencies for Successful Inclusion of All Students," a presentation with Dr. Harvey Rude (UNC) to college and university personnel at the 13th Annual Conference of the Teacher Education Division of the Council for Exceptional Children, Anchorage, Alaska

Presentation: "Outcome Based Education for All Students, Including the Handicapped," a presentation to the First Rocky Mountain Outcome Based Education Conference, Greeley, CO

Presentation: "Building Principal Competencies for Site-Based Special Education Leadership," a presentation to the 68th Annual Convention of the Council for Exceptional Children, Toronto, Ontario, Canada

Published: "Learning Disorders and Attention Deficits," an audio training cassette for pediatricians prepared with Betsy Busch, MD and Larry Silver, MD and published by the American Academy of Pediatrics